

Strongest

1221 – Hidden Strength

“Scorpion, take the party with you and find an opportunity to strike. Don’t attack unless you’re absolutely confident of succeeding.” Hundred Leaves nodded.

After entering the secret land, aside from the starting point, there would not be many places where their various fleets would encounter each other. Only those that chose to go down the same legacy path would get to meet again at the rest point, where players could escape the harassment of monsters, located in the middle of each legacy path. Aside from these two locations, there would be no other opportunity to strike at Shi Feng.

Therefore, the time before the various fleets decided on the path they would take would be the perfect time to strike.

Although attacking Shi Feng would also mean severing all friendly relations with Passing Monarch, she was willing to take this loss to complete the Demon God’s quest.

“The party? Is there really a need for that? He is just one person. I alone am enough to kill him,” the black-clad Assassin said contemptuously as he sent a glance at Shi Feng.

He was a peak expert the Sacred Temple had dispatched to protect Hundred Leaves in secret.

He was also a peak Assassin known to practically everyone in the outside world, as he was ranked 69th on the God’s Domain Experts List. In the entire God’s Domain, the number of peak experts capable of stopping his assassination could be counted on the fingers of both hands.

Killing an unknown brat would be a piece of cake for him. There was no need to mobilize the entire security party at all.

In order to ensure Hundred Leaves’s safety, the six members of the security party usually took turns protecting her. Moreover, even the weakest of them was at the Half-step Flowing Water Realm, while most of them were at the Flowing Water Realm.

Having all six of them take on a random kid was akin to humiliation to them.

At this time, the other five members of the security party also nodded in agreement with Scorpion’s words. Just having their party leader take action could already be considered an overestimation of Shi Feng’s abilities. After all, not a single person in the entire Sea’s End could stop their leader’s assassination tactics.

“There’s no harm in being careful. This quest is very important to me. If I succeed, I might be able to improve further,” Hundred Leaves said in an extremely stern tone.

Immediately, Scorpion and the others shuddered as massive pressure washed over their bodies.

Meanwhile, only Scorpion and the security party members felt this pressure, as it was not the result of a difference in strength but a difference in status.

“I understand,” Scorpion said hurriedly, realizing the gravity of the matter.

The other members of the security party also nodded promptly, not daring to speak another word.

Following which, Scorpion and the others activated Stealth and approached Shi Feng from different directions, clearly intending to form an encirclement, which would give Shi Feng no opportunity to escape alive.

Just as Scorpion and the others were gradually closing the distance to their target, Shi Feng released the Swift Dragon Speedboat.

The instant the Swift Dragon Speedboat appeared, a storm stirred up the previously peaceful waters, a massive vortex forming in the water. The entire cavern shook as if it would collapse at any moment.

“What’s going on?!” Everyone automatically went on alert.

Danger plagued the entire secret land. It was not uncommon for a single mistake to result in death. Now that such a huge commotion occurred in the cavern, how could everyone not feel frightened?

“Look at the distant grotto!” a Ranger with good eyesight suddenly shouted.

Immediately, everyone turned to look at the grotto in the distance.

At this moment, the strong gusts of wind blew away the fog filling the grotto. Although the situation inside the grotto was not entirely clear, everyone could still see what had happened.

The cavern, which originally had twelve grottos leading out of it, had another one added to it, taking everyone unawares. Meanwhile, the entrance of this grotto was extremely large.

“What?! How can this be?!” This scene came as a tremendous shock to everyone.

The Freedom Alliance had already done their research on the situation inside the secret land.

It had a total of twelve legacy paths, and each entrance leading to these paths differed in size. The paths were divided into three groups, those with entrances with a diameter of 20 yards, a diameter of 30 yards, and a diameter of 50 yards. The larger the entrance of a path was, the more danger one would encounter inside that path—this was the conclusion the Freedom Alliance had drawn after their last expedition, because every fleet that had entered the 50-diameter paths had failed to set foot into the inner area of those paths. On the other hand, the First Fleet, which had chosen a 20-diameter path, had managed to pass all the way through.

Meanwhile, the new entrance that appeared had a diameter of at least 100 yards. It could easily accommodate four speedboats moving in parallel.

“How can this be possible?! There wasn’t such a path the previous time we were here!” Passing Monarch had a conflicted look on his face as he stared at the massive grotto.

His reaction was because this new grotto might be the greatest secret of the Sea Dragon Secret Land. Only, he did not know whether he should choose this path or not, because it went without saying that

this path was undoubtedly the most dangerous one. Nevertheless, if he did not enter this path, there might not be another chance to do so in the next expedition. After all, no such situation occurred during his last visit here. It was uncertain whether this grotto would appear again in the next expedition or not.

A chance! Hahaha! Our chance has come! Identical Summer was inwardly ecstatic at this situation. Sending a private message to Heavenly Spider, he said, "This is our chance! If we obtain the strongest legacy in the Sea Dragon Secret Land, no matter how many times Entropy and the others enter this place, they will never be able to compete against us for Heavenly Ocean City!"

"But I'm afraid the difficulty of conquering it will be quite significant," Heavenly Spider, the commander of Fourth Fleet, said somewhat worriedly.

"What's there to be afraid of? Don't forget, we still have *that*," Identical Summer said nonchalantly. "If we don't give it a try now, we might not get another chance in the future."

Saying so, Identical Summer took out a glass bottle and immediately began chanting an incantation.

Suddenly, a Small Sailboat with two main sails appeared on the surface of the water. Before the sailboat's massive size, even a Bronze Speedboat looked no different from a small rowboat.

"Is this Summer's trump card?" The other fleet commanders' jaws dropped when they saw the Small Sailboat.

Until now, there had been no news of anybody in possession of a Small Sailboat.

Passing Monarch and Hundred Leaves, who stood at a distance, frowned when they saw this scene, their complexions turning somewhat ugly.

A Small Sailboat was on an entirely different level from a speedboat. If a speedboat could be considered a machine gun, then a Small Sailboat was akin to a tank. The latter could completely suppress the former. A Small Sailboat could even go up against a Great Lord ranked sea monster easily. The reason for this was because a sailboat could accommodate many more passengers.

"Hahaha! We'll be going ahead!" As soon as the Small Sailboat was released, Identical Summer and his crew immediately boarded it and dashed towards the largest grotto without hesitation.

Although the Small Sailboat he had was only Common rank, its speed was not something speedboats could keep up with. Moreover, it could accommodate up to 100 passengers at a time, allowing them to carry a lot of MTs to tank the damage from Bosses. After including the eight Bronze Speedboats their Second and Fourth Fleets possessed, they were definitely the strongest fleet in the entire Freedom Alliance right now.

"As expected of Summer. His preparation is indeed amazing," Silent Entropy laughed. He then took out a glass bottle from his bag and began chanting as well.

In the blink of an eye, another Small Sailboat appeared before everyone. The commander of Eleventh Fleet boarded the sailboat together with Silent Entropy without hesitation. The Small Sailboat then promptly chased after Identical Summer's fleet. Meanwhile, in terms of strength, Silent Entropy's fleet was even stronger as it had nine Bronze Speedboats in total.

The commanders of the other fleets were dumbfounded.

Although they knew that the top-ranking fleets had hidden a lot of their strength, they had never suspected that those fleets had hidden *this* much.

“Silent Entropy! Identical Summer!” Hundred Leaves’s eyes were filled with anger as she glared at the two Small Sailboats disappearing into the largest grotto.

Originally, she had planned on directly becoming the First Fleet of the Freedom Alliance in this expedition. Now, however, those two people had ruined her plans.

“Leaves, Passing Monarch and the others are also starting to move out,” the cloaked woman said as she pointed at Shi Feng and the others, whose ships were already heading towards the largest grotto.

“Have they lost their minds?” Hundred Leaves was filled with confusion as she looked at the five speedboats rapidly moving towards the largest grotto as well.

1222 – Sea God’s Legacy

“Leaves, what do we do now? Give chase?” the cloaked woman asked Hundred Leaves as she watched the speedboats sail away.

They had planned to set off after Scorpion’s party killed Shi Feng, but they hadn’t expected anything like this.

“Give chase! We cannot let them get ahead of us!”

Hundred Leaves frowned. Reluctantly, she withdrew a pitch-black crystal bottle from her bag.

Unlike the others who recited an incantation to release their ships, Hundred Leaves threw the black bottle into the water.

Plop!

When the crystal bottle sank into the water, a massive, black magic array appeared on the surface. A Small Sailboat, even larger than Silent Entropy and Identical Summer’s, emerged from the magic array, covered in magic patterns.

After the Eighth Fleet’s members boarded, the Tenth Fleet joined them on this Small Sailboat. It was clear that the Eighth Fleet and Tenth Fleet had agreed to cooperate.

The remaining fleet commanders revealed bitter smiles when they saw this.

“There’s no way we can compete with them. The gap is simply too vast.”

The various fleets had intended to compete for the third rank in the Freedom Alliance. However, after seeing one Small Sailboat after another, they had lost the heart to do so. Even obtaining the Legacy of the Sea from the other grottos wouldn’t change the outcome.

A Magic Bottle? Shi Feng was somewhat surprised to see the Small Sailboat emerge from the massive magic array. *The Sacred Temple's foundations are truly impressive.*

A Magic Bottle could contain a myriad of items. The bottle's value changed based on the items contained within. For example, if a Magic Bottle stored a Small Sailboat, it could easily be worth several thousand Gold. This was because Magic Bottles did not drop from monsters. Rather, they were treasures that could only be obtained by raiding ancient ruins.

However, Magic Bottles had one fatal flaw; they were one-time-use items.

"Hundred Leaves cannot be underestimated. She actually obtained a Small Sailboat without anyone knowing. Brother Ye Feng, let's choose another grotto. We cannot compete with them."

As Passing Monarch watched Hundred Leaves's approaching fleet, he questioned the idea of competing for the greatest Legacy in the Sea Dragon Secret Land. Even if they had Shi Feng's Secret-Silver Speedboat, it would be a waste of time.

Moreover, now that Hundred Leaves had also entered the largest grotto, their Third Fleet had no competition in the other grottos. They could obtain Legacies more easily.

Glancing at Silent Entropy and the others, who had already entered the largest grotto, Shi Feng nodded and said, "That's fine. According to our previous agreement, the first Legacy we obtain belongs to you, while the second belongs to me. Which grotto should we choose?"

"This..." Passing Monarch hesitated.

If given the choice, he would never willingly forsake the greatest Legacy of the Sea Dragon Secret Land. However, with so much powerful competition in a single grotto, it was unknown whether or not he could even obtain the Legacy.

He was wrought with indecision.

"Why don't we give it a try? If we think that it's impossible, we can give up on the largest grotto," Passing Monarch decided after considering the matter further.

"That won't do. If you waste too much time before heading to another grotto, what will happen to my Legacy? Why don't we do this? We'll split the time in half. We'll each take command of the fleet for five hours. We'll keep the harvest we obtain during our command. If we do so, I don't mind if you want to join the competition in the largest grotto," Shi Feng said as he shook his head. He was not here as free labor.

After seeing the situation for himself, he was no longer interested in the Legacy of the Sea.

He had remembered something about the Freedom Alliance's Legacy of the Sea.

In the past, one of the reasons that the Freedom Alliance had been able to move about God's Domain's seas uncontested was its large number of players who had obtained the Legacy of the Sea. Even the various Super Guilds had avoided provoking the Alliance for no good reason. Another reason was Silent Entropy's Ancient Weather Book.

The player that wielded the Ancient Weather Book could manipulate the weather in an area. When used in naval combat, one could offer their side an absolute environmental advantage.

Rumors had it that Silent Entropy had obtained the Ancient Weather Book when he had obtained the Sea God's Legacy.

The Freedom Alliance obtained their Legacies of the Sea from the Sea Dragon Secret Land. After taking into account the information Passing Monarch had given him about the secret land, it was not difficult to determine that Silent Entropy had obtained the Sea God's Legacy here. In the past, the Sea God's Legacy had been known as one of the Four Great Legacies at sea.

Now that the strongest Legacy in the secret land had appeared, the Ancient Weather Book would be available as well.

While he could ignore the Sea God's Legacy, the Ancient Weather Book was an extremely important item. When used in naval combat, it was a strategic weapon.

"That's fine. However, we'll split our time four-to-six. I get six hours. Later, I'll use one hour to test the waters. If it really isn't possible, we'll switch to other grottos. This will also give you the chance to learn the largest grotto's difficulty," Passing Monarch said.

"Alright, let's do that, then," Shi Feng smiled before taking out a contract.

Following which, the two renewed their contract. Passing Monarch released a sigh of relief as he quickly directed the fleet into the largest grotto.

In reality, the secret land's grottos were portals that would transport players to another space.

As the Third Fleet's ships entered the largest grotto, after a few minutes of drifting along a heavy current, the fleet left the grotto and appeared before a massive island. The island had a white, sandy beach and an azure blue sky above it. It looked like paradise.

This island was none other than their rest point.

Another island waited across from this paradise. Unlike the first island, dark, thundering clouds covered the sky above the second. One could also see plenty of massive sea monsters roaming the island. This was where the Legacies hid.

Silent Entropy and Identical Summer's fleets had already engaged these sea monsters in battle.

"Why are there so many sea monsters?!" Passing Monarch was shocked when he saw the creatures.

Both Silent Entropy and Identical Summer's fleets stood against more than twenty sea monsters. These sea monsters looked like sea turtles, but unlike normal sea turtles, a long horn grew from the heads of these monsters. Their bodies also emitted arcs of blue electricity, and all of their attacks used lightning. Not only were their attacks very fast, but they also contained massive destructive power.

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[Thunder Horn Beast] (Sea Monster, Lord)

Level 51

HP 35,000,000/35,000,000

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Although Silent Entropy and Identical Summer's fleets each had a Small Sailboat, their ships suffered against so many Thunder Horn Beasts. If not for their Small Sailboats taking the brunt of the attacks, they would've already been annihilated.

Passing Monarch paled at this sight.

Speedboats stood no chance against those monsters. The Third Fleet couldn't even reach the island. If they could not get on the island, how were they supposed to obtain the Legacy?

In the Sea Dragon Secret Land, all Legacies were in the center of the legacy island at the end of each grotto. The ships' role was to transport the players through the obstacles on the way to the legacy island. However, with so many sea monsters in the outer perimeter, one could just imagine how many sea monsters waited for them around the legacy island...

"They sure move quickly." At this moment, Hundred Leaves had also emerged from the grotto. When she saw the ongoing battle, she simply smiled and said, "It seems this Legacy is fated to be mine!"

In the next moment, the Small Sailboat and Bronze Speedboats in Hundred Leaves's fleet sliced through the water towards the legacy island, bypassing the Thunder Horn Beasts.

"Roar!"

As Hundred Leaves's fleet entered the outer perimeter, a large group of Thunder Horn Beasts broke through the water's surface, attacking Hundred Leaves's fleet.

Peng... Peng... Peng...

A series of lightning strikes bombarded the fleet. However, Hundred Leaves's Small Sailboat showed no intentions of dodging the attacks. Instead, it forged ahead.

When the lightning strikes were 30 yards away from the Small Sailboat, they dissipated into nothing as if they had met an invisible barrier that nullified magical attacks.

In a short moment, Hundred Leaves's fleet broke past the blockade and entered the inner perimeter...

1223 – Who Says We Don't Have a Sailboat?

"They made it through so easily?" Passing Monarch's mouth gaped as he looked at Hundred Leaves's fleet getting past the outer perimeter.

Although the outer perimeter was not large, there were still roughly 5,000 yards to cross to reach the inner perimeter. Crossing such a distance while weathering the attacks of over twenty Thunder Horn Beasts was easier said than done.

Even Silent Entropy's fleet had yet to cross half the distance and had already lost four players. It was clear that Silent Entropy's fleet would lose over twenty people by the time they reached the inner perimeter.

Of course, Silent Entropy's fleet could use another method that would incur fewer losses, gradually killing off the Thunder Horn Beasts. However, killing the sea monsters would take a lot of time.

Meanwhile, they only had ten hours inside the Sea Dragon Secret Land. If they wasted one or two hours in the outer perimeter, they would have to waste even more time in the inner perimeter. By the time they reached the legacy island, they would've already run out of time to search for the Legacy.

Seeing Hundred Leaves's fleet enter the inner perimeter, Identical Summer grew anxious.

The Legacy on the island was on a first come, first served basis. The sooner one reached the island, the higher their chances were of obtaining the Legacy.

"All MTs, take turns activating your Lifesaving Skills! We're forcing our way through!" Identical Summer commanded, gritting his teeth.

A group of six MTs stormed the Small Sailboat's deck, receiving the Thunder Horn Beasts' attacks. The ship blasted away any monsters in their way with cannon fire.

Silent Entropy's side fared far better than the other fleet. Silent Entropy had used a Tier 3 Defensive Magic Scroll to receive the Level 51 Lords' attacks.

By the time both fleets had reached the inner perimeter, the difference between Silent Entropy and Identical Summer's fleets was obvious at a glance. Silent Entropy's fleet hadn't lost a single player. On the other hand, Identical Summer's fleet had lost 17 players, with five of them being MTs. The players that died would automatically resurrect on the rest island. They would not be able to rejoin the main force and would have to wait for their companions to retrieve them or be sent out of the secret island once time was up.

Fortunately, the death penalty in the secret land was similar to that of Dungeons. Hence, players that died would only lose a small portion of their EXP.

"Commander, are we still waiting?" Blue Joy asked Passing Monarch, a hint of worry in her eyes. It was obvious that she was not optimistic about their chances of breaking past the outer perimeter.

"Forget it. It's too difficult. There's no need for us to waste our speedboats' durability here," Passing Monarch said, sighing deeply. In the end, he decided to give up on the greatest Legacy as this area was far more challenging than he had imagined. With their fleet's strength, they had no hopes of reaching the legacy island.

"Hold up," Shi Feng said suddenly. "If you really want to reach the island, we're not entirely out of options."

While the Thunder Horn Beasts were terrifying, after watching them for some time, Shi Feng could tell that the majority of the Lords' attacks were magical. Others might find it difficult to defend against magical attacks, but to Shi Feng, it was a simple task.

"Brother Ye Feng, you have a plan?" Passing Monarch asked curiously.

These Thunder Horn Beasts was extremely fast. Even Bronze Speedboats could not outrun them. If they were surrounded, they would be utterly helpless. They would need a Small Sailboat to force open a path.

“I’ll attract these sea monsters’ attention while your speedboats use the opportunity to get past them,” Shi Feng explained.

Passing Monarch was surprised by Shi Feng’s words. He had never thought that Shi Feng would willingly sacrifice his speedboat as bait. However, since Shi Feng was willing to do so, he would not object.

Meanwhile, Hundred Leaves and the others, who were currently resting at the edge of the inner perimeter, noticed Passing Monarch’s fleet speeding towards the outer perimeter.

“They’re overestimating themselves,” Identical Summer sneered. “Do they really expect to get past those Thunder Horn Beasts without a Small Sailboat to open a path?”

“Do they really need to waste time here?” Hundred Leaves rolled her eyes as she watched Passing Monarch.

There was no way to repair one’s ship inside the Sea Dragon Secret Land. If the Thunder Horn Beasts bombarded Passing Monarch’s fleet, even with players splitting the damage, the speedboats’ durability would deplete rapidly. Once a ship’s durability reached zero, it would be useless. Even if Passing Monarch’s fleet escaped with their speedboats intact and proceeded to the other grottos, their chances of obtaining a Legacy would decrease due to the lost durability.

Though, looking at it from another perspective, the fact that Passing Monarch and the others were willing to attempt reaching this legacy island benefitted Hundred Leaves. This way, she would have an opportunity to kill Shi Feng and complete the Demon God’s quest.

At this time, Shi Feng steered the Swift Dragon Speedboat into the outer perimeter.

Thunder Horn Beasts immediately emerged from the water, one after another, rapidly encircling the Swift Dragon Speedboat. At the same time, electricity gathered at their horns as they prepared to attack.

However, Shi Feng paid no attention to these monsters as he continued towards the group of sea monsters before him.

Seeing the numerous arcs of lightning arcing towards him, Shi Feng activated Magic Barrier, making the Swift Dragon Speedboat immune to magic damage and reducing the physical damage it received by 60% for ten seconds.

After blocking the attacks, the Swift Dragon Speedboat arrived before the group of Thunder Horn Beasts, letting the sea monsters surround it.

“It’s over...” Passing Monarch could not help but sigh.

If the massive Thunder Horn Beasts surrounded a speedboat, there was no hope of escape.

“What a fool! He sacrificed a speedboat for nothing!” Identical Summer laughed.

In the past, he had always seen Passing Monarch as his rival. After all, the two had fought for a long time, and the man had caused him plenty of trouble. Now, however, Passing Monarch was no longer a threat. His only competition now was Silent Entropy and Hundred Leaves.

As more Thunder Horn Beasts gathered around the Swift Dragon Speedboat, the likelihood of Shi Feng breaking through the encirclement grew smaller and smaller.

Rather than worrying, however, a smile appeared on Shi Feng's face.

It's about time to make a move! Shi Feng observed his surroundings and noticed that practically 80% of the Thunder Horn Beasts had gathered around him.

Energy Pulse!

Dragon Cannon!

Suddenly, a blue ripple spread out from the Swift Dragon Speedboat, paralyzing the surrounding Thunder Horn Beasts. At the same time, a black-white beam shot out from the Swift Dragon Speedboat's bow.

In the next moment, three Thunder Horn Beasts that blocked the Secret-Silver Speedboat's way had been blasted back. At the same time, the three Lords lost over 2,000,000 HP each. The surface of the water caved in at the might of the black beam. Suddenly, an empty path opened up before the Swift Dragon Speedboat.

Shi Feng activated Accelerate, increasing the Swift Dragon Speedboat's Movement Speed by 100%. Before the Thunder Horn Beasts could react, the Swift Dragon Speedboat had already sped away from the encirclement and made its way to the inner perimeter.

Meanwhile, Passing Monarch and the others tore across the water to the inner perimeter from another direction.

As only five Thunder Horn Beasts chased after Passing Monarch's group of four Bronze Speedboats, they were able to get away with minimal damage, their speedboats' durability decreasing only slightly. As for the remaining sea monsters chasing the Swift Dragon Speedboat, due to the paralyzation, their Movement Speeds had reduced to less than half of their original. As a result, the distance between them and the Secret-Silver Speedboat rapidly increased. By the time the paralysis effect wore off, the Swift Dragon Speedboat was over 300 yards away. By then, all the Thunder Horn Beasts could do was watch as the Swift Dragon Speedboat entered the inner perimeter.

"What rank is that speedboat?" Hundred Leaves blinked in astonishment as her gaze followed the unharmed Swift Dragon Speedboat.

"So, this is the expert Passing Monarch recruited? Not bad." The Swift Dragon Speedboat's performance had also surprised Identical Summer. The speedboat's main cannon was strong enough to throw three Thunder Horn Beasts. Even his Small Sailboat wasn't capable of such a feat. "However, they won't get much further. They'll never reach the island."

Identical Summer's words earned the agreement of those around him.

The difference between the inner and outer perimeter's difficulty was like the difference between heaven and earth. Although one had to face fewer sea monsters in the inner perimeter, these monsters were obviously stronger. Moreover, the condition to cross the inner perimeter was different.

After entering the inner perimeter, they noticed a magic barrier around the legacy island. It was obvious that they were required to kill the guardian sea monsters before they could dock. However, the sea monsters guarding the inner perimeter included one Level 55 King-class Sea Monster and two Great Lords. Without a Small Sailboat, it was simply impossible to defeat such a powerful force.

"What a pity, Brother Monarch. Even if you make it here, it's all for nothing. Without a Small Sailboat, you are doomed to remain in the inner perimeter," Identical Summer laughed. "However, rest assured; you'll at least rank seventh. Only, you will no longer be able to use the Large Shipyard."

When Passing Monarch noticed Silent Entropy's fleets fighting a Level 55 King-class Sea Monster, his jaw dropped as he lost heart.

The King-class Sea Monster guarding the inner perimeter was far stronger than the one they had previously fought. That had only been a Great Lord, while the this was a Grand Lord. Moreover, the current one was an even higher level...

Shi Feng's Secret-Silver ranked Swift Dragon Speedboat could never tank it. Furthermore, the King-class Sea Monster was accompanied by two Great Lord ranked sea monsters.

"Who says we don't have a Small Sailboat?" Shi Feng suddenly asked.

1224 – Combat Power Assessment

"You have a Small Sailboat?"

Identical Summer stared at Shi Feng as if the man had told the funniest joke in the world. Although Identical Summer had not said anything else, there was no doubting the contempt in his eyes.

The other Freedom Alliance members smirked at Shi Feng's words.

"That brat sure knows how to boast. Even our Sacred Temple hasn't obtained a Small Sailboat until recently. How could an independent adventurer team with no background possibly have one?" The cloaked woman from the Sacred Temple chuckled softly.

The Sacred Temple was one of the Super Guilds that had begun to develop its naval strength early in the game, yet even now, it had only found a Magic Bottle containing a Small Sailboat, not an actual Small Sailboat. They had obtained this Magic Bottle from an ancient ruin in the Sea's End. For this Magic Bottle, the Sacred Temple had sacrificed dozens of experts and thousands of elites.

As for Silent Entropy and Identical Summer, while both had only acquired a Small Sailboat due to luck, they also had the support of powerful backers. The power supporting Silent Entropy, in particular, was intense enough that even the Sacred Temple avoided casually provoking it.

Passing Monarch was merely an independent player with great individual strength. The naval adventurer team he had formed lacked the support of any major power. It was a miracle that he had led his team to become the Freedom Alliance's Third Fleet. Obtaining a Small Sailboat was impossible for Passing Monarch.

“Brother Ye Feng, do you really have a Small Sailboat?” Passing Monarch stared at the Swordsman in shock.

He had already investigated Zero Wing and learned that the Guild didn’t possess any particular naval power. The Guild hadn’t even begun to develop its naval forces. Zero Wing had focused on competing with the various large Guilds on land all this time.

Just the fact that Zero Wing possessed a Secret-Silver Speedboat was astounding.

Even now, no one throughout the Freedom Alliance possessed a Secret-Silver Speedboat.

Blue Joy, who stood by a side, blinked in astonishment. She wondered if Shi Feng had simply made the claim to save the Third Fleet from humiliation.

“You’ll know once you see it,” Shi Feng said as he looked around him. He could clearly feel the doubt and contempt everyone aimed his way. Following which, he took a delicate crystal bottle from his bag and began to chant an incantation.

With each verse Shi Feng chanted, black mist emerged from the crystal bottle, shrouding a large section of the sea water before the Swift Dragon Speedboat. Suddenly, a silver sailboat appeared before these players. This silver sailboat was no smaller than the sailboat Hundred Leaves had summoned with the Magic Bottle. Moreover, magic runes decorated every inch of the silver sailboat. At first glance, it was obvious that the silver sailboat was a higher rank than the Common Sailboats Silent Entropy and Identical Summer had summoned.

This Small Sailboat was none other than the Bronze ranked One-horned Sailboat he had obtained from the King-class Sea Monster he previously killed.

“Impossible!”

“When did Small Sailboats become so common?!”

Everyone was stupefied. None of them could believe their eyes.

“Just who is that man?” Hundred Leaves shifted her gaze to Shi Feng when she saw the One-horned Sailboat.

First, the man had earned himself a bounty from the Demon God. Then he revealed a very high-rank speedboat. Now, he revealed a Small Sailboat. If someone claimed that this man wasn’t supported by a major power, she wouldn’t believe it.

“I have really underestimated you, Monarch. I never thought you would recruit such an expert. However, you’ll never get to the island. At the end of the day, passing the inner perimeter’s test depends on one’s strength,” Identical Summer snorted. He then steered his sailboat towards the legacy island to challenge the inner perimeter’s sea monsters.

Passing Monarch's fleet might have crossed the outer perimeter with some trick, but the inner perimeter required them to face the joint attacks of a Grand Lord ranked King-class Sea Monster and two Great Lords. Without defeating these monsters, they would not be allowed to dock on the island.

Although Passing Monarch's fleet now had a Small Sailboat, the fleet's disadvantage was still obvious—the fleet lacked manpower.

The Third Fleet was only allowed to bring 90 members to the secret land, while Identical Summer, Silent Entropy, and Hundred Leaves's fleets each had over 100 people. Not only could they employ their Small Sailboats, which could accommodate 100 passengers, to their fullest potential, but they also had extra men to control multiple Bronze Speedboats. On the other hand, Passing Monarch's fleet did not even have enough players to exert its Small Sailboat to its full potential. How could Passing Monarch's fleet possibly defeat a King-class Sea Monster?

At the same time, the members of Third Fleet gazed at Shi Feng with admiration.

"Brother Ye Feng, thank you, truly. However, I still intend to give up on this grotto." Passing Monarch was extremely grateful to Shi Feng. In reality, Shi Feng could've easily decided not to help him. After all, both had already agreed that they would determine each other's harvest based on time. However, when Passing Monarch had seen the distant King-class Sea Monster, he had decided to relent.

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[Magic Whale] (Marine King Creature, King-class Sea Monster, Grand Lord)

Level 55

HP 200,000,000/200,000,000

[Razorshark] (Marine King Creature, Sea Monster, Great Lord)

Level 55

HP 80,000,000/80,000,000

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Seeing these sea monsters' statistics, even a naval expert like Passing Monarch felt powerless. Just one Great Lord ranked Razorshark was already a difficult foe, not to mention two and the Magic Whale. Without dozens of speedboats attacking at the same time, it was practically impossible to defeat all three sea monsters.

Meanwhile, the fleets Silent Entropy, Identical Summer, and Hundred Leaves commanded had some hope of victory as they each had around seven or eight Bronze Speedboats to assist them.

For example, Silent Entropy's Small Sailboat was currently tanking the Magic Whale while two other Bronze Speedboats dealt with the Razorsharks. As for the remaining speedboats, they focused their fire on the Razorsharks. Although each Bronze Speedboat only inflicted around -200,000 damage, the total damage from six or seven Bronze Speedboats still surpassed the sea monsters' battle recovery. It was only a matter of time before the speedboats dealt with the two Razorsharks. Once those two sea monsters had been dealt with, Silent Entropy's fleet would slowly, but surely, whittle down the Magic Whale's HP.

On the other hand, they couldn't even exert the maximum combat power of their Small Sailboat. How were they going to whittle away the sea monsters' HP?

Hence, rather than waste time here, exploring the other grottos would be more beneficial. With their fleet's strength, they wouldn't have any issues obtaining two Legacies.

"Brother Monarch, since you wish to give up, why don't you let me command the fleet for the first four hours?" Shi Feng asked.

Passing Monarch's decision hadn't particularly surprised him. After all, assessing an opponent's combat power was the basics of being an expert. If Passing Monarch couldn't even do that much, he would not have become an expert at all.

Only, Passing Monarch's assessment was slightly different from his.

"Brother Ye Feng, is there really a reason to waste time here?" Passing Monarch could not figure out what was going through Shi Feng's mind. It was already clear that they had no hope of victory, yet this Swordsman insisted on jumping into the jaws of death. However, when Passing Monarch saw the determination in Shi Feng's eyes, he had no choice but to nod, saying, "Alright, then. We'll follow your command for the next four hours. Once these four hours are up, we'll leave immediately."

Following which, both sides renewed their contract yet again. From the next four hours, the Third Fleet would be under Shi Feng's command.

After finding nothing wrong with the contract, Shi Feng stored it away in satisfaction.

"Let's go." Shi Feng smiled at the distant Magic Whale.

Others might not know the One-horned Sailboat's might, but he did. While King-class Sea Monsters were quite powerful, a Bronze Sailboat could not be underestimated, either.

Following which, Shi Feng allocated tasks to the Third Fleet's members. The Swift Dragon Speedboat and one of the Bronze Speedboats had a 20-man crew each, while each of the remaining three Bronze Speedboats had a party of six. The remaining fleet members would board the One-horned Sailboat and deal with the Magic Whale.

"This is nuts. We'll only have 32 people on our strongest ship? How are we going to hold back the Magic Whale?"

When Passing Monarch and the others saw Shi Feng's distribution, they were confused. The other fleets had three full MT parties each, splitting the Magic Whale's damage. Those fleets also had the other crew members on their Small Sailboats sharing the damage. Only then could they minimize the damage to their sailboats. Otherwise, before their respective fleets even finished off one Razorshark, their sailboats would be reporting for duty in Davy Jones' Locker.

However, Shi Feng insisted on this setup, and Passing Monarch had no choice but to agree. After all, Shi Feng now held authority over the fleet. Moreover, the sailboat belonged to Shi Feng.

As the One-horned Sailboat approached the island, a Magic Whale and two Razorsharks emerged from the water. Their massive frames resembled large mountains, blocking the legacy island from view.

"Begin!" Shi Feng fired the Thunder Cannon at the Magic Whale.

“Leaves, this Magic Whale’s attack range is too wide. We won’t hold at this rate. We need to use Magic Scrolls,” the cloaked woman from the Sacred Temple said, frowning at their sailboat’s remaining durability.

The Razorsharks were only Great Lords. Moreover, their Skills were monotonous, making their attacks easy to dodge. Bronze Speedboats were more than enough to cope with the Razorsharks. The problem was the Magic Whale. Although the Grand Lord was clumsy and slow, and its attack patterns were not particularly complex, it was still a powerful foe.

Aside from ruthless headbutts, the Magic Whale’s main attacks were Ice Meteor and Icicle Rain. When casting Ice Meteor, the Magic Whale would call down a massive globe of ice. Even with six MTs sharing the attack’s damage, all six would lose over two-thirds of their HPs. Furthermore, the Grand Lord used Ice Meteor frequently. Only when all eighteen MTs took turns blocking could they keep up with the attacks. The burden on the healers was also massive as one mistake could spell the end for a party of MTs.

However, this was not the team’s greatest challenge. The Magic Whale’s Icicle Rain was what left everyone speechless.

When the Magic Whale cast Icicle Rain, countless icicles would rain down from the sky. Although each icicle only dealt around -10,000 damage and could easily be blocked by any player, they could not keep up with how many icicles bombarded their ships. One could say that this Skill specifically targeted ships. By the time Icicle Rain’s duration ended, their Small Sailboat would’ve lost roughly three or four points of durability.

If they continued this battle of attrition, their Small Sailboat’s 700 durability would have long since bottomed out before they could shave away the Magic Whale’s 200,000,000 HP.

“Sure enough, a King-class Sea Monster is not an easy foe.” Hundred Leaves frowned as she watched another batch of icicles form in the sky. She then said to the cloaked woman, “Use the Tier 3 Summoning Scroll. Have the summoned creature share part of Icicle Rain’s damage.”

The cloaked woman nodded before retrieving a Tier 3 Summoning Scroll and chanting the incantation.

With a Tier 3 summoned creature sharing the damage, the Small Sailboat only lost one point of durability by the time the Skill ended.

At the same time, the cloaked woman redirected a portion of the sailboat’s cannon attacks towards one of the distant Razorsharks, assisting the Bronze Speedboats in whittling down the Great Lord’s HP.

As a result, the Razorshark’s 80,000,000 HP decreased at a visible rate.

95%... 94%... 93%...

“Leaves, Passing Monarch and the others seem to be taking action.” As the cloaked woman controlled the summoned creature, she noticed the One-horned Sailboat moving deeper into the inner perimeter, and an odd feeling rose in her chest.

Passing Monarch’s fleet only had 90 members. Even with a Small Sailboat, such a small team was not enough to defeat the Magic Whale. Any expert worth his salt should know this, much less a fleet commander like Passing Monarch.

“They’re actually pushing forward?” Hundred Leaves glanced at Shi Feng, who stood aboard the One-horned Sailboat. Smiling, she muttered, “What an interesting person.”

She was very familiar with Passing Monarch. While Passing Monarch’s individual combat standards were not particularly high, his leadership abilities and assessment for monsters’ strengths were first-class. He would never take such a risk. The only possibility was that Shi Feng had persuaded him to do so.

Silent Entropy and Identical Summer had also noticed the One-horned Sailboat’s approach.

“They’re not giving up?” Identical Summer asked contemptuously. “I want to see just how long they can last.”

Currently, his fleet barely held its ground against the three guardian monsters. He still didn’t know if his team could kill the Magic Whale. In the case of Passing Monarch’s fleet, however, just killing the two Razorsharks would be a huge challenge.

As such thoughts ran through the various commanders’ minds, a golden beam exploded from the One-horned Sailboat’s bow, slamming into the Magic Whale’s thick hide.

Boom!

As it struck, the golden beam carved out a small wound from the Magic Whale’s side, blue blood spilling into the water.

“How can it possess such power?!” Hundred Leaves was shocked.

No matter how many times her Small Sailboat attacked the Magic Whale, they had only taken a fraction of the Grand Lord’s HP. The sailboat’s attacks could not cause any substantial injuries to the Grand Lord.

“How can this sailboat possess such a high-rank cannon? Could it have been modified?” As Identical Summer stared at the wound on the Magic Whale’s body.

In God’s Domain, no ship was static. They could all be modified. Only, there was a limit to how much a ship could be modified and strengthened as the ship’s construction materials were a limiting factor.

Furthermore, it was very difficult to modify and strengthen a ship. The task required Lifestyle players of considerably high rank. To modify a ship, one also had to risk reducing the ship’s quality or destroying it altogether. Hence, even now, nobody actually dared to modify their precious ships.

“Aaarroooooo!” Enraged, the Magic Whale beat its tail fin violently and propelled itself towards the One-horned Sailboat.

The two Razorsharks followed after the Magic Whale.

A Bronze Small Sailboat's cannon fire is really quite impressive. Shi Feng was very satisfied with this outcome. Seeing the Magic Whale and Razorsharks swimming closer, he activated Thunder Blast, the One-horned Sailboat's strongest move. This attack was many times stronger than the Swift Dragon Speedboat's Dragon Cannon.

Immediately, several snakes of golden lightning surged forward, dealing devastating damage to the area 500*30 yards ahead of the One-horned Sailboat.

As the golden lightning snakes slithered towards the Magic Whale and Razorsharks, the three sea monsters revealed a hint of fear, trying to avoid the incoming attack. Unfortunately, Thunder Blast was not cannon fire. Rather, it was a magical attack channeled from a magic array. It was many times faster than cannon fire. The arcs of golden lightning had crossed several hundred yards in the blink of an eye.

Boom... Boom... Boom...

When the golden lightning streaked past the Magic Whale and Razorsharks, all three sea monsters screamed in agonizing unity. The Magic Whale and Razorsharks were all in a miserable state. The Magic Whale was covered with wounds with fresh, blue blood coloring the water. A damage of over -900,000 had appeared above its head. As for the Razorsharks, many areas of their bodies had scorched black. The two Great Lords had clearly suffered serious injuries, significantly affecting their combat powers. Each had lost over 2,000,000 HP in the attack.

Thunder Blast's might stupefied everyone present.

"This...is impossible!"

The watching players instinctively refused to accept this reality.

They had lived in Sea's End throughout their career in God's Domain. They had lost count of how many times they had fought sea monsters. Hence, their naval understanding ranked at the peak of God's Domain. However, the One-horned Sailboat's attacks were unbelievable.

"Brother Ye Feng, just...what rank is your sailboat?" Passing Monarch gulped audibly as he looked at the heavily injured Razorsharks.

Only now did he understand why Shi Feng was so confident. With such firepower, it was no wonder why Shi Feng wasn't worried about killing the Magic Whale.

"What do you think?" Shi Feng smiled mysteriously, not offering a concrete answer.

Players still assumed that Small Sailboats were similar to speedboats, which had only a small gap in power between each rank. They had not yet realized how vast the divide was between a Common ranked Small Sailboat and a Bronze rank. In terms of firepower, a Bronze Small Sailboat could rival a Fine-Gold Speedboat.

This was the reason that Passing Monarch's assessment of each side's combat power was incorrect.

"Brother Monarch, you guys deal with the Razorsharks. Make sure you lure them away from each other. Leave the Magic Whale to me," Shi Feng instructed after noticing the Magic Whale and Razorsharks approach.

“You’re going to deal with that thing with only one ship? This.... Won’t we be cutting it a little too close?”

1226 – Hidden Effect of the Bronze Small Sailboat

Shi Feng’s commands confused Passing Monarch and the others.

The One-horned Sailboat might possess frightening killing power, but when all was said and done, the Magic Whale was still a King-class Sea Monster. It was still a terrifying foe.

Although Silent Entropy and the other Fleets relied on their Small Sailboats to tank the Magic Whale, they constantly had two or three Bronze Sailboats assisting from the side. The speedboats occasionally shared some of the Magic Whale’s damage, giving the Small Sailboats a break.

Furthermore, the One-horned Sailboat only had a 32-man crew on board. In terms of endurance, it was far weaker than Silent Entropy and the others’ Small Sailboats.

Without a doubt, sending the One-horned Sailboat to deal with the Magic Whale alone was mad.

If it were up to Passing Monarch and the others, they would’ve refused the idea. After all, it was nothing more than gambling with a Small Sailboat.

A Small Sailboat’s value went without saying. One wouldn’t even necessarily trade such a ship for a Fragmented Legendary item.

However, it was too late for Passing Monarch and the others to argue as Shi Feng had steered the One-horned Sailboat directly towards the massive Magic Whale. Meanwhile, the two Razorsharks had swum around to launch a pincer attack against the One-horned Sailboat from the sides.

“Commander, are we really not going to help him?” Blue Joy asked Passing Monarch worriedly.

“He is the commander now. We’ll only stop him if it truly seems impossible.” Passing Monarch could not help but sigh. He did not know what was going through Shi Feng’s mind. Normally, anyone who obtained a Small Sailboat would treat it like a priceless treasure, avoiding anything reckless that might destroy it. Shi Feng, however, pitted his Small Sailboat in a dogfight against a Grand Lord ranked King-class Sea Monster. Looking at this situation, Passing Monarch could not help but feel sorry for the One-horned Sailboat.

Following which, under Passing Monarch’s command, all speedboats took action.

With the four Basic Mana Pulse Bombs Shi Feng had provided them, they fired two bombs at each of the Razorsharks, each bomb dealing over -1,000,000 damage. Instantly, the Razorsharks’ aggro split between the One-horned Sailboat, the Swift Dragon Speedboat, and one Bronze Speedboat.

As the Razorsharks were about to reach the One-horned Sailboat, the MTs on board the Swift Dragon Speedboat and Bronze Speedboat used Crowd Mock, securing the Great Lords’ aggro. Immediately, the

two speedboats split up and moved away from the Magic Whale, the Razorsharks following closely after them. The timing of Passing Monarch's commands was extremely accurate.

Meanwhile, the Magic Whale bellowed when it noticed the One-horned Sailboat approaching. Three Ice Meteors then appeared in the air.

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"Hahaha! Now you've done it! I want to see how you intend to clean up this mess!" Identical Summer smirked when he saw the three Ice Meteors. When his and the other fleet's Magic Whales used Ice Meteor, they only summoned two attacks.

Thunder Blast has surprised him; he was even somewhat jealous.

However, it was obvious that this frightening firepower had angered the Magic Whale. Even his fleet would suffer against three Ice Meteors at the once, not to mention the One-horned Sailboat, which faced the Magic Whale one-on-one.

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"Leaves, look at the Small Sailboat in Passing Monarch's fleet!" the cloaked woman from the Sacred Temple called out in surprise and pointed at the One-horned Sailboat. "There are less than 50 people on board!"

"Less than 50?" Hundred Leaves, who commanded her own battle, turned to look at the One-horned Sailboat upon hearing this, her brows rising in surprise. "They actually did something like that?"

This was ludicrous!

She had a 100-man crew aboard her sailboat to deal with the Magic Whale's attacks, yet her sailboat still lost a significant amount of durability. If the One-horned Sailboat had less than 50 players on board, its durability would fall several times faster. The sailboat would likely sink to the bottom of the ocean before the two Razorsharks were dealt with.

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"Aaarrroooo!" the Magic Whale bellowed as it controlled the Ice Meteors, aiming for the One-horned Sailboat's blind spots and making its attacks difficult to dodge. In terms of speed and angle of attack, this Magic Whale used faster and more accurate Ice Meteors than the others.

When the three Ice Meteors were less than 30 yards away from the One-horned Sailboat, Shi Feng activated Mana Drive, increasing the sailboat's speed by 30%. This allowed the sailboat to dart out of the Magic Whale's attack trajectory in the nick of time.

After dodging the Ice Meteors, the One-horned Sailboat's four Thunder Cannons rang out simultaneously.

Four golden beams struck the Magic Whale, tearing a pained cry from the Grand Lord's throat as a series of damages appeared above its head.

-471,847.

-482,187.

-471,974.

-472,079.

The four cannons instantly devoured nearly 2,000,000 of the Magic Whale's HP.

Sure enough, it won't be possible to kill it with the One-horned Sailboat's firepower alone. Shi Feng felt a headache brew as he looked at the Magic Whale's HP. *It seems we'll have to kill the Razorsharks first and then focus fire on the Magic Whale.*

Although the One-horned Sailboat was quite powerful, the Magic Whale could recover 2,000,000 HP every five seconds. With the Thunder Cannons' long Cooldown, it was impossible to kill the Magic Whale without help.

Following which, Shi Feng readjusted the One-horned Sailboat's course, circling the Magic Whale while waiting for the Thunder Cannons' Cooldown to finish.

When the enraged Magic Whale saw that its first wave of attacks had failed to land, it used its AOE attack, Iccle Rain. Even with the One-horned Sailboat's increased speed, it couldn't avoid this attack.

"All members, prepare to block the icicles!" Shi Feng shouted.

Although Shi Feng had issued the command, he knew it was unrealistic to expect 32 people to block so many icicles.

As the icicles began to descend, Shi Feng took a Tier 3 Summoning Scroll from his bag.

Immediately, a massive Golden Gorilla appeared, joining the defense.

Dang... Dang... Dang...

Under Shi Feng's control, the Golden Gorilla executed Sword's Orbit, using its arms in place of swords. This was another method of utilizing combat techniques. Only, doing so required considerably fine control and a great understanding of a combat technique.

Although Shi Feng could not execute Sword's Orbit through the Golden Gorilla as freely as with his own body, with the summoned creature's massive frame and wide attack range, it easily protected over half the One-horned Sailboat from the icicle attacks. The players blocked the majority of the icicles, protecting the remaining half. Overall, less than one-tenth of the icicles had actually struck the sailboat. This outcome was on par with Hundred Leaves and the others.

"This..."

"How did he do that?"

The players watching from afar were flabbergasted.

Despite having similarly summoned Tier 3 summoned creatures, their summoned creatures could only block around one-third of the Magic Whale's Iccle Rain. Their summoned creatures even lost over

1,500,000 HP with each wave of attacks, yet the Golden Gorilla had blocked half of the Icicle Rain, losing less than 500,000 HP. This was simply inconceivable.

It wasn't just the Golden Gorilla that had received less damage than expected. Even the players on the One-horned Sailboat had only lost around 7,000 HP when struck, 3,000 less HP than their players. This allowed the One-horned Sailboat's crew to endure many more attacks.

However, what everyone did not know was that Bronze Small Sailboats had a hidden effect. The runes lining the hull weren't just for decoration. They possessed a damage mitigation ability. The runes could reduce an attack's damage by 10% to 30% based on the attack's might. Although the Icicle Rain was a powerful Skill, the individual icicles did not pack a lot of power. Hence, their damage was reduced by 30%.

In addition, a Bronze Small Sailboat's Defense was superior to that of a Common Small Sailboat. Despite receiving roughly the same amount of attacks, the One-horned Sailboat had not lost a single point of durability after the last wave of attacks.

This was also the reason that Shi Feng dared to challenge the Magic Whale with a crew of fewer than 50 people.

Time passed quickly. While keeping the Magic Whale distracted, the One-horned Sailboat launched attacks at the distant Razorsharks. In less than 15 minutes, both Razorsharks were dead, fueling the team's EXP bars. In contrast, each of the other fleets had only dealt with one Razorshark so far. The difference between them was obvious instantly.

Now that only the Magic Whale remained, Shi Feng's side had a much easier time. Although it took a long time just to reduce the Magic Whale's HP by 1%, they slowly, but surely, depleted the Grand Lord's HP.

When the Magic Whale's HP fell to 10%, it spread its colossal jaws, and a frightening amount of Mana began to concentrate in its mouth.

"All speedboats, hide behind the sailboat!" Shi Feng shouted hurriedly.

All King-class Sea Monsters possessed powerful team-wipe moves. The Magic Whale was no exception. The King-class Sea Monsters inside secret lands might not be as powerful as those elsewhere, which possessed second lives, but it still shouldn't be underestimated.

"Aaaarrrroooooo!" An evil glint appeared in the Magic Whale's eyes.

The Magic Whale snapped its mouth shut. Its body then began to release dark blue beams of light that directly devoured Shi Feng and the others.

As the light show ended, the sea around the One-horned Sailboat and the Magic Whale had transformed into a frosty world.

"This..." Everyone gasped at this sight.

The Magic Whale was simply too fierce. This last move could rival the power of a Tier 4 large-scale destruction Spell.

As a result of the Spell, the Magic Whale had lost 5% of its HP.

As the icy fog surrounding the One-horned Sailboat dissipated, it received significant damage as the blue barrier protecting the ship crumbled and disappeared.

This was none other than the One-horned Sailboat's Lifesaving Skill, Magic Shield. When activated, it would create a barrier capable of absorbing up to 1,000,000 damage for five minutes. Although the barrier couldn't mitigate all of the damage, at the very least, it had prevented many of the crew's deaths. After sharing the damage, 19 people were still alive on the One-horned Sailboat.

As for the speedboats behind the One-horned Sailboat, only the Swift Dragon Speedboat and the Bronze Speedboat with a full crew had half their original crew members. The other Bronze Speedboats had lost their entire crews, leaving behind ghost ships...

"The Magic Whale has entered a Weakened state! Throw everything you have at it!" Shi Feng had less than half of his HP remaining. Although he had prepared for this, the move had shocked him. Even after activating Magic Shield, everyone on board had still received so much damage.

Although only the One-horned Sailboat, Swift Dragon Speedboat, and one Bronze Speedboat remained, the Magic Whale's Defense was crippled. Moreover, it had lost its ability to recover in battle. It was nothing more than a living target for Shi Feng and his crew now.

4%...

3%...

2%...

1%...

"Die!" Shi Feng activated Divine Blessing and used Thunder Blast.

Countless arcs of golden lightning devoured the Magic Whale's remaining HP. In the end, the Magic Whale released an agonized cry as its body disintegrated into particles of light. Immediately after, a large group of golden dots descended towards the water.

1227 – Upgrading the Seven Luminaries Ring

"It's dead?!"

Silent Entropy, Identical Summer, and Hundred Leaves's crews were dazed for a long time after watching Shi Feng and his team kill the Magic Whale.

Even now, they had only whittled down their respective Magic Whales to 30% HP, and both their Small Sailboats and their member count had suffered significant losses. Their healers, in particular, were nearly out of Mana. They were barely holding on by relying on Mana Recovery Potions and special tools.

Needless to say, the longer they continued this battle, the greater their losses would become.

"Damn it! Why are they the ones to kill the monsters first?!" Identical Summer's eyes were bloodshot when he saw the golden orbs of light floating above the water's surface. When he noticed that only a

few members remained on Passing Monarch's fleet, he smiled coldly as he said, "Change our course! As long as we get the item to dock, we can get to the island without killing the Magic Whale!"

At this moment, Passing Monarch's fleet was a remnant of its past glory. On the other hand, his fleet was still in considerably good shape. With the numerical advantage, they should have no problems stealing the Magic Whale's loot.

As Identical Summer's fleet took action, Silent Entropy commanded his fleet to charge at Passing Monarch and the others as well.

The Freedom Alliance had not set any rules or signed any contracts forbidding them from attack each other in the secret land. After all, with so many Legacies, it wasn't very likely that two fleets would find the same Legacy.

"Leaves, should we go as well?" the cloaked woman asked Hundred Leaves. "Not only can we steal the item to dock on the legacy island, but we can also kill that person and finish the quest."

The fact that Passing Monarch's fleet had managed to kill the Magic Whale first had given it an advantage over the other fleets. Unfortunately, the nail that stuck out was usually hammered down first.

None of these players were good people. Why would they let this opportunity escape?

Hundred Leaves did not reply immediately. Instead, she looked towards Shi Feng, who stood aboard the One-horned Sailboat, various emotions flashing in her eyes.

After giving the matter some thought, Hundred Leaves said, "Let's wait."

If it were only Passing Monarch, she would've joined in the fray without hesitation. Now, however, there was the unknown factor named Shi Feng.

Although Shi Feng was only one person, she felt that something was off.

Silent Entropy and Identical Summer did not know Shi Feng's secret.

The Soul Orb was important enough to drive even the Demon God frantic, and Shi Feng currently carried this item. He had also revealed priceless treasures like the Swift Dragon Speedboat and One-horned Sailboat. Moreover, Shi Feng had displayed his skills in controlling a summoned creature, allowing the beast to exert extraordinary combat power. Most likely, not even the Sacred Temple's old monsters could accomplish such a feat. No matter how she looked at it, Shi Feng wasn't a simple character.

It was unwise to take action against him right now.

"But..." The cloaked woman grew anxious as she watched Identical Summer's and Silent Entropy's fleets sail closer to the Magic Whale's loot.

“Enough. I’ve made my decision. Let’s concentrate on dealing with our own Magic Whale. If there is an opportunity, I won’t let it get away,” Hundred Leaves commanded indifferently.

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Meanwhile, as soon as the Magic Whale had died, Shi Feng steered the One-horned Sailboat towards the dropped items’ location, completely ignoring the fact that the Magic Whale had provided enough EXP to net him one whole level. Currently, he was at 24% of Level 51. Meanwhile, Passing Monarch and the other members of the Third Fleet had leveled up twice, reaching Level 45.

Perhaps due to Divine Providence, the Magic Whale had dropped over 30 items. This was a considerable harvest for a monster in a secret land.

The monsters in secret lands were mainly there to test players’ worthiness of the final treasure. Hence, while they provided higher EXP than normal, their drop-rate was generally low. Take the two Razorsharks for example. Both had only dropped four items in total...

Although the Magic Whale’s 30-plus items were scattered, Identical Summer’s and Silent Entropy’s fleets were too far away. Even if they sailed at full speed, it would be quite some time before they arrived. Shi Feng had more than enough time to pick up all of the loot.

“Hand over the loot, and I’ll let you all off the hook!” Identical Summer, who arrived first, shouted at Shi Feng and Passing Monarch. “If you don’t hand it over, none of you will leave this place alive. I’ll have my men kill you until you drop all of the loot!”

“Summer, you’re too shameless! Didn’t we agree to rely on our own skills once we enter the secret land?! We killed this Magic Whale!” Passing Monarch surveyed his surroundings and noticed that Identical Summer’s fleet had already surrounded them. They would have to fight their way out now.

After entering the Sea Dragon Secret Land, players couldn’t leave the secret land during the first six hours. So far, only one hour or so had passed. With the number of players in Identical Summer’s fleet, he definitely had the power to kill them multiple times.

“Hahaha! Monarch, while we did agree to rely on our own capabilities, we never said that we aren’t allowed to plunder each other’s ships!” Identical Summer sneered. “I don’t have that much patience right now. I’ll count to three. If you don’t hand the loot over, don’t blame me for being ruthless!”

“One!”

“Two!”

Both he and Silent Entropy intended to plunder Passing Monarch’s loot. As his fleet was closer to the One-horned Sailboat, he got there first. However, if Silent Entropy joined the battle, the situation would become even more complicated. If there was going to be a battle, he needed to end it quickly.

Passing Monarch also understood that Identical Summer was fully capable of acting on his words. He had no way of buying more time. He turned to Shi Feng and said quietly, “Brother Ye Feng, rest assured; even if I have to put my life on the line, I won’t let Identical Summer get away with this. Later, I’ll distract Identical Summer while you get to the island. Once you’ve entered the island, he won’t be able to touch you.”

Hearing this, Shi Feng was moved. Even in such a dire situation, Passing Monarch placed friendship above all else. If it were anyone else, they would've long since advised him to hand over the loot. After all, according to their contract, the Magic Whale's loot belonged entirely to him, not Passing Monarch.

"It's fine. I'll fight with you. Worst case scenario, it'll just be one death," Shi Feng said, laughing.

While Passing Monarch was also moved by Shi Feng's response, he sternly insisted, "Don't be stupid! The island houses the strongest Legacy in the Sea Dragon Secret Land! If you clash with Identical Summer, you might even lose your Small Sailboat!"

"Since you have no intentions of abandoning me and are treating me like a brother, I, Ye Feng, will treat you as a brother as well! I would never abandon a brother!" Shi Feng shook his head as he glanced at Passing Monarch. "Besides, if it really comes down to a fight, we don't know who will win or lose."

"Three!" Identical Summer's expression twisted as Shi Feng and Passing Monarch showed no signs of giving up. "Annihilate them! Don't let a single person get away!"

As Identical Summer issued his command, numerous cannons rang, all of them bombarding the One-horned Sailboat.

To Identical Summer's fleet, speedboats were no threat. As long as the players on board the One-horned Sailboat were annihilated, the battle would be over.

"Since you want a fight, come!" Shi Feng simply smiled as he watched cannon balls fill the sky. He then rapidly leveled up the Seven Luminaries Ring.

The Seven Luminaries Ring was the best Epic ring Shi Feng had seen thus far.

It provided immense help to any player that wore it.

Shi Feng hadn't leveled the ring for quite some time. Due to the Seven Luminaries Ring's high demand for EXP, he hadn't bothered doing so until now. Now that he was Level 51, he could start leveling the ring once again.

Immediately, Shi Feng upgraded the Aura of Fire, Aura of Wind, and Aura of Earth to Tier 1, which in turn upgraded Firestorm, Wind Rider, and Absolute Defense to Tier 1. In the blink of an eye, Shi Feng fell to 2% of Level 50.

1228 – One Strike

Sure enough, the Skills have grown significantly stronger after reaching Tier 1. Shi Feng smiled faintly as he looked at the newly improved Seven Luminaries Ring.

The instant the three Skills reached Tier 1, they had undergone massive changes.

Originally, Absolute Defense only granted immunity to all damage for five seconds. After reaching Tier 1, it also gave immunity to all allies within 15 yards for three seconds. Meanwhile, the Skill now had a Cooldown of 1 minute 30 seconds.

As for Wind Rider, the Movement Speed increase it provided had risen from 220% to 300%. The Skill also increased the damage of his next attack by 500%. As for the duration, it increased from 24 seconds to 30 seconds. The Cooldown hadn't changed, remaining at two minutes.

Lastly, Firestorm, which had dealt 1,200% damage to an area of 45*45 yards for six seconds, now dealt 1,500% damage to an area of 50*50 yards for six seconds. As for its Cooldown, it still lasted five minutes.

After Shi Feng finished upgrading the Seven Luminaries Ring, he steered the One-horned Sailboat towards the incoming cannon balls. At the same time, he activated Absolute Defense.

Boom... Boom... Boom...

Although the cannon balls were fast, the One-horned Sailboat had still dodged a portion of them, while Absolute Defense blocked the remaining attacks. The sailboat itself did not receive any damage whatsoever.

"They dare make their way over here. They must want to die." Identical Summer sneered. "All speedboats, scatter and attack! Don't let them get away!"

If Shi Feng and the others gave it their all to escape to the outer perimeter, they had some faint hope of getting away. Now, however, they charged straight for his Small Sailboat.

He had several times more players than Shi Feng. Moreover, every one of them was extraordinarily skilled.

The One-horned Sailboat took only three seconds to cross the distance of 150 yards. When it arrived before Identical Summer's Small Sailboat, before it sailed past, Shi Feng jumped to the other ship's deck.

"What is he trying to do?!" Passing Monarch, who watched from a distance, was stupefied. Shi Feng had safely arrived before Identical Summer's Sailboat. As long as he continued forward, he could've shaken off the enemy sailboat and docked on legacy island, yet the Swordsman had boarded the enemy sailboat alone for a melee battle. This was insane!

Unlike the fight on Demon Island, they still bore the damage from the fighting the Magic Whale for so long. In fact, Shi Feng's HP bar was not even half full right now. On the other hand, Identical Summer's crew was only slightly battered.

"You've arrived just in time. In any case, I had thought of taking your sailboat for myself." Seeing Shi Feng board his sailboat, Identical Summer looked to the fifteen cloaked players around him and said, "Get rid of him. Everyone else, collect the sailboat."

Nodding, these fifteen cloaked players slowly approached Shi Feng.

Although these fifteen players' footsteps were casual, their positioning was far from it as they had sealed off Shi Feng's path of retreat.

“Brat, you really are unlucky to have crossed us. But don’t you worry. We won’t come at you together.” At this moment, a man that was as robust as an ox stepped away from the formation and said, “I’ll be your opponent now.”

As soon as this man said so, he threw off his Black Cloak and revealed his steel-like muscles and the two short swords hanging from his waist. Both swords bore a delicate flame engraving, the marks giving off a light blue flame. The weapons were clearly a pair.

Although the robust man’s figure was abnormal for his Assassin class, when everyone present saw this man’s face and game ID, they realized that it was only natural.

“Why is Mad Beast here?” Passing Monarch was surprised when he saw the robust Assassin.

The Assassin’s name was Residual Innocence. Although not many people were familiar with this name, the Assassin had another name that was famous throughout Sea’s End—Mad Beast.

Mad Beast was known as one of the top five Assassin experts in Sea’s End. Aside from his robust form, Residual Innocence had earned the title Mad Beast in Sea’s End due to a fight in which he had overwhelmed the seventh-rank Berserker with his Strength alone.

Mad Beast was not a Guild player, but an independent player. He was also a member of the House of Seas, the number one adventurer team in Sea’s End.

There were countless adventurer teams in Sea’s End, yet the House of Seas had been publicly acknowledged as the number one adventurer team in the area. Not only did the adventurer team possess many experts, but it also operated several popular Shops.

Passing Monarch and his fleet members weren’t the only ones surprised. Hundred Leaves and the others hadn’t expected to see Mad Beast, either.

They had never imagined that Identical Summer would join hands with the House of Seas.

“This makes things a bit tricky. If Identical Summer has joined hands with the House of Seas, it could cause some trouble for our plans to take over the Freedom Alliance,” the cloaked woman from the Sacred Temple said, frowning.

Although the House of Seas was merely an adventurer team, it was backed by an extraordinary power. During the Sacred Temple’s investigation, it discovered that the House of Seas had secured the support of a certain major corporation from overseas. If the Sacred Temple wanted a hand in the Freedom Alliance’s First Fleet, it would likely have to compete with that corporation in the future.

“The Freedom Alliance’s top-ranked fleet commanders cannot be underestimated. Let’s get ready. We cannot let Identical Summer monopolize the loot,” Hundred Leaves said, smiling.

Originally, she had worried that Identical Summer would not be a match for Shi Feng. However, it would seem that both sides were equally matched. It was likely that they would enter a stalemate. If that happened, she would have a golden opportunity to rake in a fortune.

However, as Hundred Leaves considered such thoughts, Shi Feng exploded into action.

Instant Strike!

In the blink of an eye, Shi Feng appeared before Mad Beast and executed Sword's Orbit.

Instant Strike increased his Attack Speed by 500% and damage by 400%. Even someone like Mad Beast was caught off guard. Before the Assassin could even activate Vanish, Shi Feng's sword bit into him.

Only after Shi Feng's second slash descended did he successfully activate Vanish. However, it was too late.

-39,486!

A terrifying damage devoured all of Mad Beast's 30,000 HP.

Even after his death, Mad Beast could not figure out how a normal attack had taken his life.

"How is he so fast?!" Mad Beast's companions suddenly wore serious expressions.

Mad Beast had literally died in the blink of an eye.

This had to be a joke.

Mad Beast could rank third among their group of fifteen. Although there were players who could defeat Mad Beast in Sea's End, his survivability was incredible due to his Assassin class. If he focused on escape, very few could kill him. There wasn't even one expert in Sea's End who could kill him instantly.

Yet, now...

"Mad Beast lost?! This can't be possible!"

Identical Summer's eyes nearly fell from their sockets when he saw this. While he had considered the possibility of Shi Feng defeating Mad Beast, he had never expected Mad Beast to die instantly.

"Who is that man?" Hundred Leaves was stunned as she stared at Mad Beast's lifeless body.

Based on her investigation, Mad Beast was a Flowing Water Realm expert. Although he was no match for her guard, Scorpion, he wasn't an easy target.

"Who's next?" Shi Feng licked his lips as he glanced at the remaining experts from the House of Seas.

1229 – Glory and Collapse

Shi Feng's taunt instantly enraged his enemies.

However, due to Shi Feng's frightening performance and chilling killing intent, nobody dared to rush at him casually, either.

"We've got ourselves a tough one. Melees, distract him! Ranged players, assist from the sides! I refuse to believe that we can't take him down!" a thin Elementalist behind the group shouted.

The heavy pressure these players felt from Shi Feng vanished the moment the Elementalist finished speaking.

Five melee players then charged at Shi Feng.

A Guardian Knight used Justice Roar. A Berserker used Flame Slash; a Shield Warrior used Shield Bash; a Swordsman used Wind Blade, and an Assassin used Stealth and circled to Shi Feng's back.

All five were Level 43 and equipped with Dark-Gold Weapons and Equipment. In terms of weapons and equipment, they were not the least bit inferior to Mad Beast. Moreover, these five had excellent coordination. While the Guardian Knight and Shield Warrior were distracting Shi Feng, the other three launched attacks from Shi Feng's blind spots. Even peak experts would have to retreat temporarily in the face of such an attack. After all, if hit, Shi Feng would definitely be at a disadvantage.

At the same time, the slim Elementalist waved his staff and double cast, sealing off Shi Feng's only path of retreat with an Ice Wall as well as sending five Great Fireballs following the Guardian Knight and Shield Warrior.

Amazing! Identical Summer was inwardly impressed by the timing and execution the House of Seas' experts displayed.

Whether Shi Feng tried to run or fight after repelling the Guardian Knight and Shield Warrior, the five Great Fireballs would strike the instant he pushed the two MTs back.

If Identical Summer had to face such a well-planned assault, he would die.

Contrary to expectation, however, Shi Feng smiled as the five melee players moved towards him. Immediately, he used Silent Steps and vanished. He reappeared behind the slim Elementalist and swung down his sword.

Dang!

However, before Shi Feng's Killing Ray could strike the Elementalist, a layer of ice stopped it in mid-swing.

Impressive reaction time.

The Ice Barrier before him surprised Shi Feng slightly. He would not underestimate Mad Beast and the other House of Seas' experts. Otherwise, he wouldn't have used Instant Strike right from the start.

The House of Seas had been one of the six major maritime trading firms in the past. The wealth it amassed was unimaginable. Meanwhile, To grow one's business to such an extent, one first needed enough strength to protect it.

In fact, Mad Beast and the others represented the House of Seas' strength. They were all incredibly strong, and every one had been an apex expert that had reached Tier 5. Even on land, the House of Seas had been strong enough to challenge Super Guilds.

After Shi Feng's attack met the Elementalist's Ice Barrier, the other House of Seas members reacted and bombarded Shi Feng with attacks.

Dozens of arrows and Spells flew at Shi Feng, giving the Swordsman no other choice but to retreat momentarily.

“Be careful. This bastard has quite a few Instantaneous Movement Skills,” the Elementalist warned his companions. “Don’t hold back.”

If not for Shi Feng’s previous display against Mad Beast, even he would have been slow to react.

He was second-in-command in the House of Seas, nicknamed the Frost Saint. He had also been born with faster reactions than most ordinary people.

Even so, Shi Feng had nearly caught him off guard and killed him. This proved that Shi Feng’s Basic Attributes and combat standards were extraordinary.

“I really never imagined that we would one day meet an opponent that could force all of us to activate our Berserk Skills and work together.” The Shield Warrior sighed as he looked at Shi Feng, who remained unharmed. However, he did not take the situation lightly as he activated his Berserk Skill. Immediately, his HP doubled, soaring past the 70,000-threshold. His Strength and Agility Attributes had also improved significantly.

Charge!

“This guy’s too nimble! I’ll try to restrain him!” a distant Ranger announced as he took five silver arrows from his bag.

“Savage, you’re so generous!” the Shield Warrior chuckled as he glanced at the silver arrows.

The Ranger named Savage treasured these silver arrows, each worth 10 Gold Coins. Crafting the arrows required many rare materials. Aside from dealing with Grand Lords, he had never seen Savage use the arrows on anything.

Just one of those silver arrows packed enough power to injure a Grand Lord, not to mention five of them.

Even if he activated a Lifesaving Skill, he couldn’t avoid the Ranger’s treasures.

“He should be proud to die under my arrows,” Savage boasted as he activated his Berserk Skill and released his bowstring.

Xiu!

All five silver arrows flew towards Shi Feng simultaneously.

As the silver arrows sliced through the air, they twisted the space around them.

Gravity Arrows? Shi Feng frowned when he saw the incoming arrows. Originally, he had intended to preserve some of his Skills, but he scrapped that idea. Without hesitation, he activated Thunder God’s Descent, increasing his Movement Speed and Attack Speed 150%, damage by 50%, and decreasing all damage received by 50% for 30 seconds.

He then charged straight at the Shield Warrior and five Gravity Arrows.

As Shi tightened his grips on his two swords and brandished them, starlight sparkled around him.

Sword's Orbit!

Peng... Peng... Peng...

Shi Feng's blades repulsed the Shield Warrior instantly, forcing the man to take several steps back. As for Shi Feng himself, he was knocked back by roughly eight yards, his blades emitting a low hum.

"He blocked them!?" Savage's mouth twitched.

Sure enough, fighting so many Refinement Realm and above experts is taxing. Shi Feng revealed a bitter smile as he glanced at his trembling hands.

He had lost 10,000 HP when he had blocked the five Gravity Arrows. Without Thunder God's Descent, he would've lost double that. He only had around 10,000 HP remaining.

Normally, killing any one of these players in a one-on-one would be a piece of cake with his level, weapons, and equipment.

However, even he couldn't end this battle in a short time with these fourteen players working together. His best option was a battle of attrition, slowly wearing down his opposition. Unfortunately, it was obvious that he didn't have that luxury.

Currently, Identical Summer's men had already begun to clash with Passing Monarch and the others. It was only a matter of time before so many enemies annihilated Passing Monarch and his fleet.

It seems that I don't have the option of holding back any longer. Shi Feng sighed. He then activated Heavenly Dragon's Power.

He had yet to reach the legacy island. Nobody knew what would happen once they docked. In addition to the time limit, Shi Feng had wanted to conserve some of his strength in case of emergency.

However, now that the House of Seas experts had already their Berserk Skills, he had lost his advantage of higher Basic Attributes.

The slim Elementalist felt a chill crawl down his spine when he saw this situation. He immediately shouted, "Careful. He has used his Berserk Skill."

"Damn it! How is he so strong?! Frost, find an opportunity to use a Tier 3 Magic Scroll!"

"We'll pay for this trade."

The House of Seas' members wore serious expressions. They glared at Shi Feng as if he were their greatest enemy, focusing on the Swordman's every move.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng no longer held back.

Wind Rider!

In the blink of an eye, Shi Feng appeared before the slim Elementalist, who had been 16 yards away. He swung down his sword.

It was a simple and straightforward slash.

However, despite such a simple attack, the Elementalist couldn't dodge in time. He was forced to use Blink, instantly appearing 15 yards away.

Too close! Although Shi Feng's sudden appearance had shaken the slim Elementalist, he had use Blink in time. With this, Shi Feng couldn't close in on him again so easily.

"Be careful!"

As the Elementalist refocused his attention on Shi Feng, he heard his companion's warning. Unfortunately, the warning came too late as Shi Feng already stood before him...

The upgraded Wind Rider increased Shi Feng's Movement Speed by 300%. With the Movement Speed and Agility buff from the Aura of Wind, Shi Feng could easily cross a dozen yards or so in the blink of an eye. His speed might not be comparable to Blink or Instantaneous Movement, but in such close quarters, he was not very far behind.

How?!

Although the Elementalist tried to retaliate, Killing Ray had already sliced open his neck, draining all of his HP.

1230 – Horrific Difference

"So fast!"

Everyone on the sailboat glared at Shi Feng as if he were a powerful enemy.

Despite Shi Feng being alone and having less than 25% of his total HP, they somehow felt as if they were at a disadvantage.

However, Shi Feng did not plan to give the crowd around him time to react. Advancing, he dashed towards his next target.

"Everyone, attack! Do not let him leave here alive!" Identical Summer shouted.

"Summer, if everyone attacks him, who will deal with Passing Monarch's fleet?" Heavenly Spider asked as he watched their fleet members currently engage Passing Monarch's fleet.

"Ignore them! This brat is our most important target!" Identical Summer snapped, rolling his eyes at Heavenly Spider. Passing Monarch was but a fish on a chopping block. Shi Feng was different. If they didn't stop him quickly, his frightening combat power would cost them dearly.

Under Identical Summer's command, his fleet members shifted their focus to Shi Feng. Only a small number of players remained to distract Passing Monarch and the other Third Fleet members.

Identical Summer's assumptions were correct. Even a peak expert would be hard-pressed to avoid every attack if surrounded by plate armor classes and over a hundred melee players. More melee players waited on the side as well, waiting for an opportunity to strike. Even an Assassin with high survivability would not escape death.

Unfortunately, Shi Feng wasn't what they expected. With Wind Rider's Movement Speed increase, it would be very difficult for ranged classes to get a lock on the Swordsman. Moreover, Shi Feng's range wasn't limited to the ship's deck. He could also fly through the air. He could easily throw off his opponents and dodge attacks with abrupt turns and stops mid-air.

Furthermore, fighting on the Small Sailboat was convenient for Shi Feng. In the cramped space, he didn't need to chase his enemies. He could easily arrive before another player with a few steps.

Shi Feng slaughtered one player after another. Every time he swung one of his swords, one of Identical Summer's fleet would lose their life. The Shield Warriors with over 35,000 HP were no exception.

There was already a massive gap between their levels. After Shi Feng activated Heavenly Dragon's Power, his Strength had also increased by 150%. In addition, he had Angry Tyrant's Passive Skill, Blood Frenzy, which increased his Strength by another 20%, Attack Speed by 30%, and reduced damage received by 20% when his HP was below 50%.

He could even kill Shield Warriors with high HP and Defense instantly if the latter did not activate Shield Wall in time.

In ten short seconds, Shi Feng had killed eleven people, yet his HP had not decreased. Rather, it had begun to recover...

Heavenly Dragon's Power increased his HP by 500% and Defense by 300%. This put his maximum HP at over 210,000. With his battle recovery, he could regenerate 1% of his HP every five seconds. When normal arrows struck, Shi Feng only took around -400 damage. In the case of Frost Arrows or Fireballs, due to Shi Feng's high Magic Resistance, they dealt even less, with each attack dealing around -200 to -300 damage...

During the ten seconds of combat, Shi Feng had been struck three times.

However, these three hits had been extremely expensive. Each attack had cost the House of Seas a Refinement Realm expert...

How is this possible!? How is his HP increasing without a healer?! Identical Summer felt his skin grow cold as he watched Shi Feng eliminate his fleet members. What kind of monster is he?!

Every member of his fleet that he had brought with him to the secret land was an expert, yet against Shi Feng's blades, they were no little more than thin sheets of paper.

"This transaction has cost us. Morning, help me pin that guy down! I'll use the Space Shattering Arrow to finish him off!" the Ranger named Savage whispered to the Guardian Knight before him. "One second. I just need him to stay still for one second!"

“One second?” The Guardian Knight, First Morning, hesitated. He could hold down any other expert for ten seconds easily, much less one. However, Shi Feng was simply too strong. Even with his Berserk Skill, he was not confident in holding Shi Feng down for that long. “I’ll give it a try.”

Savage did not say anything in response. Instead, he retrieved a crimson arrow from his bag, removing the seal placed upon it.

The Ranger class wasn’t like other classes. Aside from the player’s Attributes and bow, their arrows played a major role in how much damage they dealt. With a powerful arrow, a Ranger could even display several times more combat power than usual.

“I refuse to believe that you can block this Space Shattering Arrow.” Savage smiled confidently after removing the seal.

The Space Shattering Arrow was not a craftable item. Rather, he had obtained it from an ancient ruin. It was the strongest arrow he had ever seen. As soon as he removed the seal, the arrow exuded a pressure on par with that of a Great Lord. Even injuring a Grand Lord wouldn’t be an issue with his bow’s effects.

“Savage, now!” First Morning shouted. The instant he noticed Shi Feng kill one of his companions, he launched himself forward and tackled the Swordsman. Even if Shi Feng used a Control Removal Skill, there was no escape. Shi Feng could only break free with brute force.

“Nice job!” Savage released the Space Shattering Arrow.

Xiu!

The crimson arrow flew towards Shi Feng; space itself cracked as the arrow passed. Even a Tier 4 Skill paled in comparison to the Space Shattering Arrow’s power.

Shi Feng’s expression darkened when he noticed the rapidly-approaching crimson arrow. If he were struck, even with Heavenly Dragon’s Power active, he would sustain heavy injuries.

Shi Feng took a deep breath and used Dragon Breath on the arrow.

A silver beam of light clashed with the Space Shattering Arrow.

Unfortunately, Dragon Breath had only delayed it for a brief moment before the Space Shattering Arrow shattered the counterattack.

However, the brief moment was just enough time for Shi Feng to break free from First Morning’s hold. Almost instinctively, he executed a complicated, mystical footwork technique before vanishing.

Void Steps!

“He disappeared?!”

First Morning cried out in confusion. Although he searched for Shi Feng, the Space Shattering Arrow had already pierced his heavy armor. Not only had the arrow killed the Guardian Knight instantly, but it had also punched a hole in the Small Sailboat.

“How is this possible?!” Savage couldn’t believe his eyes.

The Space Shattering Arrow was extremely fast. While Shi Feng's speed was frightening, he shouldn't be able to dodge the arrow, yet.... Shi Feng had used Dragon Breath to stop the Space Shattering Arrow temporarily. He had then used the brief delay to break free from First Morning's hold and dodge the Ranger's attack.

This was the first time he had ever seen such a fine, bold strategy.

"Where is he?" Identical Summer muttered in confusion. Even after searching the deck, he didn't catch a glimpse of Shi Feng.

However, after Identical Summer had finished his three words, a blue longsword emerged from his chest.

"You..." Identical Summer tried to turn his head. Before he had noticed, Shi Feng had stood right behind him. Although he couldn't see Shi Feng's appearance due to the Black Cloak, he could somehow tell that Shi Feng had flashed him a ridiculing smile.

All this time, he had thought himself the hunter, but in reality, he was the prey.

Only after Identical Summer's HP reached zero did he finally realize that he had fallen into a monster's den without knowing it.

Identical Summer's death had frozen every member of his fleet in shock.

Despite an assault from so many people at once, not only hadn't Shi Feng's HP dropped in the slightest, but the man had also taken their commander's life. How were they supposed to defeat such a monster?

"Retreat!"

No one knew who had shouted this word, but everyone instinctively followed the command.

"You want to escape? Do you think it'll be that easy?"

Following which, Shi Feng raised Killing Ray high and activated Lightning Edge against the fleeing players.

As Lightning Edge had a 0.5-second channeling time, it had limited effects against expert players. As he had previously stood in the center of the deck, he wouldn't have been able to hit as many players. Now, however, he stood at the tip of the stern. Lightning Edge's range was more than enough to cover the entire Small Sailboat. In addition, as these players turned their backs to him and fled, they had lowered their guard against the attack.

Countless arcs of lightning shot forth from Killing Ray. Although some experts reacted quickly and dodged in time, over half of the team, consisting of over a hundred players, died instantly. As for those who survived the attack, they had already jumped ship.

"Let's go!"

After Identical Summer, the Small Sailboat's captain, had died, Shi Feng smiled in satisfaction. Now, even without Identical Summer's permission, any player could simply steer the sailboat away. Following which, Shi Feng sailed towards the legacy island. As for Passing Monarch and the others, they followed closely after on the One-horned Sailboat and Swift Dragon Sailboat.

Only now did Silent Entropy's fleet arrive.

"Commander, are we going to chase after them?" an indifferent man in blue mage robes asked as the fleet commander.

"Forget it. The battle is over. If we fight that person, we'll likely let that little girl take advantage of us. Let's head back and finish off the Magic Whale." Silent Entropy shook his head as he watched the distant Shi Feng.