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Void Ocean, Captivity Island.

The huge sea creatures cried shrilly, as the entire island was covered with them. They were of various colors and surrounded the periphery of the lonely island.

The Sea King was inside the stone castle on Captivity Island, staring at the mural on the castle wall with a serious expression.

He was certain that this was where the signal came from. Yet, he could not find the being that sent the signal, even after searching the entire island.

To his great surprise, these murals actually recorded the past of the Void Ocean's peak of civilization, the Mu Tehai Nation.

The Sea King scanned the mural briefly, before finally laying his eyes on the blurry figure that he was worshipping.

“Mu Zhiguang!”

As the heir to the throne of the Mu Tehai Nation, how could he be unfamiliar with the nation's savior? In the end, he was also the one who passed the throne to him.

However, these were all done against his own will, as it was the aspiration of the nation's people. Thus, he had no choice but to heed their wishes.

This was ultimately the reason that he chose to betray the Mu Tehai Nation and establish new forces by the Void Ocean. His armies greatly increased in strength after the fall of the Mu Tehai Nation, which made him the Sea King that he was now.

These murals made the Sea King recall certain memories.

However, he was confused about something. A person who was not a descendant of the Mu Tehai clan would not have the ability to use their unique communication method. Logically speaking, the descendants of the Mu Tehai Nation should have all been turned into zombie ghosts, except for Mu Zhiguang, who had disappeared. Why did it appear again?

“Is Mu Zhiguang back?” the Sea King’s expression froze suddenly, and his heart could not help but tremble in fear at the speculation.

He knew how powerful the guy who owned the Power of Death was. His powers were godly, and if he went berserk, his power could rival a god’s power. Except for the Guardian Spirit Tao Wu who slept seabed all year long, no one else in the entire Void Ocean could go against him.

However, the Sea King thought that his theory was quite ridiculous.

That person actually traveled to the abyss of the sea to avenge his clansmen, and fought against the Dead Clan alone. Hence, he should have died long ago, and it would be impossible for him to return.

The Sea King took a deep breath to calm his troubled mind. Then, he simply turned around and promptly left.

However, the Sea King did consider the armies’ expedition this time. He could not afford to be sloppy when dealing with the matters of the Mu Tehai Nation. However, since he did not obtain any results from his investigation, he did not want to travel in vain. He jumped onto the giant whale and let out a deafening howl.

“Debt collection, to the Liuli Coast!”

Following that, the huge army of sea creatures turned around and headed for the Liuli Coast, preparing to find Cha Na and ask for Yin souls.

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At the Liuli Coast...

Under the dazzling sunlight, the sea breeze was blowing gently. Meanwhile, the sound of waves crashing on the beach, was intertwined with the noisy cries of the seagulls. Everything in front of them was filled with tranquil beauty.

Many leisure players even put up parasols and basked in the sun, as they drank freshly squeezed fruit juice and enjoyed a wonderful holiday life.

Just then, the distant sea suddenly set off a gigantic wave, which rose continuously as it traveled toward the coast.

Countless figures of sea beasts could be seen emerging from the huge wave. The Sea King's army was storming toward the coast menacingly.

The players who witnessed the scene on the coast were absolutely shocked.

However, the players had experiences in dealing with an invasion. This time, they managed to summon other players efficiently. Some had gone to the forum, some entered the live streaming channels, while some others started to announce on the regional channel.

Soon, a large number of players had learned about the news of the invasion at the Liuli Coast. The major guilds began to convene manpower and swarmed toward there as well.

Similarly, Lu Wu and Bei Li found out about the Sea King's invasion and immediately directed their gaze to the Liuli Coast.

"Cha Na!" the Sea King screamed, as soon as he approached the shoreline.

This all-rounding group attack caused the words 'Blood loss' to appear in red above the heads of all the players on the coast.

Players who were familiar with the Sea King's loud voice as he approached, quickly retreated and started waiting for support.

The Sea King's roar echoed through the air again.

The Sea King was rather confused when he got closer.

He had already screamed three times, yet Cha Na had not shown up. Could he be hiding?

The Sea King did not understand what was going on. Then, he leaped from the back of the giant whale and headed toward Cha Na's mansion.

When he reached Cha Na's Ghost King Palace, the Sea King was completely astounded by the scene that greeted him.

In front of Cha Na's Ghost King Palace, there was a wooden sculpture erected at its door. It was molded in the shape of Cha Na lying on the ground and sticking out his tongue to lick a pile of feces.

Most importantly, Cha Na's expression on the wooden sculpture looked extremely happy.

The Sea King was dumbfounded, and was confused about what was going on. Could it be that Cha Na had this kind of hobby?

As the Sea King was deep in his thoughts, countless silhouettes suddenly appeared around him. They were all carrying weapons and approaching him slowly, step by step.

“Where is Cha Na?” the Sea King frowned.

“He is dead!” Wu Guoyi who was at the front, answered without hesitation.

“Dead?” the Sea King was stunned momentarily. As he glanced at the wooden sculpture again, he began to believe that it was true.

“How did he die?”

“He was beaten up and killed by us, in a ruthless way,” said a player at the back.

“Then, who is in charge of Liuli District now?”

“It would be us, of course!” the players said in complete unison.

The Sea King spread his hands apart and said, “I don’t care who’s in charge of this place. Since Cha Na is dead, you shall be the ones to pay his debts for him! The total amount is 200,000 Yin souls, when will you pay the money?”

“Are you crazy, 200,000 soul coins? Fuck you! Where is the Second Commander, bring out the Italian Artillery, I’m going to blow him up!”

“200,000 soul coins? That’s just worse than a daylight robbery! You’re as greedy as Tao Wu!”

“Where is Tong Gua? Call him over here and give him a double-wing rapid face slap warning. He should know better!”

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The players started avidly discussing among themselves, while the Sea King’s expression started to darken.

“Does this mean all of you don’t plan to pay the money?”

“Of course, we will, but can we pay with installments?” Wu Guoyi took a step forward and said with a smile.

“Installments?” the Sea King was dumbfounded, it was his first time hearing this word.

“How does an installment work?”

"We'll give you a single soul coin every year. Since the debt is 200,000 soul coins, we'll be able to settle the debt in 200,000 years."

The players burst out laughing when they heard Wu Guoyi's words, while the Sea King's face turned red with fury.

"This means that you want to be my enemy now," said the Sea King with a condescending sneer.

When the players heard him, they tightly gripped their weapons, preparing for an oncoming battle.

Just as a battle was about to break out, a figure walked through the crowd, stepping with the tip of his feet inward. He took a look at Cha Na's sculpture first and froze for a few seconds. Then, he looked at the Sea King.

"Hello... Lord Sea King, what brings you here to the Liuli Coast?"

It was Tong Gua who showed up.

At this point, he had been digitized. He knew that he had an immortal body, so he greeted the Sea King calmly.

"Tong Gua?" the contempt on the Sea King's expression started to fade.

He had heard about the prestigious Tong Gua, he was the strongest Ghost King in the Land of Beiqi besides the King of Beiqi himself. His strength cannot be underestimated, it would not be any weaker than himself.

The Sea King would have no qualms about bullying Cha Na, the Ghost General. However, he would really need to consider the risks if his opponent was Tong Gua.

"Lord Sea King, how did you have the time to visit Beiqi? Did you miss our King of Beiqi?" Tong Gua waltzed to the front of the player with an in-toeing gait.

The Sea King's expression darkened when he heard Tong Gua mention the King of Beiqi. After all, it was no secret in Beiqi that he was insulted by the King of Beiqi before.

"Tong Gua, what are you trying to say!?"

"Nothing. To tell you the truth, Cha Na had always been an eyesore to me, so I killed him a few days ago. Now, Liuli District belongs to me. You have no opinion on this, do you?"

"Yours?"

The Sea King was surprised, but he also had an epiphany. For Tong Gua, murdering Cha Na would be an easy task.

“That’s right, it’s my territory now. Lord Sea King would not think of asking me for Yin souls, would you?”

The Sea King’s expression seemed troubled after hearing the news.

Although he had the confidence to defeat Tong Gua, both of them possessed the greatest strength of a Ghost King. Even if he won, he would have to pay a heavy price. However, it would be embarrassing if he simply left.

Meanwhile, Lu Wu and Bei Li were watching this scene intently. They broke into a cold sweat for Tong Gua, who was simply pretending, as they were afraid that his act would be exposed.

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“We can’t just forget about it, it’s been a long time since I have encountered an evenly matched opponent. Now that I’ve met you, I must grab the opportunity.”

The Sea King then pointed his finger toward the coast, “Let’s do it by the coast, since it would be inconvenient to fight in your territory.”

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"Sure, next time," Tong Gua replied calmly.

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"Ah!"

As the Sea King made his landing, he created a massive crater on the ground. Tong Gua, who was standing by the side, lost his balance and fell onto the ground.

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Tong Gua’s explanation made the players around cover their faces in shame again. Did the Big Goose think that the Sea King was an idiot?

The Sea King seemed unconvinced. In order to confirm it, he reached out and grabbed Tong Gua. Tong Gua simply could not resist the overwhelming force and was sucked into the sky.

“You really did lose them. Tong Gua, how did you actually end up like this?”

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The Sea King waved his arm, causing the seawater by the coast to condense and form a huge wave, as the entire sea creature army retreated from the coast.

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Chapter 135: Return To Origin

The silhouettes of Tong Gua and the Sea King continuously clashed at one another as they fought in the sky.

Tong Gua was filled with satisfaction and excitement, feeling as though he had come back to life again.

Fighting others is very satisfying and exciting, after all!

However, the Sea King, who was being beaten up, felt as though his bones were about to break.

He had tried to retaliate, but even a powerful Ghost King like him was no match for Tong Gua, who was halfway through his Ghost Emperor class. Both of their powers were on different levels, so he could not defend himself against Tong Gua’s attacks.

When the Sea King was about to use his strongest attack and summon the Sea Spirit, Tong Gua suddenly stopped attacking him.

After that, his body suddenly absorbed the green energy. As he floated midair with his legs crossed and his eyes tightly shut, his body slowly began to drift downwards.

“Tong Gua’s Ultimate Attack, Return to Origin!”

As Tong Gua’s body was descending from the sky, a drop of sweat fell from his forehead, while his heart pounded endlessly.

Hearing that it was an Ultimate Attack, the Sea King was extremely shocked as he originally wanted to use his as well. He seized the opportunity and dodged sideways, feeling toward the horizon.

“Sea King Army! Retreat!”

At that moment, Tong Gua sneakily peered at him with one eye.

Seeing that the Sea King was retreating in fear, Tong Gua's arrogance was ignited again.

"Little Sea King, don't run away! Wait for me to focus my power and face my Ultimate Attack!"

The Sea King did not even turn his head when he heard this. He flew even faster and instantly disappeared into the horizon.

The Sea King Army below was overcome by fear when they saw their King running away. The soldiers desperately forced their sea beasts to hurry, as they followed after the Sea King.

"Splash! Glug!"

Tong Gua suddenly fell into the water. As his body slowly sank into the depths, bubbles of air broke through the water surface...

Other players held their breaths in silence...

A second later, Tong Gua's head resurfaced above the water, frantically flapping his wings against the water's surface.

"Help me! I don't know how to swim, someone quickly please help me!"

Looking at Tong Gua struggling in the sea, the other players that were watching the live stream covered their faces simultaneously, as they all had a similar thought.

This was so embarrassing!

For the players on the coast, they seemed speechless. After exchanging quick glances with each other, they went their separate ways, leaving behind the flailing Tong Gua as the sun set.

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The threat of the Sea King's attack was neutralized, leaving Lu Wu and Bei Li at a loss for words.

However, they had witnessed Tong Gua's pretending skills before. Thus, they could not help but feel relieved. Judging by the current level of the players' ability, it was too early for them to try and defeat the Sea King.

However, the Sea King's appearance instilled a strong feeling of danger in them. Thus, they fervently discussed the methods to develop Oceanic Power in the forum.

As soon as the battle ended, a certain fan professionally brought up the First Law of the game on the forum.

[The Law of Unpredictable Pretense].

In this post, the professional gamer used Ye Chen and Tong Gua as examples in his detailed analysis, before ultimately arriving at this conclusion.

Unpredictable chance = Pretense!

When one looked at Ye Chen's successes, one could learn something from it. If the time was right, then it would be the time to put on an act.

In no time at all, the Law of Unpredictable Pretense gained immense popularity on the forum.

This type of post was even acknowledged by many other gamers. Someone even went so far as to create a Society of The Mystery of Unpredictable Pretense and spent all day discussing the feasibility of this unpredictability.

Apart from those people with nothing to do, there was another pinned thread that caught Lu Wu's attention.

[Today, I Found Something Unbelievable].

The original poster of the forum thread was a current student. In the morning, he was at the dojo busy practicing Taekwondo with his roommates.

At the time, one of my friends got into a conflict with another Taekwondo student, and they actually prepared to fight it out for real.

Then, my friend was beaten soundly. (Didn't know whether to cry or laugh, honestly!)

However, when I was watching them fight, no matter what was happening, I still felt that their fighting techniques were really weak (perhaps I have this feeling because I have seen many pro-gamers' live streams). Something suddenly came over me and I was about to help avenge my friend (when I entered the fight, I did feel a bit guilty).

I had never fought before and I was not good at fighting. However, since I had already made up my mind, what else could I do? All I could think of were the player killing skills I had learned from the forum, as well as how to use the skills in the game.

In the beginning, I was kicked twice by that rascal and soon lost my advantage. This made me really mad and I was going to give it my all. So, I used the Assassin's Shadow Steps and dodged his attacks. After that, the rascal couldn't even land a kick on me, I was running circles around him.

You guys may not believe what I saw, but I really beat that guy using that method! (I tired him out!)

On the way home, my friends kept looking oddly at me. (Ha ha!)

But after finishing the fight, there was one thing on my mind. It seemed that although we cannot truly use the skills from the game in real life, these battle skills could still be useful.

Just like the Assassin's Special Skill, Shadow Step.

In the game, if this special skill was used, the player's avatar would suddenly become light as a feather. Their steps and movements would be untraceable.

But if used in real-life situations, even though the full effects of the ability might be absent, the nimble footwork would enable one to become extremely agile during fights. This fighting method of retreating in order to advance was really useful.

If you don't believe me, maybe you should put it to the test for real.

(If you get beaten up by others, please don't come after me!)

The appearance of this post instantly garnered great attention from the gamers.

Crayon_Shinchan: "If the original poster has any conscience, can you please come and pay my hospital bill, I'm at the hospital watching TV right now. (Amused Face)"

Strike_Gold: "It's not unusual, this sort of game is made very realistically. If you usually spend a lot of time fighting outdoors, I guarantee you that in real life, your fighting ability will become stronger."

Peppa_Boar: "You're making a fuss out of nothing, haven't you noticed that a lot of pro-gamers are skilled fighters in real-life? If their real-life fighting skills can be adapted into gameplay, then naturally, you can do it too. Of course, this doesn't apply to casting skills. (Amused Face)"

Xueli_The_Strongest: "Come on~ As a Xueli with more than two months of gaming under my belt, I have actually gotten a lot stronger in real life, too. I'm going to try out my skills on my boyfriend tonight. Hehe~"

Broke_Trash: "I feel that everyone has gone off-topic here, the example that he brought up was the use of Shadow Steps. In other words, this sort of ability from the game can be merged with reality. (Apart from casting abilities)"

A_Mammoth: "I can only say that the game is made with great care and detail, but this isn't unusual. For the old Wuxia Adventure games, the characters' skills were all based on real-time recording inputs of real Wushu exponents."

Taoist_Zombie_Hunter: "This game has many easter eggs and hidden opportunities, it's also intertwined with real life. It depends on your luck, whether you can get one or not. I managed to uncover an easter egg using my real-life inside knowledge. How lovely~ That's it for now, I found a treasure in the Nightmare Zone and I'm preparing to search for it!"

Crayon_Shinchan in reply to Taoist_Zombie_Hunter: "OMG, you're the corpse that obtained that easterEgg? Quick, send me your attributes chart, or I'll report you to the police!"

Taoist_Zombie_Hunter: "Mr. Big Troll, if you mess with me again, believe me, I will dig your ancestral grave (Amused Face)"

Crayon_Shinchan in reply to Taoist_Zombie_Hunter: "So fierce!"

Taoist_Zombie_Hunter in reply to Crayon_Shinchan: "Do not disturb! I'm in the process of digging up graves! Once the player vs player arena opens I'm gonna be famous!"

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Lu Wu briefly kept an eye on the gamers' discussion about the possibility of using in-game skills in real life, but he felt that no trouble would arise.

According to what Bei Li had said, although the gamers could use a similar type of these skills in real life, they lacked cultivation. Thus, it was impossible for them to use the skills that actually required cultivation.

Most importantly, they were not cultivators. Hence, other than just the shape of those skills, they were clueless about the energy channeling that was needed during the usage of skills. Thus, using them perfectly was impossible.

Chapter 136: The Big Treasure

Beiqi, Nightmare Zone.

A silhouette was loitering suspiciously near Nightmare City, with iron shovels in both hands and a gunny sack tied on his waist.

After circling Nightmare City once, Hu He took a compass from his pocket. It was made according to the instructions in the ancient records. He glanced at it for a while, before stretching his hand behind and waving at something.

Something sickly thin appeared from behind him. However, the head of the deformed creature was exceptionally large. It immediately walked forward and took the iron shovels from Hu He's hands. Then, it vigorously dug at the side of the city wall.

From the zombie-finding compass, Hu He could tell that there was definitely a corpse of an immensely strong person within Nightmare City. Its Zombie Energy Value was so strong, its strength greatly outweighed Cha Na's. Hu He's power would definitely increase tremendously if he obtained it.

Although he had thought of entering through the city gates, a Zombie Poison Formation had been placed at the city gates. He barged in twice, but his attempts were futile. The only solution left was for Hu He to find another way.

With the help of the zombie spirit of Cha Na's immense power, a tunnel through the city wall was soon created.

Hu He glanced at the hole, and checked the Zombie Energy Value shown on the compass again, before going through the tunnel.

After entering it, Hu He was surprised when he found that the sky of Nightmare City had numerous coffins floating in the air. Each coffin was tied together by a connecting rope, while the entire city seemed completely empty. Furthermore, the doors of all the large buildings were closed, while pieces of burnt golden paper were strewn all over the streets.

Although this was a terrible sight to behold, Hu He had already prepared himself mentally for it. Thus, without panicking, he brought out his compass again, and began to search for the source of zombie energy in the city.

After determining the location, Hu He hunched forward and began making his way to the center of the city.

As he was walking, he began to feel a little chilly. It felt as though a gust of evil wind was blowing around him, as pieces of the golden paper on the ground fluttered about in the air. The floating coffins shook slightly from the blowing wind, creaking noisily as wood came and brushed against each other.

Hu He shivered slightly, he felt that the place was too bizarre.

However, it did not affect his desire for the powerful corpse, as he continued onward with quickened steps.

After an entire journey on edge, he finally arrived at the central zone. A gigantic blood-red coffin caught his eye, as his digitized compass dinged repeatedly, indicating that the zombie energy was off the charts.

“This is a big treasure!” Hu He’s eyes glowed brightly.

However, he did not open the coffin immediately. Instead, he walked around the blood coffin twice, and made Cha Na’s zombie spirit touch it several times, to ensure that there was no danger before approaching it.

As he stood next to the blood coffin, he patted the gunny sack and summoned three Zombie Skeleton Warriors from it. Then, Hu He pointed a finger at the blood-red coffin and said...

“Open it!”

Upon hearing the command, the Zombie Skeleton Warriors and zombie spirit of Cha Na immediately approached the blood coffin and began to push the coffin cover.

To Hu He’s surprise, the blood coffin’s cover was extremely secure. It did not budge an inch, even though it was violently pushed by four zombie spirits.

Hu He felt puzzled, because other than the three Zombie Skeleton Warriors, he knew that the zombie spirit of Cha Na was extremely powerful. His strength could match the top Rune Masters in the game. In fact, he might be even stronger. Even so, they could not open the coffin cover, it must be extremely heavy.

Still, Hu He did not feel discouraged. After collecting his thoughts, he raised the iron shovels in his hand and began to smash the coffin cover.

As Hu He was smashing the blood coffin, Hiderigami who was lying in it and recovering from his injuries, suddenly opened his eyes. Then, he slowly closed them again.

“Bang! Bang! Bang!”

The crashing sounds kept coming from above, causing the deeply asleep Hiderigami to open his eyes again.

A string of Power of Blood Qi began to flow out of Hiderigami’s body, and headed toward the coffin cover. However, before it reached the coffin cover, it quickly dissipated.

“Bang! Bang! Bang!”

The cover was being struck endlessly. Hiderigami widened his eyes, he really wanted to kill the rascal who was disrupting his slumber.

However, due to the battle with the Evil God's clone, he suffered heavy injuries and the Power of Blood Qi within him was almost depleted. Currently, he could hardly move.

"Why is it so hard?" after spending nearly all day smashing at it, Hu He wiped his sweat away and bent over to place his ear on the cover of the coffin.

He seemed to have heard something moving inside it.

A moment later, he was certain that he had misheard it, and merely sat on the coffin cover, as he fell deep into his thoughts again.

If he gave up now, he would not be satisfied. However, the coffin cover was too hard to open with his current abilities.

After thinking for a while, Hu He's eyes brightened, as he opened the shop interface and scrolled through the special tools inventory.

[Shorthand Iron Shovel (White)]: Digging tool

Tool Attributes: Hardness 1, Damage 1

Price: 1 Soul Coin

[Fine Iron Shovel (Blue)]: Digging tool (Can be used as a weapon)

Tool Attributes: Hardness 3, Damage 3

Price: 15 Soul Coins

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Hu He scrolled through the list of tools, before stopping at a golden iron shovel.

[Gold Shovel (Purple)]: Special tool made by Beiqi's best blacksmith.

Tool Attributes: Hardness 10, Damage 12

Tool Special Attributes: Sharpness Level 3

Price: 100 Soul Coins (Warning, this item is a limited item, there are only five left.)

Hu He had a headache while looking at the item prices. However, he grit his teeth and purchased it. Immediately, a gold shovel appeared in his hand.

“Open it for me!” Hu He held the Gold Shovel and vigorously hacked the blood coffin.

“Clang!”

The sound of metal clashing against metal thundered upon each impact. However, Hu He gladly noticed that the Gold Shovel created a tiny dent.

Even though the effect was not tremendous, Hu He knew that there was a possibility. He immediately passed the Gold Shovel to zombie soul Cha Na, who began smashing the coffin open.

However, Hu He felt a little frustrated as the smashing went on. Even though the Gold Shovel could damage the blood coffin, it was taking too long. If this continued, it would take forever to open it.

Seeing as the shovel was a limited item, once it broke, the market would have one less Gold Shovel. He could take advantage of its rarity in the future. Hence, he grit his teeth and bought three more Gold Shovels from the shop. Then, he gave them to the other zombie spirits and ordered all four of them to continue opening it. On the other hand, Hu He merely sat by the side, as he opened the game’s built-in forum to pass time.

“Clang clang clang! Bang bang bang! Ding ding ding!”

The sound of metal clashing endlessly reverberated through the air.

Hiderigami, who was still lying inside the blood coffin, opened his eyes widely in annoyance, feeling as though he was going crazy.

He could not fall asleep with the noisy ruckus. Furthermore, the Power of Blood Qi inside that was slowly healing his body, was continually disrupted by the incessant knocking.

“Splurt!”

Hiderigami vomited a lump of regurgitated Blood Qi from his mouth, splattering it all over the inside of the blood coffin.

“Cough cough!” his body’s worsening condition made Hiderigami begin to cough uncontrollably.

“Wait!” Hu He had a sharp hearing, and quickly stopped the zombie spirits from continuing. He approached the blood coffin again, and moved his ear closer to listen closely.

“Bang, bang! Is anyone there?”

Hu He asked as he knocked twice on the blood coffin.

A moment later...

As he did not hear any reply, Hu He pointed a finger at the blood coffin and ordered, "Continue smashing!"

"Wait... hold on! Cough, cough!" Hiderigami's weak voice echoed from the blood coffin.

"My goodness, the corpse has come to life!" Hu He's eyes widened in disbelief. Then, he knocked on the coffin twice again and asked, "Are you the one speaking?"

"Cough, cough... that's right, it's me, can you stop banging?"

If Hiderigami had enough energy to open the coffin cover, he would have immediately devoured the people outside.

Chapter 137: A Turtledove In The Magpie's Nest

Hu He was momentarily dumbfounded when he learned that there was a living being in it.

According to the ancient records of the Zombie Spirit Sect, incidents of fake zombies or zombie mutations were quite common. However, finding a zombie that could talk was never found in the ancient records. This discovery greatly astonished Hu He.

After mulling it over, Hu He could not help but ask, "Are you alive or are you dead? If you're dead, I will dig you up!"

When Hiderigami heard it, he really wanted to jump out of the blood coffin and wring that person's head off his neck.

"Little brother, there's nothing valuable in this blood coffin, stop trying to smash it. I'll tell you a place with hidden treasure, so quickly leave here," Hu He seemed determined to open the coffin, so Hiderigami could only tempt him away.

"That won't do, I don't want any treasure, my target is this old corpse – you!"

Hearing this, Hiderigami involuntarily spat another mouthful of bloody mist.

Even when he fought the Demonic God's clone, he did not feel as disgruntled as he did now. Since he had exhausted his Blood Qi to heal his head, he could not use his powers for now. However, he wanted nothing more than to jump out and strangle Hu He to death.

“Do you have anything else to say? If there’s nothing else, I’m going to continue. All you need to do is continue lying down.”

The bloody mist in Hiderigami’s eyes began to swirl.

“Wait a minute... since you want corpses, let me tell you a little more about this place. There are 3,000 corpses of the Ghost Supreme Commander Level.”

It was a much more effective bait. Hu He, who was going to continue opening the coffin, was obviously tempted by his offer. He immediately slapped the blood coffin and asked, “Where is it, quickly tell me!”

A flash of sly satisfaction appeared in Hiderigami’s eyes.

“Can you see the palace beside us? Underneath it, there are 3,000 corpses of the Ghost Supreme Commander Level, leave now.”

Upon hearing this, Hu He shifted his gaze toward the gigantic palace behind the blood coffin.

“Hmm, after I dig you out, I’ll work on them. Thanks, my brother!” Hu He patted the blood coffin as he spoke. Then, he took a few steps back, and pointed his finger at the blood coffin.

“Smash it!”

In the ancient records, it was written that the people from the Zombie Spirit Sect must not have any compassion for the corpses. Since they were in this line of business, they had to adhere to the rules. Once the excavation had started, it must be completed. This rule was deeply imprinted on Hu He’s mind.

Hence, a cacophony of deafening banging thundered again. Hiderigami was still lying in the blood coffin, as absolute irateness overwhelmed his emotions. He vomited mouthfuls of Blood Qi that were regurgitated from the noisy racket.

Meanwhile, Hu He was squatting next to it, as he scrolled through the forum.

“Hey, Little Brother, this blood coffin can’t be dug.”

A voice suddenly echoed from Hu He’s side, and he jolted in shock. As he turned his body around, he noticed a stout man squatting next to him.

“Who are you? Are you in this line of work, too?” Hu He warily asked, as he stood up.

“Me? I’m Little Sha, but I’m not a Zombie Forgemaster like you,” the chubby man extended his hand, seemingly friendly.

Hu He was a little confused, but he still shook his hand.

“Then, what are you here for? And, why can’t this blood coffin be dug out?”

Little Sha massaged his meaty cheeks and replied, “Do you know who is inside there?”

“Does it matter?” Hu He suddenly said.

Little Sha was speechless momentarily...

“The one inside is Hiderigami, the fiercest zombie of the Ghost Emperor Realm!” Little Sha said under his breath gravely.

Hu He’s expression froze as he asked, “Is it really Hiderigami?”

“Of course it is! Hiderigami is recovering from his wounds after his battle with the Demonic God’s clone.”

“Dig, dig even faster! It’s actually Hiderigami!”

Hu He’s expression became even more enthusiastic. His biggest goal as a Zombie Forgemaster was to discover powerful people like Hiderigami and the Demonic God.

Upon seeing this, Little Sha could no longer be at ease.

“But that’s Hiderigami!”

“Hmm, I actually hoped that it would be the Demonic God. However, Hiderigami is also equally excellent!” Hu He said with a happy expression.

Little Sha was speechless again...

“Aren’t you afraid?” Little Sha was completely stunned.

“What is there to be afraid of? At worst, I’ll just die,” Hu He said calmly.

As a player, the fear of dying did not exist. Especially since Hu He specialized in zombie-forging, he often roamed the different graveyards in Beiqi. He had died many times already. Hence, death was a common occurrence for him, and naturally made him unafraid of it.

“You’re a fierce one! The Zombie Forgemasters are certainly fearless,” Little Sha’s face brimmed with great admiration.

“However, I still need to remind you, Hiderigami chose to heal his wounds here because there is a Yin Soul Eye under the coffin. He’s using the pure Yin Zombie Energy from the Yin Soul Eye to heal his wounds. At the same time, it also acts as a seal. If you damage the blood coffin that is on it, the suppressed Evil Yin Soldiers will escape and create havoc in the Land of Beiqi.

Little Sha shook his head furiously as he said it, as though he could not bear to imagine it happening.

Hu He’s expression darkened when he heard it, as he asked, “Is it really that serious?”

Little Sha solemnly nodded and replied, “It will be even worse. A long time ago, the Evil Yin Soldiers caused the Land of Beiqi to suffer many years of misery.”

“I was wondering why you are so knowledgeable about this, who are you really? Before Hiderigami came here, why didn’t the seal break without the Yin Soul Eye suppressing it?” Hu He asked with widened eyes.

Upon hearing his question, Little Sha pointed at a black coffin nearby.

“That coffin is mine. I was the one suppressing the Yin Soul Eye originally. When Hiderigami came, he moved my home away and wanted to occupy the Yin Soul Eye. I was really angry and fought with him, but he knocked me into the air with merely three blows. Luckily, he was heavily wounded and didn’t have the spare energy to worry about me. Hence, I was able to survive,” Little Sha said with a grateful expression, as though he had escaped the jaws of death.

“You are a Zombie Spirit that has the Spirit Wisdom Manifestation?” Hu He’s eyes widened.

The ancient records stated that forged zombie spirits could absorb Yin energy from the heavens and the earth to grow. At later stages, the strong and powerful zombie spirits could even manifest Spirit Wisdom, and become completely new spirits.

However, this was actually the first time that Hu He had ever seen a zombie spirit with the Spirit Wisdom Manifestation.

“That’s right, I am also something that Zombie Forgemasters like you created.”

“How strong are you?” Hu He’s expression gradually became more excited.

“I’ve been at the peak of the Ghost General level for many years, but I haven’t been able to break through it. It’s so saddening!” Little Sha massaged his chubby cheeks sadly.

“Then, you are the governor of the Evil Nightmare City, the Evil Ghost General?” Hu He digested this information in shock.

“That’s right! After the King of Beiqi conferred the rank of Ghost General on me, I was given the responsibility to suppress the Yin Soul Eye,” Little Sha said laughingly as he continued massaging his cheeks.

Upon hearing this, Hu He glanced at the blood coffin and grabbed Little Sha’s shoulders. Then, he said with a tempting expression,

“Brother, why don’t you help me smash this coffin? Then, you can continue to suppress your Yin Soul Eye, and I can get Hiderigami. Isn’t this killing two birds with one stone?”

“But, if he comes out, we won’t be able to defeat him,” Little Sha was evidently disgruntled.

“Eh... brother, if he really could do it, he would have jumped out and beaten us already. He must be extremely weak now, so we need to take advantage of his sickly condition and take his life! If we miss this opportunity, we won’t have the chance when he recovers.”

“Cough, cough!” at this moment, the sound of Hiderigami choking came from the blood coffin.

“Do you hear that? Hiderigami doesn’t even have the strength to speak now. If you help me to ruthlessly end his life, we can both be in a win-win situation! It’ll be perfect!”

Little Sha seemed convinced by Hu He’s explanation, but he still looked doubtfully at Hu He and uttered, “Will this really work?”

“It will definitely work!” Hu He sounded extremely sure of himself.

Little Sha’s heart wavered when he heard Hu He’s confident exclamation.

Even though he was extremely terrified of Hiderigami, Hiderigami was in a period of weakness, just as Hu He said. It would really be an invaluable opportunity to attack him now.

“Alright! I’ll help you smash it!” Little Sha ultimately replied, while gritting his teeth.

Chapter 138: New Downloadable Content ‘The Invasion of Evil’

When Hu He heard that Little Sha was willing to lend a hand, he beamed with great joy. After all, he was at the Ghost General Level and was very powerful. Hence, he

immediately took a Gold Shovel from one of the Zombie Skeleton Warriors and passed it to him.

“Brother, let’s get on with it, the time for revenge.”

Little Sha nodded solemnly, but he did not take the Gold Shovel. Instead, he walked directly to the front of the blood coffin, and smashed the coffin’s cover with his fist.

“Bang!”

The strike was extremely powerful, even the ground tremored on impact. Other than the zombie spirit of Cha Na, the other three Zombie Skeleton Warriors were flung into the air.

It was also extremely effective, as he managed to leave a fist mark on the cover of the blood coffin.

“Keep it up!” Hu He shouted excitedly when he noticed this.

“Bang!”

He punched again, landing his fist exactly on the fist mark. The coffin’s cover shook violently, as numerous cracks appeared on it.

Hu He was beside himself with excitement. This Ghost General’s skills were indeed extraordinary. With only two blows, the blood coffin seemed as though it was going to shatter.

“Walk a tad further away, I’m focusing my power!” Little Sha said this with a serious countenance.

Hearing this, Hu He hurriedly led the zombie spirits away to the back.

Little Sha’s body suddenly exuded a dense layer of zombie energy, which instantly gathered on his fist.

“Open!”

Following Little Sha’s roar of anger, he heavily pounded the blood coffin, with his right fist that was filled with zombie energy. When the zombie energy came into contact with the blood coffin, it immediately burst open. The spreading zombie energy began to corrode the blood coffin, while making a hissing sound.

“Crack!”

Fine cracks appeared on the cover of the coffin. After the explosion, it revealed the body of Hiderigami, who was lying in the blood coffin.

Seeing this, Hu He immediately walked a couple of steps forward toward the blood coffin. Then, he peeked in.

Hiderigami had his eyes wide open and was angrily glaring at him.

“It really is Hiderigami!”

Hu He had seen Hiderigami’s appearance during his fight with the Demonic God. Hence, he could recognize the person now.

“Evil General, my body has already been tied to the Yin Soul Eye. If I’m moved from the blood coffin, this seal will definitely be broken!” Hiderigami seemed to know that Hu He was someone that he could not reason with, so he directed his gaze at Little Sha instead.

Little Sha’s face seemed anxious when he heard it.

“He has beaten you before!” Hu He immediately turned round to tell Little Sha.

“But...”

“He has beaten you before, you need to get revenge! Don’t listen to his nonsense!” Hu He began to fan the flames of dissatisfaction because he was afraid that Little Sha might stop him from taking Hiderigami away.

“If I take Hiderigami away, you can return home!”

As he said this, Hu He had a little idea. The zombie spirit Cha Na walked forward and hugged Hiderigami’s huge head. Then, he began to drag the person out.

“Evil Ghost General, you will regret this! If the Yin Soul Eye seal is broken, the Evil Yin Soldier will run rampant across Beiqi. All the guilt and wrongdoing will be yours to bear.”

Hu He noticed this, and quickly gave some instructions to the other three zombie spirits. Then, he walked forward and helped the zombie spirit Cha Na to slowly move Hiderigami out of the blood coffin.

“Thud!”

Hiderigami’s body fell to the ground. Hu He smiled widely, as he was relieved that this trip was not fruitless. He had truly uncovered a big treasure.

However, a clear sound of shattering glass echoed from beneath the blood coffin. Then, the blood coffin began to expel thick and heavy Black Zombie Energy.

The zombie energy quickly coalesced, and rushed to the sky, forming a gigantic Zombie Energy Pillar. Endless painful wailing sounded from inside it, while grotesque faces occasionally floated to its surface.

Hu He was stunned when he saw it. However, Little Sha suddenly cradled his head, as he squatted on the floor, with a face of utter despair.

“We’re done for, we’re done for! Hiderigami wasn’t lying to me, he really did use his body as a medium to connect to the Yin Soul Eye, in order to absorb zombie energy. Now that his body has been moved away, the Yin Soul Eye has been completely destroyed.”

Suddenly, a game notification sounded in Hu He’s mind.

[Attention all areas, Player Hu He has broken the Yin Soul Eye Seal, the suppressed Evil Yin Soldiers have now been released, activating new downloadable content.]

[New Downloadable Content ‘The Invasion of Evil’]:

Content: 40,000 years ago, in a quest to forge the strongest zombie spirit, a crazy Zombie Forgemaster used the Yin Soul Manifestation Pond as his source of energy, and created a Yin Soul Eye that could release a large amount of zombie energy. Used to sustain zombie souls, this dense zombie energy could be used to strengthen the zombie spirits, and manifest weak inkling consciousness within them.

This weak inkling of conscience gradually turned evil under the gradual irrigation of zombie energy. Thus, an entire evil zombie spirit army was created.

After obtaining immense power, they devoured that crazy Zombie Forgemaster, and made their way out of the Yin Soul Eye, bringing tragedy and misfortune to the Land of Beiqi.

They craved blood and flesh, hungered for devouring their prey, and thirsted for massacring everyone!

Evil Yin Soldiers Introduction: Oddities manifested due to the zombie spirits being flushed with large amounts of zombie energy. Apart from having an extremely strong defense, they are also competent in the Evil Ghost Arts.

Introduction to the Ranks of Evil Yin Soldiers (from lowest to highest): Evil Yin Soldier (Level 80), Evil Zombie Spirit (Level 120), Evil Ferocious Spirit (Level 150), Evil Iron Commander (Level 200), Evil Zombie King (Unknown)

[Accommodation System Officially Activated, Shop Items Update Notification]:

Added items are as follows:

[Mahogany Small House (Upgradeable)]:

During the stage of Evil Brutality, the entire Land of Beiqi would suffer from extremely violent attacks and the outside world would be filled with danger. This type of house is molded from mahogany imbued with spirituality and can resist the attacks of ordinary Evil Yin Soldiers.

Surface area: 20 square meters.

Price: 100 Soul Coins.

[Townhouse Talisman]:

The Townhouse Talisman is specially created to repel zombie-type beings. If placed outside the house, it will prevent Evil Yin Soldiers from coming closer. (Ferocious Spirit Level and below)

Price: 200 Soul Coins.

[Spirit of the Door God (Can be upgraded)]:

Fully-formed Door God that can guard the house, comes with three main upgrade trees, and hundreds of different branches from each tree.

Three Main Upgrade Trees: Ghost Breaker (Combat Type, Price: 100 Soul Coins), Ghost Arts (Spell Type, Price: 200 Soul Coins), Ghost Mountain (Defensive Type, Price: 300 Soul Coins)

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The sudden activation of this new downloadable content and the appearance of a new accommodation system immediately created a huge sensation throughout the forum.

Crayon_Shinchan: "Fuck, I haven't even finished upgrading my ship, now we suddenly need to upgrade houses as well. It's that bastard Zombie Forgemaster, didn't you just announce that you dug out a treasure? Is this the surprise that you dug out for us? I won't say more, all areas should issue a warrant for this person, kill him with no mercy!"

Xueli_The_Strongest: "I'm dumbfounded, just now I also saw his reply thread about him excavating a treasure. Lo and behold, it's a huge surprise indeed. I agree with the warrant for this person (Gritting teeth)"

Invincible_Loneliness: “Everyone, let’s not quarrel now. We should prepare to defend ourselves. The brothers by the coast return to the Mansion of the Dead now! Let’s prepare the first line of defense, the creatures are approaching!”

Peppa_Boar: “This bastard Zombie Forgemaster is really troublesome. Are you trying to make the game harder for me? You suddenly throw this survival mode at us, I really want to murder you!”

A_Mammoth: “Actually, I recently came across a new island, and was preparing to improve the deserted land. Now, it looks like I won’t be able to do so. Let’s immediately return to defend the base camp. Send a warrant out for this person, kill him if you ever see him! (Grits teeth)”

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At this moment, even Hu He himself was utterly confused.

He raised his head to stare at the evergrowing Zombie Energy Pillar in the sky, and suddenly felt that he seemed to have caused a huge pandemonium.

Suddenly, the Zombie Energy Pillar came into contact with the sky ceiling, causing it to disintegrate instantly, raining uncountable Evil Yin Soldiers on the Lands of Beiqi like falling meteors.

“There’s not enough time, run faster!” Little Sha pulled Hu He and flew upward into the sky.

“Wait wait, Hiderigami! We haven’t taken Hiderigami yet!” Hu He kept stretching out his hand at the body of Hiderigami during his flight, as his heart was filled with reluctance.

“We don’t have enough time. Hiderigami’s body is so heavy, you can’t bring him with us. Don’t kill yourself,” Little Sha immediately scolded him as he increased his speed as he shot upwards.

Seeing this, Hu He miserably patted the zombie storage bag. The four bodies of zombie spirits transformed into black mist and traveled into the bag. However, Hiderigami’s body gradually drifted further away.

The big treasure was gone... Hu He’s eyes were brimming with tears.

Chapter 139: The Nation’s Enemy

Actually, the appearance of the new content was something that had been pre-determined by Lu Wu and Bei Li.

However, this was also activated as a last resort.

Lu Wu noticed that Hu He was smashing the coffin.

However, Lu Wu's policy was to never interfere and allow the players to act freely. Even though he was gritting his teeth hard as he watched, he held his urge in and let them be.

However, in Lu Wu's opinion, the brutality of the Evil Yin Soldiers had its pros and cons.

One of the advantages was that there would be an increase in creatures for the players to level up with. After all, each time an Evil Yin Soldier was killed, players could collect both experience points and soul coins.

With the huge influx of players, the overall speed of leveling up had decreased. Since they were unable to expand the maps, there was a serious lack of creatures to be farmed in the Land of Beiqi.

This was especially so for the Ghost Mountains. Every day, there were at least a million players trying to level up there. With the appearance of the Evil Yin Soldiers, this problem could be solved.

However, the disadvantage was that the Land of Beiqi would probably be invaded on all fronts.

These Evil Yin Soldiers were extremely powerful. Even if they were not as terrifying as the Sea King or the Rock Ghost King, it would be an uphill task for the current players to defend against their oncoming attacks.

In order to solve this problem, Bei Li found some design drawings in the equipment depot, and created some molds of items that could help defend against the Evil Yin Soldiers. Then, he placed these in the shop to help the players.

However, Lu Wu was not worried about the current situation of the players. After all, this was a matter for the entire Land of Beiqi, not merely the players. For example, the Rock Ghost King, the Nine-Headed Snake King, and the other factions of Beiqi might be invaded, too. The burden of invasion was shared equally.

At the same time, in order to quickly resolve this threat, Lu Wu specially announced three missions to increase the competitiveness of the players.

[Main Quest: Protectors of the Homeland]:

Quest Requirements: Defend the Mansion of the Dead and prevent it from being invaded by the Evil Yin Soldiers. (Universal Mission)

Quest Period: Until the end of the Evil Apocalypse.

Quest Rewards: Blue Title (Protectors of the Homeland), Reward: 20 Soul Coins

[Side Quest: Evil Butcher]:

Quest Requirements: Kill Evil Yin Soldiers (0/10), Evil Zombie Spirits (0/5), Evil Ferocious Ghosts (0/1)

Quest Rewards: One mahogany house

Point Accumulation Quest: Evil Natural Enemies

Quest Requirements: Form a small party (minimum 10 players), hunt and kill monsters of Evil Ferocious Ghost rank and above. The reward is additional points.

Quest Requirements Part 2: All parties that participate in this point accumulation quest can register their names at the Mansion of the Dead. Parties that have been formed cannot be disbanded during the quest period. The kills of monsters of Evil Ferocious Ghost rank and above, from each member of the party, can be included in the party's total points. Finally, parties that rank in the top 3,000 will be given special rewards.

Top 3,000 Parties Quest Rewards: Red Title (Evil Natural Enemies), 1,000 Soul Coins (per party)

Top 10 parties on the server will be given additional special rewards: Special Door Gods (Drawing Force)

The appearance of these three quests immediately piqued the enthusiasm of the players. Some players that were already at the Mansion of the Dead began to publicly advertise for members to form parties, in preparation to hunt and kill the evil spirits.

With the new invasion, items such as the mahogany houses and talismans became hot-selling items in the shop and their stock was replenished in great amounts.

However, after some thought, Lu Wu added another setting.

In the safety zone at the center of the Mansion of the Dead, players were prohibited from building mahogany houses. However, Lu Wu did not implement the rule in the wild. After all, when hunting and killing, players would use up their physical energy and needed safe zones for short breaks. Thus, these mahogany houses would act as shelters.

The area of the evil spirit's invasion was extremely large. After the Yin Soul Eye was shattered, the entire Land of Beiqi was filled with wandering souls. Large numbers of Evil Yin Soldiers were running rampant and countless spirits were completely destroyed.

Many players in the wild had no idea what had happened. Some were even killed by the spirits falling down from the sky, causing them to disconnect from the game.

The entire forum began to fill with activity, it could be said that the disaster that Hu He created greatly angered all the players.

Hu He instantly became the server's most wanted person. Some rich players even issued posts with rewards of soul coins, stating that they would reward anyone that killed Hu He once and presented a picture proof.

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The root of the problem, Hu He and Little Sha were squatting together inside a hole in the burial grounds.

"It's over, it's over, we're done for, I've made a huge mistake," Little Sha hugged his chubby head, as he squatted on the ground crying.

He thought of how this quest was issued by the King of Beiqi, and how each of the great factions of Beiqi had vowed to supervise him.

However, this matter was ruined now, so this meant that he was about to be chased after by all the factions in Beiqi.

When he thought of this, Little Sha felt that he would die for sure.

Hu He was looking at all the posts on the forum. They were filled with sinister and murderous intent, causing him to look terrified as he mumbled, "It's all over!"

On this treasure-hunting trip, not only was he unable to obtain Hiderigami, but he had also become the nation's enemy. This made him extremely aggrieved.

After mulling it over, he opened a post and weakly tried to reply with one sentence.

"I didn't do it on purpose. (Crying)"

Immediately, there was an influx of comments below it.

"What a fellow, tell us your address. See if I don't kill you a hundred times! You dare to cause trouble, but you don't have the guts to stomach the consequences?"

“The main character has finally appeared, that’s wonderful. Hurry up and come to the Mansion of the Dead, we have gathered an army of over a million people to welcome you. Come here quickly (Slight smile)”

“Where are you right now? Tell me quickly, I will never reveal it. Quickly direct message me to coordinate, brother. All of them want to kill you, only I want to protect you (honest and sincere gaze)”

“Brother, your actions are really excellent. The entire server has to clean up your mess! How amazing! Give you a perfect score!”

“I’ve sharpened the knife, the only thing left is you. Brother, come home, I don’t believe that you won’t return to the Mansion of the Dead. Have you seen the latest quests, especially the Party Quest, you can only obtain it from the steward of the Mansion of the Dead (Smile)”

“After discussing it, everyone has decided to kill you into submission. Doesn’t that make you happy! Aren’t you amazed! Aren’t you surprised!”

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Looking at the replies from all the players, Hu He’s eyes filled with tears as he hurriedly closed the forum. He was worried that he would drown himself in his own saliva.

It was certain that he had become an unforgivable target. What could he do now? This game did not allow the players to change usernames, nor could one delete and re-register. He was utterly doomed.

One had become the common enemy for all players, while one had become the common enemy of all the factions of Beiqi. They would surely have to live in fear and constantly hide in the future. The thought of it made them feel extremely miserable, and they could not help but wail bitterly.

Meanwhile, the looming catastrophe also awakened the 3,000 Ghost Commanders who were deeply buried beneath the palace in Nightmare City.

They breached the palace, levitated into the air, and came together in midair to make a gigantic black Hexagram Formation.

When they noticed the arrival of the Ghost Commander Army, large amounts of evil spirits began to float upward and rushed at them with bloodthirst.

“Open!”

At this moment, one of the Ghost Commanders' leaders shouted a command. Then, a ray of blinding light immediately beamed from the formation, as 3,000 Ghost Commanders flew from it at full speed.

No matter how strong the spirits in their path were, they were no match for the Ghost Commanders' formation. It forcefully broke a pathway through them, before increasing its speed and disappearing from the Nightmare Zone, as it moved toward the Cliffs of Desperation.

In a blink of an eye, the black Hexagon Formation appeared at its destination, rapidly landed next to a wooden house at the mountainside.

Noticing the disruption outside the house, a white-haired old man drunkenly opened the door and peered outside. Suddenly, he realized that 3,000 Ghost Commanders were neatly lined in rows before him.

"What are you doing?" the white-haired old man was a little confused.

"Your Majesty, the evil spirits are causing an apocalypse. Hence, we have been awakened, do you wish to battle?"

"It's none of your business! Go back to sleep!"

The white-haired old man swept his gaze across the ranks of the Ghost Commander army, rolling his eyes as he reprimanded them. Then, the wooden door slammed shut with a bang, leaving an army of wide-eyed and thunderstruck Ghost Commanders behind him.

Chapter 140: The Civilian Players' Fury

On the second day after the Yin Soul Eye Seal was broken...

Evil spirits were wandering everywhere in the Land of Beiqi, while the majority of the players took refuge in the Mansion of the Dead, as they transitioned from progression mode to survival mode.

Currently, the players could only go out in small parties to fight; traveling solo was simply suicidal.

Other than a few exceptionally professional players, not many players could fight the spirits alone. A lot of new players had even grouped together in parties of over a hundred people before going out to guarantee their own safety.

At this stage, the players were both pleased and unsatisfied with the current situation.

Even though there were endless creatures to kill, waves of attacks would occasionally rain on the Mansion of the Dead, causing the rate of deaths to become exceptionally high. Therefore, the shop's mahogany houses and other items became must-have items. This allowed Lu Wu to earn a huge sum of money.

At the same time, Lu Wu finally released the long-awaited players' rankings and the raiding parties' rankings leaderboard.

[Players' Ranking Leaderboard]:

Number 1: Ao Jian: Level 82, Character Class: Ten Swords Demonic Sect

Number 2: Qi Ming: Level 79, Character Class: Ghost Monster

Number 3: Feng Yuxiu: Level 79, Character Class: Five Elements Warlock

Number 4: Su Xiaoba: Level 79, Character Class: Five Elements Warlock

Number 5: Gu Yu: Level 78, Character Class: Demonic God's Apostle

Number 6: Qing Dou: Level 78, Character Class: Five Elements Warlock

Number 7: Liu Gan: Level 77, Character Class: Mage

Number 8: Ye Xue'er: Level 74, Character Class: Cursed Apostle

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The leaderboard allowed the players to know the levels of the current top-ranking players during this season.

In order to increase the functionality of the ranking leaderboard, Lu Wu would even give rewards for those who made the leaderboard quarterly.

For the players in the Top 100 of the leaderboard at the end of each quarter, they would receive a blue Pioneer title as a reward (valid for 30 days).

A second ranking was also introduced to allow the players to compare the points of each raiding party.

[Raiding Parties Points Scoreboard]:

Number 1: Demolition Officers Team 1 (100 people): 321 points

Number 2: Great Dragon Guild Team 1 (100 people): 320 points

Number 3: Myth Team 1 (100 people): 302 points

Number 4: Demolition Officers Team 3 (100 people): 298 points

Number 5: Avengers Team 1 (100 people): 298 points

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It was obvious that after the invasion of the evil spirits, compared to the relatively stable players' ranking leaderboard, the competition in the raiding party scoreboard was much more fierce.

At any point in time, the ranking could change when a raiding party killed a high-level spirit in the wild.

For the final reward, the guilds began to play their best again.

At this stage of the invasion of evil, Bei Li had also begun to burn the midnight oil, as they had exhausted their supply of soul coins to create a new building type called the Zombie Forging Room.

After an entire night, the Zombie Forging Room finally emerged at the border of the Mansion of the Dead's safe zone.

[Zombie Forging Room]:

Specific Functions: Players can collect dead evil corpses as raw materials, and pass them to the steward of the Zombie Forging Room to obtain Zombie Spirit Points. With enough zombie spirits, players will be able to use the Zombie Forging Room to forge evil beings into a one-time subordinate.

The forging room aimed to increase the game's playability and more importantly, rationalize the game resource mechanics.

The concept of the Zombie Forging Room was originally from Lu Wu, as he felt that leaving the residual corpses of the spirits in the wild was too wasteful. Hence, he asked Bei Li if it was possible to collect and reuse them.

Bei Li immediately patted her chest and replied affirmatively. Soon, she created the Zombie Forging Room.

The principle of the Zombie Forging Room was extremely easy. First, one needed to collect the residual corpses of the evil spirits. Then they had to use the Zombie Forging Room to process and purify them in order to obtain zombie spirit points. Finally, the

zombie spirit points could be used to create digitized spirits, like forging a one-time pet that would listen to all instructions (and then disappear after death).

Of course, Lu Wu would charge a fee to forge evil spirits at the Zombie Forging Room. The higher the level of the spirits, the required zombie spirit points for forging and the service fee would also be much higher.

For the players who liked playing as a summoner, the introduction of this mode filled them with immense excitement.

In fact, players could be seen offering high prices for corpses in the safe zone at the Mansion of the Dead. After they had collected an entire sack of evil corpses, they would send it to the Zombie Forging Room to process them into one-time subordinates.

However, the processing of the evil spirits in this mode was not profitable. Ten corpses of similarly ranked spirits needed to be forged to accumulate enough zombie spirit points to forge a digitized evil subordinate of equal rank.

However, this brought excitement to many players, as they could sell the evil corpses for coins as well.

All of the new content made the players feel bitter and happy at the same time. They were bitter because they couldn't stop spending soul coins, and they were happy because the various gameplays created by this new mode were very interesting.

Since it was exceptionally difficult to survive in the wild now, it allowed many players to experience the anxiety and thrill of a terrifying apocalypse.

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In the burial grounds, two silhouettes were painstakingly making their way forward.

After walking past the Northern part of the burial grounds near the Mansion of the Dead, both of them suddenly curled in and hid behind a huge rock.

Before their eyes, Gu Hui and others from the Myth Guild were surrounding and battling fiercely with a Level 150 Evil Ferocious Spirit.

Although the raiding party comprised of a hundred people, the Evil Ferocious Spirit was truly strong. Gu Yu and the others could not do much against it at the moment, and could only keep grinding away to wear it down.

Luckily, the Evil Ferocious Spirit was battling instinctively and did not have any real desire to fight. Under the teamwork of Gu Yu and the others, the raiding party did not suffer any serious losses or damage.

“What’s the matter, should we hide further away?” Little Sha asked a little nervously.

“Alright!” Hu He resolutely answered.

“Wait, wait...” Hu He suddenly stopped Little Sha from running away.

“You are a Ghost General, what are you afraid of? No matter how many people there are, they still can’t beat you!”

“Oh, that’s right!” Little Sha suddenly replied.

Hu He felt like he wanted to cover his face, as he wondered which Zombie Forgemaster forged an extremely timid yet ridiculously strong zombie spirit like Little Sha.

“So, what should we do now?” the utterly hapless Little Sha asked again.

“Let’s hide for now, avoid confrontations at all costs, and safety first!”

Thus, they squatted behind the gigantic rock, listening quietly to the clashing sounds of magic and flesh meshing with the bloodthirsty yelling from the players.

Sun Qi, who was busy treating his party member, furrowed his brows, and looked at the gigantic rock.

“Boss, there’s an evil corpse over there, I can smell the thick scent of zombie energy!”

“Go and see, but don’t be ambushed. We need to deal with this first,” after he had finished speaking, Gu Yu disappeared in a flash, appearing behind the Zombie Ferocious Spirit and forcefully threw a punch at him.

When Sun Qi noticed this, he immediately descended from the air and walked toward the gigantic rock.

Sun Qi was extremely careful to be safe, as he jumped onto the gigantic rock from the side and peered over the edge.

Six pairs of eyes instantly met each other, as the three of them were all astonished.

“Zombie Forgemasters!”

“Dog!”

“My God, a White Phantom!”

The three people shouted shockingly in unison.

“Shush, keep quiet, dog,” Hu He’s face was adorned with an apologetic smile, as he lowered his voice to speak.

Sun Qi solemnly nodded. Then, he looked to the sky and shouted loudly, “Boss, the bastard Zombie Forgemaster is here. Hurry up you guys, I’ve caught him!”

“Run!”

Hu He wanted to flee immediately, but a murderous intent flashed in Sun Qi’s eyes, as he bit Hu He’s arm. No matter how hard Hu He tried, he could not free himself from Sun Qi.

To be honest, the ones who hated Hu He the most were most definitely the civilian players. As one himself, Sun Qi’s eyes began to redden.

He still had not obtained the coins to upgrade the ship, but he needed to purchase a house and upgrade it as well. Besides, he would need to upgrade his door god, too. This troublemaker must not be allowed to exist under the same sky as me!

When the parties of the Myth Guild that were attacking the Evil Ferocious Spirit heard the words Zombie Forgemaster, they were thunderstruck. Then, all of them rushed to the gigantic rock and gathered around it, paying no more attention to the Evil Ferocious Spirit.