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I Became a God in a Horror Game

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Synopsis

After losing his job, Bai Liu became involved with an unstoppable horror live streaming game full of various monsters and players with killer intent.

Initially, everyone thought Bai Liu was just an ordinary person who strayed into the game.

Later, they realized it was this game that welcomed its god with victory and a laurel crown saying, "Welcome home."

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Siren Town

Chapter 1: Siren Town

Bai Liu woke up to find himself in the back seat of a car with a narrow, cramped interior, the smell of realistic smoke flooding the battered seat backs, a stream of water sliding off the windows in unbroken streams, a blurred view through the glass of the drizzle pattering outside, the sky so dull he couldn't tell if it was dusk or night, and a faint, uncomfortable smell of salted fish lingering in his nostrils.

There is a hovering panel in front of him which reads - [Instructions for the Game].

Bai Liu frowns.

Where is this place? Why is he here? And what is this panel?

The panel seemed to sense the doubts in his mind and revealed the answers on it in turn.

[You're in a deadly game, and you're here because we detected a strong desire for money erupting after you lost your job, triggering the opening of the game]

As the words on the panel appeared one by one, Bai Liu finally recalled something.

Yes, that's right, he's unemployed.

And he is a man with a strong desire for money. He has loved money to the point of abnormality since he was a child, and has even been diagnosed by a psychiatrist as a sufferer of [money hoarding disorder], who warned him that if he did not control his desire for money, he would sooner or later do things that would make him want to die for it.

When he had a job, Bai Liu had a regular monthly income and could barely restrain his desire for money, but when he lost his job, Bai Liu fell into an uncontrollable, even reckless, eagerness to hoard money. His psychiatrist said that this was a normal psychological state for a laid-off social animal and told him to calm himself down and go out to see the world to relax.

Bai Liu just wanted to sneer when he heard that without money, he could only go out and see hell and not the world.

Bai Liu's sarcastic psychiatrist: "Will I be rich after I go out and see the world?"

The psychiatrist exclaimed, "Of course not, you'll get poorer."

Bai Liu: "....." You fucking knew what was going to happen, didn't you?

"But after you become poorer, you'll find" the psychiatrist reassured Bai Liu, "that's all there is to being poor, money is an extraneous thing, why toss yourself into such misery? "

Bai Liu questioned the psychiatrist with a blank expression: "Is it painful to have a patient like me?"

Psychologist: "....." Pain.

Bai Liu chuckled, "What are you tossing yourself into such misery for? Why don't you quit your job and go for a walk?"

Psychiatrist: "....." is afraid to go out without money for the sake of money.

The woof came out with a cry.

After making himself cry to an unknown number of psychiatrists, Bai Liu claps his hands and exclaims that poverty is really the best weapon to attack human beings.

It is to hurt someone 800 times and to hurt yourself a thousand times.

Fortunately, the psychologist is free in the community, otherwise Bai Liu would be even poorer.

After Bai Liu lost his job, he fell into a state of extreme anxiety, which he could not regulate at all, and dreamt of becoming rich overnight, sitting in a pile of money and laughing with joy. When he wakes up, the huge gap between his dreams and reality often makes him feel even more depressed, as his savings are only in five figures.

In the midst of this unquenchable layoff angst and ego clash, Bai Liu has nothing better to do than to rest his cheeks and dream - if only there existed a way to earn money at high risk in this world, he could live without it, but he wants it!

He told his friend what he thought, who reassured him, See that copy of the Criminal Code on your bookshelf on the wall?

Bai Liu said he saw it.

My friend said, "Just turn the page and look for an entry with high-risk, lucrative jobs on it, and you can work hard and earn your way onto this month's expedited list.

Bai Liu: "....."

Bai Liu does not want to break the law, there is no way to get money fast without breaking the law? My friend said, "You can dream faster.

Even if it's a game of chance, he still wants the money - Bai Liu was thinking this as he lay dreaming in bed, losing consciousness at the last moment of being caught up in this game.

At the end of the flashback, Bai Liu looks at the game panel hovering in front of him.

Another line appears on the panel: [Yes, it is your strong desire to start the game, and if you succeed in clearing it, you will get everything you want]

Bai Liu didn't hesitate: "I want the money."

Whatever the game, he just wants to get money.

After a while, Bai Liu asked again, "This game of yours, it's legal, right?"

Panel: [..... legal]

Panel: [Pass the game and you will earn points which can be exchanged for money and anything you want]

Bai Liu: "What kind of game is this? What do I have to do to pass the game to get the points you mentioned?"

Panel: [This is a horror escape game filled with ghosts, murderers, and unbelievable things, and all you have to do is find their weaknesses, complete the entire game's plot, and survive from them]

[Game copy loading loading complete]

[Name of the game copy: Siren Small Town]

[Level: Level 1 (games with less than fifty percent player mortality are Level 1 games)]

[Mode: Single Player Mode]

[General Description: This is an exciting combination of action-oriented and puzzle-oriented game, which is a big hit among players, but does not seem to be very friendly to newcomers, with a very high mortality rate of newcomers].

[Player information loading loading complete -]

[Player name: Bai Liu].

[Life Value: 100 (After life value falls below sixty, player's attack power decreases, after returning to zero the player dies)]

[Stamina Value: 80 (full of stamina)]

[Agility: 25 (You sit at a desk for years, your whole body is rigid and not very agile)]

[Attack: 30 (Only girl high school students have the ability to hit people with their school bags)]

[Intelligence: 89 (You're surprisingly smart)]

[Luck: 0 (you have been surprisingly unlucky all your life, if your company were to lay off one person, it would be you)]

[Skills: None (you don't have any skills yet)]

[Spirit Level: 100 (You are the first player of the year to have a full Spirit Level after logging into the game)]

There is a small red line of notation below the spiritual value.

(Note: Please ensure that the player's spirit level is above 60; a spirit level below 60 will cause insanity and halve all character panel attributes; a spirit level below 40 will cause the player to see hallucinatory content that is not part of the game, making the game more difficult to pass; a spirit level below 20 will cause the player to go berserk, with a random spike in attack panel attributes, killing all types of creatures; a spirit level of 0 will cause the player to be completely assimilated into the copy and become (a member of the monster)

[Comprehensive rating of player panel attributes - F player, the lowest level player, but due to the special determination of mental and intelligence values, this rating is doubtful and the final player level is recorded as - F (?)]

After Bai Liu scanned the entire character panel, he looked at the question mark after the F and felt like he was being taunted by the manifest, he crossed off the character panel and a new panel popped up on the screen.

[You have landed on the small TV screen in the Newcomers section (1/100), no one has stopped for you yet, player Bai Liu has a popularity rating of 0 and a kryptonite rate of 0]

Bai Liu frowned: "What is this?"

Panel: [Your playthrough will appear on a small screen in the newcomer section of the player lobby for other players to watch, but no one is currently watching your playthrough, nor is anyone your playthrough kryptonite, you are currently silent]

Bai Liu kind of gets it, it's a game anchor kind of format, but that doesn't matter, his focus is on that kryptonite rate: "Someone kryptonizes me and I get points, right?"

Panel: [Yes]

Good luck with the next game, new player]

The panel is like a television screen that has been switched off and disappears in front of Bai Liu's eyes as a white light.

In one of the game lobbies, a small screen suddenly lights up, showing Bai Liu's clean, white face. There are many similar screens around this one, showing the terrified and broken faces of various new players, some cowering like hedgehogs, clutching their heads, refusing to accept reality, others howling and hitting the screen, trying to get out of it.

Bai Liu was the only one who didn't look frightened, a complete anomaly in a sea of frightened newcomers.

Everyone tilted their heads at the suddenly lit up screen, discussing it with amusement.

"Another new person has come in, I don't know how long it will last."

"Look at the background, a copy of the game Siren's Little Town?"

"It's bad luck for the newcomers, the mortality rate of new players is very high in Siren Village, didn't we land a hundred last time and there was only one left?"

"The random copies of the game given to newcomers are too hard these days, but it's still pretty funny to see these newcomers scared shitless!"

"Wait!" Suddenly, a passing player approached Bai Liu's screen as if he had discovered something remarkable, he looked at Bai Liu's character panel attributes and spoke incredulously, "There's a new player here with a hundred spirit logins!"

"What?!"

"Out of the way I want to see it too!"

"Shit! Are all newcomers so sick now?! A hundred spirit values?!"

"The last one who landed with a hundred spirit values is now in the top ten of the game's overall standings, right?"

"O seeds of potential! Let me see as well!"

Bai Liu's small screen flickered, and a mechanical voice reported flatly.

[Fifty people crowd around player Bai Liu's TV screen, and player Bai Liu achieves the First Time Out achievement, unlocking the One Touch Trifecta system]

[28 people liked player Bai Liu's video, 56 people liked player Bai Liu's TV, no one recharged player Bai Liu, please do it again].

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Chapter 2: Siren Town

Bai Liu was sleeping on his side in the last row of a van, the back seat of which was so cramped and narrow that he struggled to turn over, and when he moved he saw a necklace fall out of his shirt.

The clothes he was wearing now were no different from before he entered the game, white shirt and black trousers, typical everyday wear for a working social animal, only this necklace was an extra item.

The pendant of the necklace was a dollar coin with a hole punched in it, and Bai Liu put his hand on it to see the game panel pop up, which was the same as the one Bai Liu had seen before, with no extra information.

This should be something like a game manager.

Bai Liu put the necklace away in his shirt, he didn't really like the sight of such damaged coins.

Bai Liu poked his head out of the back of the van, a seven-passenger van with four other people in front of him apart from Bai Liu lying in the back, and as soon as he poked his head out someone looked at him in surprise: "Bai Liu, hey my sweetie, you're finally awake!"

Except for Bai Liu, all six were obviously foreign looking. The one who called out Bai Liu sweetie was a girl with curly brown hair and big waves, red lips and brown eyes, wearing hot trousers and suspenders. The moment Bai Liu

saw this person, the coin on her heart popped up in a panel with the character's message.

[NPC name: Lucy].

[Description: Your classmate, who likes your type of guy, is too shy to face Lucy, who is ten centimeters taller and more enthusiastic and daring than you].

Bai Liu's eyes pause subtly for a couple of seconds on [Too Shy], quickly withdrawing into thought.

This game seems to require the player to see the NPC panel information themselves in order to trigger it, in the same way that playing an online game requires you to put your mouse on it in order for the information to pop up; the player's eyes are now the equivalent of the player's mouse and gamepad.

He thought for a moment, it seemed that in this game at least one could not lose one's eyesight.

Lucy scowled at Bai Liu: "Hey, baby, did I tire you out? You've slept the whole way from the car."

Bai Liu, who has been maternally single, has a slightly mixed feeling: "....."

A painless end to single life.

He digressed just in time, Bai Liu looked out the window at the increasingly remote and cold landscape and asked, "Where are we going here? Why does it look so remote?"

"Looks like some coward is trying to run away again." A sarcastic, mellow male voice came from the front, a tall man in tight jeans and a sports T hugged his chest and looked at Bai Liu with contempt. The man was so big that his top was stretched to the point of bursting, and he looked like a rugby player.

He looked at Bai Liu with a condescending hug and snorted, "Too late, Bai Liu, even if you are a coward and want to run away, we are already on our way to Siren Town."

Panel pops up.

[NPC Name: Andre].

[Your rival, who loves Lucy but has been rejected by her, is hostile to you. You proved your love for Lucy by making a bet with him that you would guard her in the most dangerous place in the world, so you drove to Siren Town. You regretted it and cried before you got in the car, having been forced to do so by Andre].

Bai Liu had already seen the name "Siren Town" twice in a row, and ignoring Andre's taunts to him, he inquired, "Siren Town, what is it?"

Andre grunted again and was about to open his mouth to continue his taunting when a rambling, continuous whispered chant interrupted him.

" Siren Town, the only seaside town in history where the remains of sirens have been found. Throughout history, many people have claimed they have seen the Siren here, or heard the beautiful songs of the Siren mermaids on the waves, or seen these demonic looking mermaid sirens feasting on human corpses on the darkened reefs"

" Jeff! Those are just stories that Siren Town has made up to get tourists to go sightseeing!" Andre interrupted impatiently, though a quick, imperceptible wince flashed across his face.

A small boy with thick beer-bottle-lidded glasses cringed a little as he clutched his book to his chest, seemingly afraid of Andre, but mustered up the courage to whisper back, "Then how do you explain the mysterious disappearance of the tourists who came to Siren Town! Twelve tourists disappeared completely from Siren Town last month! The police have searched everywhere to no avail, and no one has seen them leave Siren Town"

Bai Liu looks to the panel.

[NPC name: Jeff].

[Character Bio: An ardent lover of mermaids, sea monsters and other unnatural creatures, Lucy and her group are going to Siren Town, so he volunteered to go with them and knows the legend of Siren Town well.]

Andre disagrees , "Most of these people just fell into the water and drowned themselves, how normal it is to drown on the beach."

Jeff, however, was defiant: "The police have been organising a recovery for a month now and haven't recovered a single body, even if they did fall into the sea, that's not normal" he said, his tone low and dark, with a hint of excitement, and "Unless their bodies were eaten by Siren, so that the police can't recover them either"

Andre finally got angry and smacked Jeff on the head: "Shut up! You fucking four-eyed freak! All day long : mermaids and fishes! I think you look like a mermaid!"

Andre hit him so hard that Bai Liu could clearly see Jeff's head hit the edge of the seat and then dizzily hit Andre. This angered Andre so much that he slapped Jeff several times, causing one of his teeth to fly out.

Jeff was silent as he looked down and picked up his teeth, then looked at Andre with a very subtle look of dark hatred and mouthed the words very softly.

None of the others heard, but Bai Liu, who has always had good hearing, heard Jeff say, "The mermaid will surely tear you apart and swallow you, Andre".

Bai Liu raised his eyebrows slightly, but said nothing, this NPC character relationship is really a bit complicated.

It seems that Andre has been beating up on Jeff for more than a day or two, and that this Jeff seems to have a plan of revenge in mind with the 'mermaid'.

The driver is a local from Siren, whom Bai Liu paid to drive the car. From Lucy's conversation, Bai Liu discovers that he is also a wealthy young man, and that he has paid for all the food and accommodation for the group, as well as the driver, who he has asked to help him find a local hotel.

The car drove late into the night before reaching the mysterious town of Siren. The driver described Siren as a town that lived on fishing and helping to salvage shipwrecks, and had always been isolated and run down until the new mayor found a way to attract tourists with rumours of mermaids.

For example, one visitor who checked into the hotel that night was gone the next morning, the door was closed, and no one saw him go out, the bed was still warm, but the person was gone.

As a result, Siren Town was incredibly desolate during the tourist season because of the missing tourists, and a number of hotels and hostels were closed because of poor business practices.

Siren Town was indeed in a state of disparity, with flying fences and fishing nets everywhere, dried shells and seaweed and mud on the ground, and only a few hotels and hostels with decent décor. It was late at night when Bai Liu arrived, but there were still many pedestrians on the road.

The pedestrians were heading towards the beach at the same pace, but as soon as Bai Liu and his team drove in, the townspeople, who were going to the beach, stopped in unison, their heads tilted, and their eyes looked straight at Bai Liu's car.

Lucy shuddered at the prospect of being watched by so many people in the middle of the night, and she squealed softly, shrinking into Bai Liu's arms.

But she is so much taller than Bai Liu that she peeks over Bai Liu's shoulder and looks as if Bai Liu has retreated into her arms.

Bai Liu: "....."

Bai Liu turned to the driver and asked, "It's midnight, what are these people doing on the beach?"

The driver shook his head, "Not many people come to visit these days, the economy is in the doldrums, so they have to go back to fishing for a living. You don't know if you've ever fished, many of the valuable fish are afraid of the glare and only come out at night, that's why they go to sea at night."

The townspeople looked at Bai Liu with very strange eyes, eyes that glowed cat-like green in the night, and a strange expression on their faces, as if they

were smiling, but instead of the corners of their mouths rising completely, they were stiffening and generally twitching at the corners of their mouths.

They also had nets and hooks in their hands, some with emulsified oil lamps, and they stared at the car with Bai Liu in it, their eyes moving with it as if they were ready to attack it with their fishing gear.

"You guys need to be careful with these guys." The driver warned, "They're short of money these days, and you guys are rich."

Due to Bai Liu's wealth, the driver arranged for the group to be taken to the best hotel in the area.

The hotel is a very modern and luxurious five-star hotel, so luxurious that it is a little out of place in the whole town, and there is actually a fountain pool at the entrance.

The fountain pool contains a statue of a mermaid made of limestone on a base of white cold wax.

The wax figure of a mermaid is lifelike, her lustrous skin glistening almost human in the dull moonlight, her long hair falling to cover her ample breasts, her fish tail standing in the pool. Her eyes are downcast, her expression compassionate, and in her hands, she holds up a water jug in which some false mica pearls are scattered, and from which a fountain pours down into the pool, making a sound like waves.

The driver bypassed the fountain pool in front of the hotel and drove the car all the way to the front entrance of the hotel.

Jeff suddenly exclaimed, pointing to the wax figure of a mermaid in front of the hotel and shouting, "She just looked at me! She just moved!"

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Bai Liu followed Jeff's line of sight and saw that the wax figure of a mermaid was still looking into the water, unmoving, with her eyebrows lowered.

Andre was taken aback by Jeff's shout and he punched him hard: "The wax figure is not moving! It hasn't moved at all! If you keep acting like that, I'm going to rip your voice box out of you and throw it on the ground and stomp on it!"

Jeff covered his punched head, looked at Andre with some fear, curled himself into a ball and whispered to himself, "She moved, she really moved"

Lucy, who was also a bit freaked out by Jeff, forced a smile, " Jeff, how can you be so sure that it wasn't your eyes but the wax figure of a mermaid that moved? This mermaid doesn't have eyes, so how do you know she's looking at you?"

It was a creamy white wax figure of a mermaid, made of cold wax, with a strange translucent texture and some half-melted droplets on its face.

The wax figure has carved eyes but no black eyes, its entire eye is pure white, as if it were some soulless dead being standing in front of the hotel.

"Haven't you guys noticed?" Jeff's voice was getting lower and lower, and a little shaky, "No matter where we drove, our car was being looked at directly by this wax figure, and her eyes were definitely moving"

"That's what I thought it was" Lucy was visibly relieved and finally laughed out comfortably, "It's the same as that Mona Lisa's Smile' portrait, right? No matter what angle you look at it, you think the person in the portrait is looking at you."

"No, this situation where the person on the portrait is looking at themselves at any angle can only be created in two dimensions, not three, which means that it is impossible for a wax figure to appear that way." Bai Liu calmly refuted Lucy, "Jeff is right, the wax figure's eyes do keep moving on us."

It was the same with the townspeople who started staring at them as soon as they entered, as if they were looking at prey that had entered their hunting area.

This thing is supposed to be a monster of some sort.

The coin on Bai Liu's chest vibrated abruptly just as this thought fell upon him, bringing up a brand-new panel that took the form of a heavy, antique medieval book that slowly flipped open in front of Bai Liu.

[Congratulations to the player who found the first game monster and unlocked the monster book - Siren Small Town Special (1/4)]

A photograph appears on the page, the pale face of a mermaid wax figure submerged in the murky waters, her face only half exposed, her uncarved eyes gazing wordlessly at Bai Liu, as if about to crawl out of the picture.

[Monster Name: Mermaid Wax Figure (Nymph Status)]

[Attack Value: ????? (Unknown not unlocked, unlocked after battle)]

[Attack Method: ?? (unexplored)]

[Weakness: ?? (unexplored)]

The question marks are covered with what looks like wet moistened ink and stains, and it is impossible to read the exact words, with explanations floating behind them in fluorescent script.

A line of explanatory text below the weaknesses reads

[Note: Exploring to complete the information of this monster book page can get corresponding point rewards and special rewards, collecting all the monster book pages of a game copy can take away the most precious things of a certain monster in that game copy]

The monster book in Siren has four pages and the next page, Bai Liu, won't turn, showing unlocked monsters from other copies of the game.

It's a bit like fighting a monster and then getting a reward, the higher the danger level of the monster, the better the [stuff] you can end up with.

But looking at the quest conditions, and even the combat, it's totally encouraging players to go out and provoke monsters to death

Bai Liu, a scum with the combat power of a high school girl's book bag, rubbed his chin deeply.

Lucy clasped Bai Liu's hand in some panic: "..... Is she really moving?!"

"How can that be?!" Andre seemed infected by Bai Liu's rhetoric, a momentary look of fear appeared on his face, but it was quickly suppressed as he mocked at Bai Liu, " Bai Liu, you coward! If you're scared for your life and you're making up these excuses to run away, you can run! When you get

back you'll automatically give up Lucy and get down on your knees and lick the piss off my shoes!"

This would have been the bet between Bai Liu and this Andre.

The driver moved strangely, but finally teased as if it were normal, "It's late, you're mistaken, aren't you? There's no such thing as a moving wax figure, is there? If there were, our town would have protected it and used it as a tourist attraction! There's a lot of money to be made there! We produce wax in our town and the wax figures of mermaids are just a feature of our town, they are everywhere, nothing special."

"Here we are! You guys get off the bus! Get a good night's rest tonight and get up in the morning and have a good time!" The driver opened the door and escorted them out of the car.

Bai Liu glanced back at the wax figure of the mermaid in the fountain, which, from a distance, was still facing them, its head meekly bowed, gazing at the water, and did not seem to be watching them.

But Bai Liu vividly remembers that the front of the mermaid wax figure was not facing the entrance of the hotel when their car first pulled in, but the entrance.

Two wax figures of mermaids were also placed at the entrance to the hotel, left and right, holding sceptres in their hands and with strangely twisted smiles at the corners of their mouths, as if they were pretending to be waiters to welcome them, but with a look as if they were forced to stand there.

When they walked into the hotel, they found wax figures of mermaids of all sizes all over the place inside, even behind the cashier's desk there was an

equivalently sized wax figure of a mermaid with money in her hand, as if she was taking the checkout.

As the driver said, mermaid wax figures seem to be the hallmark of Siren Town and are everywhere, but that's a bit too much, from the floor lamp's mermaid wax decoration to the carved mermaid pencil holders on hand at reception, it's not just everywhere, it's inseparable.

These wax figures of mermaids have one thing in common - Bai Liu finds himself looking directly at them wherever he goes in the house.

Moreover, none of these wax figures of mermaids have eyes. It is logical that a wax figure without pupils can hardly give the impression that it is gazing at you, but Bai Liu has that feeling.

Even Andre, who had been yelling at Bai Liu for being a coward, got goose bumps when he entered and rubbed his arms, while Jeff shivered and hid behind Andre, as if he wasn't afraid that Andre would hit him.

Lucy was holding Bai Liu's arm in a small bird-like manner, a delicate rose-like face flushed with a tragic white colour and seemed to be frightened by the bizarre hotel decor.

And Bai Liu calmly communicates with the receptionist: "Hello, my name is Bai and I have a previous reservation."

At the reception desk is a young man with a ghastly marble complexion, wearing a floor-length kilt underneath, walking with a lurch and seemingly limited mobility. When the young man stood still, it was difficult to tell whether he was a wax figure or a real person.

Bai Liu's group leaned over and when the man suddenly moved, it even startled Lucy, who thought the wax figure had moved and covered her face and exclaimed, "Oh my God! You're so white you look like a wax figure!"

"I'm sorry." The receptionist looked at them apologetically and said, "I have albinism and I'm sorry for scaring you! Mr. Bai, is it? You booked four rooms a week ago, the reservation was made for a week, the fee has been paid, the room card is here, have a nice life."

Bai Liu took the room card, and he was actually relieved to hear that the booking was for four rooms.

He didn't really want to share a room with Lucy.

Lucy seemed to get it too, and the woman, who had just been in shock, quickly recovered with an [Oh! Baby! You're so shy!] She looked at Bai Liu with a flirtatious look that Bai Liu ignored without changing her face.

"I'd like to ask, what is it about this hotel of yours that so many people fish wax figures?"

The receptionist replied in a calm tone, "Sir, the mermaids have given us everything, the town of Siren had nothing and since the recovery of the mermaid's remains, more and more tourists have come here, we have gained money, we have everything, so we are very grateful to the mermaids. Here, there are many wax figures of mermaids in every house and it's like a talisman for us."

Bai Liu pointed to the mermaid wax figure behind the receptionist: "You have a wide range of types of mermaid wax figures, too, all kinds of them, and the one behind you, which looks exactly like you, it seems to be made of a different material from the others as well."

It's not that Lucy couldn't tell the difference between the man and the wax figure, but the wax figure of a mermaid behind the receptionist looked exactly the same as the receptionist, even with a more vivid expression than the real one, which was a bit grim.

The mermaid's eyes stare straight at the receptionist standing in front of it, and no matter where the receptionist goes, he does not look away, as if he wants to run out of the wax figure with his teeth and claws and tear the receptionist, who looks exactly like him, apart and eat him.

The other mermaid wax figures look a little melted, but this one does look a little more translucent and new, not as thick and dusty as the others.

"Yes, sir." The receptionist raised her eyes to look directly at Bai Liu, "This mermaid wax figure behind me is my amulet, we will have the mermaid wax figures pinched to look like us and when disaster strikes these mermaid wax amulets will be mistaken for us by the devil and melt away in our place to bear the disaster."

Bai Liu found it a bit interesting that this [amulet wax figure] is obviously different from the other mermaids wax figures.

[Players gain new awareness - Siren Small Town Monster Book Mermaid Wax Panel Refresh]

[Monster Name: Mermaid Wax Figure (Chrysalis Status), Amulet Wax Figure (Cocoon Status)]

A chrysalis and a cocoon? This monster called [Mermaid Wax] also has two different states?

Bai Liu slowly muses that a chrysalis is the state in which the adult insect has not yet broken its shell, and that a cocoon is the state in which the adult hatches successfully, or the shell left behind, so to speak.

The point about protecting one's shell is consistent with this front desk's claim of a shell that resists attack

It is estimated that this mermaid wax figure also has two states, [Bug] and [Butterfly], which Bai Liu intuitively should be more aggressive than [Chrysalis] and [Cocoon].

At present, it seems that the mermaid wax figures in the [Chrysalis] and [Cocoon] states have no intention of actively attacking people, although it is possible that the [attack] is of a type that Bai Liu is unaware of, such as mental contamination or something like that.

He felt that a hall full of wax figures of mermaids staring at players all the time would be quite mentally polluting.

Bai Liu handed out the room cards. Lucy tried to share a room with him, but was dismissed by Bai Liu with the excuse that [I haven't proved myself brave enough for you to really have you!]

Lucy goes back, touched, and hotly prepares to kiss Bai Liu goodbye before being stopped by an angry Andre.

[Thank you Andre! I hope nothing happens to Andre tonight!] Bai Liu wishes from the bottom of his heart that Andre could have lived a little longer.

This girl is warm and generous and very fond of him, the type of girl Bai Liu doesn't handle well.

Bai Liu used his room card to swipe open his room, and once he did so, he stopped in his tracks.

Bai Liu plays this NPC with money and booked a better room with beautifully detailed furnishings, but the room is actually full of mermaids too, from the table lamp shape to the wax figure on the bedside table, which glows with an oily texture in the dim light.

As soon as Bai Liu swept in, the eyes of the ghastly white mermaid wax figures seemed to move imperceptibly and looked at Bai Liu in unison.

Panel pops up :

[Activate Main Quest: Player Bai Liu must survive the night safely in the house until tomorrow and must not get hatched - Quest Completion Reward: 20 points]

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The system gave Bai Liu his first task, but Bai Liu's focus was not on the task instead, he looked at the words [Avoid being hatched] and fell into a deep thought.

..... hatching?

Gee, can that bunch of wax figures hatch them?

Bai Liu made a silent note, and as soon as he turned around he saw a wax figure of a mermaid of equal height standing across the bed.

This is the largest wax figure of a mermaid that Bai Liu has seen in the house.

The wax figure of a mermaid is beautiful, holding a one-person high polished mirror, the frame of which is also embedded in wax, while the graceful hands of the mermaid are the support for the dressing mirror.

It is also the only wax figure of a mermaid in the room that is not looking at Bai Liu.

He looks into the mirror with a smile on his face and he is reflected in it, his arms are wrapped around the mirror as if he were in it, making him slightly uncomfortable.

The eyes of the mermaid wax figure fall on the mirror, the brow inward, the corners of the eyes lowered, the fish tail splayed helplessly on the ground, with a realistic and cheerful expression, as if welcoming the person in the mirror.

Bai Liu looks in the mirror and the [self] inside gives an eerie wax-like smile to the Bai Liu outside the mirror.

Bai Liu covers the mirror with a white cloth unmoved.

This level of horror doesn't work for Bai Liu, who is a horror game maker in the real world and often stays up until two or three o'clock alone to create all kinds of horror scenes, so this kind of routine horror scene with a man in the mirror laughing at you is almost numb to Bai Liu and he doesn't feel anything.

It seems that the tourists who disappeared silently directly from the hotel and whose bodies were never found, as Jeff said earlier, were probably [hatched] by these mermaid wax figures.

Although Bai Liu doesn't know exactly what [incubation] is all about, it can't be good.

Conservatively, Bai Liu covered all the mermaid wax figures with white sheets from the hotel room, including the huge mirror, to block out the eerie and omnipresent view. It doesn't always work, but it's better than nothing.

Most importantly, with so many people looking at Bai Liu in fish wax, Bai Liu couldn't sleep either.

As he shielded himself from the mirror, he touched the mermaid wax figure's fish tail, which did not feel like a glossy, silky touch of wax, but was as slimy

and wet as a sea fish.

Bai Liu even felt the scales on the tail of the wax figure under him gently open and close.

Bai Liu paused to smell his fingers after touching the wax figure and was surprised to smell a strong smell of fish, but when Bai Liu got close enough to sniff the mermaid wax figure, he didn't smell anything fishy, only the smoky aroma of the hotel room.

It could be the smell carried off the car

..... More likely Bai Liu himself gave off that fishy smell, and thinking about that mermaid wax figure that can [hatch] tourists, Bai Liu frowned, feeling a little uncomfortable.

What can be hatched from a mermaid wax figure?

Mostly it's just some nasty looking fish or something.

The word [hatching] reminds Bai Liu of a film called "The Mermaid in the Sewer", which he watched two or three times for its source material and has not had any charming fantasies about mermaids ever since.

Bai Liu was tired after a long night's drive, so he simply cleaned himself up and lay down on his bed to drift off to sleep. His stamina was already at zero and he desperately needed to sleep in relative safety to replenish it.

In the middle of the night, Bai Liu was awakened by a very dull, dragging, strange sound.

As soon as he opened his eyes, he saw that the white cloth that had previously covered the wax figures of the mermaids had somehow slipped off, leaving only a part of it hanging on these wax figures.

Some of these wax figures are covered by white cloths so that only one eye is visible, and their expressions seem to have changed slightly, from one of divine compassion to one of resignation and resentment, as they look at Bai Liu motionlessly, as if blaming him for covering them with white cloths.

Bai Liu noticed that the wax figures seemed to be closer together than they had been before he went to sleep, like a group of people about to gather at a table for a meal slowly gathering around his bed with their hands raised.

Especially the dressing-glass mermaid wax figure holding a huge mirror, Bai Liu woke up in a daze to see his feet almost on the mirror.

The huge mirror, which was facing the bed, had moved to fit against it.

As soon as Bai Liu sat up on his shrunken feet, he saw himself reflected in the mirror.

In the mirror, [Bai Liu's] skin is pale as rock, his eyes are devoid of black, and the cobwebbed pattern of marble surrounds them. [He] shows a stiff smile at the corners of his mouth to the Bai Liu outside the mirror, but in a flash, it becomes a normal mirror image again, as if it was just Bai Liu's imagination.

Bai Liu quietly got up from the bed and, without changing his face, tied the wax figures of the mermaids up with a white cloth.

To prevent the wax figures from breaking free, Bai Liu used twine to tie them twice, then wrapped the smaller ones in a white cloth and threw them into

the wardrobe and locked them, while the larger ones were pushed into the bathroom and locked behind them, with the precision of a skilled kidnapper.

The objects appear to be somewhat restricted in their movement, not being able to move until Bai Liu is asleep, and it appears that even after Bai Liu is asleep, they need to break free of the white cloth and see Bai Liu before they can move towards him.

Some of the little wax figures of mermaids that had not gotten their white cloths off were just scurrying around in the white cloth, not gathering towards the bed but scattering and fleeing.

Once this rule was clarified, Bai Liu took the opportunity to increase the limit to the maximum.

Just as he was finishing this and clapping his hands together to get ready for bed, Bai Liu heard a door open and close and a creeping footstep from next door to him.

Bai Liu had just lain down on the bed. The four rooms he had booked were all adjacent to each other, with Andre and Jeff living in the rooms next to each other on the left and right.

The sound of the door opening and closing came from the left, which was Jeff's room. Bai Liu gets up from the bed and presses himself against the door to look through the cat's eye into the corridor.

Jeff was seen standing in the corridor and after looking around to make sure the corridor was clear, he sneaked down the hotel stairs.

Bai Liu frowned, "What are you doing up in the middle of the night?"

He was just about to open the door and follow him when he saw the door handle of Jeff's room, which had been closed, start to turn slowly again, as if someone else was about to follow Jeff out of his room.

Hotel rooms are for one person.

Lucy could not have gone to Jeff's room in the middle of the night. Andre was not on good terms with Jeff and could not have gone to Jeff in the middle of the night, and Bai Liu was in his room.

So, who is this person coming out of Jeff's room?

Bai Liu's heart skipped a beat as he realised something with a jolt and moved slightly away from his face which was pressed against the cat's eye.

It's not a person coming out of Jeff's room!

Jeff's door handle turned to a click and finally opened slowly from the inside, and Bai Liu heard again that dull dragging sound he had heard half-asleep, as if something was being dragged along on its knees on the floor.

But Bai Liu knew this time how the sound was made.

A human-sized wax figure of a mermaid emerges from Jeff's room, its face frozen in place, its face expressionless, its eyes deadly white from lack of eyes, its fish tail on the ground, scuffing and dragging along the empty corridor in the dead of night.

Its snow-white fishtail trailed across the hotel's sturdy old red carpet, leaving a greasy trail of wax on the carpet, and its full body remained motionless as it made its way up the stairs, reminding Bai Liu of a zombie's rigid ghoul that can only bounce forward.

..... This thing can actually run out of the room by itself and open the door
.....

As the wax figure of the mermaid dragged out of Jeff's room reached the staircase, it seemed to sense something, and the head on its shoulder suddenly twisted rigidly 180 degrees and turned straight back.

The candles on its face are slowly melting away, revealing an almost fleshy lightness.

It then shifted its direction of travel and walked expressionlessly in the direction of Bai Liu's room.

Bai Liu made sure the door was unlocked and took two steps back with his back pressed against the door holding his breath as he wondered what the hell this thing wanted.

Bai Liu soon saw out of the corner of his eye that the cat's eye on the door had turned white and was still turning.

The thing was coming up to look at the person in the door with its eyes, and the thing that kept turning was the white eye of the wax figure.

This thing is searching through the cat's eye to find out who is in the room.

The eyes of this mermaid wax figure can actually see through the one-way cat's eye to the person inside.

The white eyes on the cat's eyes are still rolling as Bai Liu slowly moves aside with bated breath, reaching out his foot to hook the white cloth on the floor, ready to cover himself with it.

The frightening image was projected onto the screen of the small TV and those waiting in front of the small Bai Liu TV held their breath and bit their hands with nervousness.

"Fuck fuck fuck, that's scary, I'd have dropped my mental value if I was in-game"

"Steady on! Hold on! This place has a super high mortality rate for newcomers!"

" The monsters in Siren town are really nasty and it's hard for newcomers just coming in to keep their cool and figure out the weaknesses of this thing"

The new players on the screens around Bai Liu have almost reached the point where the mermaid wax figure is blocking the door, and some players are playing a little faster and the mermaid wax figure outside the door is clanging against it.

One of the players was whimpering and crying while huddled by the vibrating door with his ears, a wooden stick trembling in his hand, seemingly ready to be used in an attack.

The mermaid wax figure banged on the door and he cried out and screamed a little, but no one came to his rescue. The door to this player's room stopped after two shakes and the wax figure of the mermaid outside seemed to have left.

The sobbing player wiped his eyes and sighed with relief, propping himself up on the door and standing up weakly on his hands and feet.

But what he didn't notice was that the cat's eye on the door was still white, a pure white stone eye staring silently through it at the person inside.

That mermaid wax figure didn't leave at all, it just pretended to leave.

Seeing the player stand up, a strange and stiff smile appeared on the wax figure's face as it grinned contentedly as if it had found its prey.

The door was slammed twice more and easily broken open, with players who hadn't reacted screaming and being crushed underneath it.

The mermaid wax figure entered the house trailing its fish tail, a grin of strange innocence and odd hideousness on its face as it slowly reached out with open hands to the player pinned under the door.

The moment he was touched by the wax figure of a mermaid, the player seemed to be wrapped in something all over his body, his eyes rolled up, his limbs were curling up in slow motion, his legs were twitching and swaying on the ground together, like a fish struggling madly after being splashed with boiling water, and his skin turned stiff and pale in an instant.

The wax on the mermaid's body melted as quickly as if it had met hot water and wrapped around the stiff player on the floor.

Around the player's eyes appear marbled grey-black lines of the kind seen in Bai Liu's mirror, and the eyeballs disappear, leaving only the whites of the eyes covered with lines and the corners of the mouth stiffened and turned upwards.

He is wrapped in this melted wax as a wax figure of a mermaid.

[Play Yi Zhong Spiritual value is zero, completely alienated by the monster mermaid wax figure, game pass failed]

[Player Liu Xiaohong has zero spirit value and failed to pass the game by Mermaid Wax Figure]

[Player Zou Mingri game pass failed]

The small TVs of the failed players went out with a "zippy" sound, and the people gathered around them sighed.

"Eh, I knew it, I guess it's still hard to have a pass this time, 'Siren Small Town' is so hard"

It's only the first night and the monster has only had one look and almost a fifth of the entire [newcomers' area] TV wall is darkened with small TVs.

Bai Liu The TV screens above, below and to the left and right went out, leaving him alone in a sea of black screens, staring calmly out the door.

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Bai Liu could hear the crisp clang of marble against the door, and the door handle moved twice this time.

Although the door had been unlocked, the door handle sounded like it was soon to be scrapped with the fragile metallic fracture under the vigorous twisting of the wax figure of a mermaid outside the door.

The thing seemed to be trying to get in, its dead white eyes searched around Bai Liu's room, seemingly noticing that there was no one in the room, it seemed to leave Bai Liu's door, the door handle did not move, the room became silent and silent outside, the other side seemed to leave.

But Bai Liu still held his breath, he remembered that the thing made that dull sliding sound when it moved, and it wasn't right without it.

The mermaid wax figure had not left at all, but was still more or less silently guarding his door.

This thing is tricking him, luring him out, Bai Liu thought as he squinted and noticed that the cat's eyes, which had reverted to the colour of carpet, had suddenly turned back to the white of bulging eyeballs.

That thing is really still there.

The thing waited for a moment seemingly undeterred, still trying to get in, and the door handle was violently twisted into a protruding broken shape, rattling to slide off the door.

The mermaid wax figure outside the door is coming in.

Some of the kind-hearted viewers in front of the TV screen have already closed their eyes in disgust.

"It's rare to see a seeded player...eh, shame."

"The main thing is that this copy of Siren town is so disgusting, it's not even a novice copy of the difficulty, it's totally killing it for newbies."

Bai Liu's mind raced and his breathing slowed.

The game tells him quite clearly that these ghostly monsters have weaknesses that the player can use to escape from these monsters, so the way to break the game at the moment is to find the weaknesses that limit the movement of this thing.

Bai Liu closes his eyes to reflect on the whole process of moving in tonight.

As long as it's a game, it's got a solution, and games without solutions are the worst. Bai Liu has been making horror games for years, and he's beyond sure that there must be something that hints at the weakness of other people's fish wax figures.

What exactly is it

Bai Liu calmly begins to sort out all the scenes in which he meets the mermaid wax figure.

The first time was at the fountain outside the hotel, Jeff exclaimed that he saw the mermaid wax figure moving, the movement was silent, just spinning behind the car, the mermaid wax figure wasn't looking directly at them, it was looking into the water.

The second time was in the hotel lobby, where a huge number of various wax figures of mermaids, looking straight at them, did not move.

The third time was in the hotel room, except for the huge mermaid wax figure looking into the mirror, the rest of the mermaid wax figures looked straight at Bai Liu and started moving after Bai Liu fell asleep, the mirror mermaid was the fastest moving, but after Bai Liu woke up these wax figures did not move.

But apparently Bai Liu staying awake is not some condition that restricts the movement of the mermaid wax figure, because the one outside the door is ready to break in.

There will be no situation where the game cannot be broken, he must have something on him, something that can limit the movement of the mermaid wax figure.

It is not something in the room, it is not something in the hotel, it must be something brought by Bai Liu, because the hotel and the room do not restrict the movement of the wax figure of the mermaid, as evidenced by the fact that this wax figure was able to move freely in and out of Jeff's room before.

What exactly is it?

Mirror...water...sleep Look straight ahead!

Bai Liu knows what it is.

Bai Liu jerked to his feet as he pulled the door open and stared directly at the wax figure of a mermaid.

The wax figure outside the door is close enough to be seen from Bai Liu's point of view, the lifeless mermaid's face seemingly pressed against the tip of Bai Liu's nose, its palm still resting on Bai Liu's doorknob, its pure white beardless eyes peering through the cat's eye into the lower right corner - that's where Bai Liu is hiding.

No wonder this thing had to come in, it must have seen Bai Liu hiding in the bottom right corner behind the door.

Its movement stopped, its fish tail having touched Bai Liu's toe, and at the last moment of stepping into Bai Liu's room, it came to a standstill in front of Bai Liu's door.

Bai Liu was relieved to be right, the weakness that kept this thing immobile was the direct view of the human eye.

The crowd in front of the small TV was stunned.

"Holy shit!!! How did he think of that!!! Just pulled the door open without hesitation!"

"The average new player would not even think of it, and even if they did, they would not dare to pull the door open, only to look directly through the cat's eye, and that would still be certain death, because that close to look through

a mirror image like the cat's eye, the movement of the mermaid wax figure would only be partially restricted, enough to break through the door."

"Woj, I got goosebumps when he just locked eyes with the mermaid wax figure!"

"What's his name, so awesome this new guy"

The crowd gradually gathers around Bai Liu's small TV.

[168 people watched player Bai Liu's mini-TV, player Bai Liu achieved the Novice 100 achievement]

[102 people liked Bai Liu's TV, 143 people favorited Bai Liu's TV, 3 people charged Bai Liu's TV, 3 points were awarded to Bai Liu].

Bai Liu's expression on the small TV remains calm and collected, as if he doesn't think he's done anything remarkable.

Deducing the weakness that [Human Eyes] restricts the movement of mermaid wax figures when they see it is actually quite simple.

Because the wax figures started moving after Bai Liu went to sleep, and they stopped instantly after he woke up, the only difference before and after he went to sleep was that he opened his eyes, and that means that [human sight] is able to limit the movement of the wax figures of mermaids.

But there is a catch here - and that is that looking at such a thing across a mirror-like object only weakens some of the movement of the mermaid wax figure, and one must look directly at it to stop it completely.

Because there are two other kinds of wax figures that can also move under the direct view of the human eye, the wax figure of the fountain in front of the hotel and the wax figure of the mirror mermaid in the room.

The mermaid wax figure in the fountain pool outside the hotel door looks into the water, then one is looking [directly] at the mermaid wax figure through the water. Although the mermaid wax figure is restricted and cannot move fast, it can still move slowly or even turn, which is why it turns slowly at the door.

And of the mermaid wax figures in the room, the mirror mermaid is the fastest moving, also because the mirror mermaid looks inside the mirror and the limiting force given by the person looking [directly] at the wax figure through the mirror is limited, which is why the mirror mermaid runs the fastest.

The mermaid just now was looking at Bai Liu through the cat's eye, so it can move, while Bai Liu should be able to move if he is just looking directly at the mermaid wax figure through the cat's eye alone, although there will be some limitations.

This close, through the cat's eye is definitely not enough to limit the mermaid's movement to break in, if it is allowed in, the player is pinned under the door and loses the condition of [Human Eye Direct], the player will soon be dead.

But it has to be said that in this case, there are very few new players indeed who can have pulled the door open to look squarely at the mermaid wax figure.

Most of the players panicked, even if they deduced the condition of [Human Eyes Seeing Straight], they did not have the courage to verify it. Only Bai Liu,

the one who wanted money and not life, had this kind of calmness even if he was not 100% sure his deduction was right, but still justified.

[Siren Small Town Monster Book] Mermaid Wax Panel Refresh

[Monster Name: Mermaid Wax Figure (Chrysalis Status), Amulet Wax Figure (Cocoon Status)]

[Vulnerability: Human eye direct vision (1/3)]

[Mode of attack: Hatching]

The wax figure of a mermaid with downcast eyes and a head tilted slightly to the right, the corners of her mouth slightly raised with a hint of a smile, a graceful fish tail, a flawless white body and a posture of indescribable hidden beauty and divinity.

Once this wax figure is fixed still, the spine-tingling invasiveness of its body disappears, transforming it into a wax figure of great aesthetic value, standing silently in front of the door of the house of a stranger in the midnight of the seaside.

[Player Bai Liu gets 3 points for watching player charge and unlocking the game merchandise shop]

[Points are too low to purchase any items, so please keep up the good work!]

That player charged three points, Bai Liu kind of got it, someone who was watching should have rewarded him, and this unlocked merchandise shop, where all the items were black and white, showed a status of [Unavailable for purchase].

After a few brief glances, he found that this merchandise shop had everything from daily necessities to weapons, and a lot of messy things, what with [intact heart], [magic potion at first sight], such unbelievable-sounding items were also on sale, but accordingly, the prices of such items were very high.

Bai Liu understood the phrase when he entered the game - [Points can buy everything you want].

Bai Liu closes the shop and stares at the wax figure of a mermaid that remains motionless in front of him.

It's true that the thing isn't moving now, but Bai Liu can't stay up all night confronting this thing, and after this incident, Bai Liu has a new appreciation for the destructive power of this thing.

He looked to the stainless steel handle that was just about to come off his own door.

Judging from the behaviour of those wax figures in his room earlier, it seems that although this thing has enormous destructive power, it can only rely on the eyes to locate it, or rather, it is only sensitive to visual things, and once it is covered by the white cloth there is no way to locate Bai Liu, even if it is difficult to find him in the same room.

In other words, the mermaid wax figure appears to have no senses such as hearing and smell.

If Bai Liu was in the same size room as the wax figure of many fish, it would have been easy to locate Bai Liu by listening to his breathing and unscrewing his head like a doorknob, so there would be no need to rip off the white cloth to find him.

.... What a pain in the arse, and such a large quantity, what a burden to keep.

Bai Liu narrowed his eyes slightly and had an evil thought in his mind - now he had a wax figure in front of him that was motionless and at his mercy, could he experiment with it and see what its weaknesses were, like roasting it over a fire and knocking it to pieces with a stick

[Tip: If the player attacks the monster directly, if the monster does not die, it will cause the monster's hate value to stay on the player for a long time and will keep attacking the player, reducing the player's survival rate]

Bai Liu strokes his chin thoughtfully and he smiles, a small, harmless pear swirl appearing on the right side of his face.

"Attacking it directly will cause it to hold a grudge against me and take revenge on me, right..." Bai Liu said to himself, "Then I can't be blamed if something happens to it on its own."

Bai Liu did the same trick again, wrapping the mermaid wax figure in a sheet and then tying the openings underneath with string, before he unkindly placed the mermaid wax figure at the entrance to the hotel staircase.

The wax figure of a mermaid walks around headlessly when it cannot be seen. Bai Liu put the wax figure of a mermaid in this place so that the wax figure would actively fall down the stairs.

Bai Liu is not going to break these wax figures if there is hate value, which is fine if he can, but if he can't, he's obviously going to get himself into trouble.

Bai Liu has only one pair of eyes, and if he is surrounded by wax figures in a 360-degree view, the horizontal view of the human eye is only 188 degrees at

most, and Bai Liu has no way to see all of them with eyes in the back of his head, then he will surely die.

Bai Liu likes to do things that are more cost effective and although the game says that using weaknesses to escape from monsters is all that is needed, he wanted to know if he could just destroy the wax figures in some way.

Or whether there are other fatal weaknesses in these wax figures.

He doesn't do it by actively cracking or striking the wax figure of a mermaid, the risk is too great for him to take - who knows what will crawl out of this chrysalis or cocoon when it breaks.

But the mermaid wax figure has nothing to do with him if he stepped off the stairs and fell because of his own poor eyesight.

Bai Liu just wanted to do a little test to verify that the thing could be smashed and he retreated back into the room.

The wax figure of the mermaid did move shortly afterwards, and Bai Liu was puzzled. He was still looking at the wax figure, but it was covered by a white cloth and did not know that Bai Liu was looking at him, so it moved on its own.

This proves that [the human eye looking directly at it] is only an objective condition, and that the mermaid wax figure has to feel subjectively that it is being looked at directly in order to stop moving.

With so many wax figures in Bai Liu's room, there was no way for him to look at them all at once, and before Bai Liu had a chance to look around once he woke up, they had voluntarily stopped moving.

So as soon as the mermaid wax figure [feels] like it's being looked at directly, it will stop moving.

To be self-aware to this level, these things are indeed living creatures, or living creatures with some degree of intelligence, although it does not appear to be a high degree of intelligence.

The wax figure of a mermaid at the stairway struggled a few times, and with a stroke from the side of the stairway steps, it crackled down covered in white cloth, puffing out with a loud dusty thud.

Bai Liu stood on the stairs and looked down, patting the dust from his hands and tsking with some regret as he looked down at the wax figure of a mermaid, unscathed and only slightly curled up, with not even a crack in the marble.

..... really can't be broken ah physical attacks are ineffective ah

Bai Liu was unaware that his villain-like appearance was on small TV, causing a crowd of players to gawk.

"Is this guy really a newcomer? Covered head in bed sheet, drops mermaid wax figure downstairs Was this new guy a kidnapper before he came in? Or a terrorist?"

"I was just nervous and scared for him, now I'm starting to feel sorry for the mermaid wax figure knocking on the door, it's fallen on its tail, it's so bad..."

"..... Does this guy really think of himself as a player?!"

"All the other players are trying to survive the monsters, but he's good, he just doesn't want the monsters to live..."

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Bai Liu was oblivious to these discussions and his attention was soon drawn to something else when he saw Jeff.

Jeff was furtively hiding under the stairs, talking to someone, and after the conversation he walked back.

Jeff was sneaking out most of the night before, and now he's actually back.

Bai Liu had a good view from the stairs and saw that Jeff was followed by a man of the same height and dress as the driver who had driven them here today.

The two men seemed to be discussing something in whispers, and Jeff handed the driver a bunch of fancy things and gave him a few more instructions.

If Bai Liu is correct, the coins Jeff gave to the driver should be of this world.

[You have triggered the hidden storyline of Jeff's Bloody Plot]

[Explore the whole storyline, 50 points awarded, current storyline completion rate is 15%]

Bai Liu's eyes narrowed slightly as his hand reached into his collar and pulled out the perforated dollar coin and pointed it at the driver as the panel popped up with the character's information.

[NPC: Driver]

[Your driver, the one who drove your party to Siren Town, was hired by Jeff, who allegedly knows Siren Town well and has a history of arson and robbery.]

Sure enough, this is also a character NPC with status.

Bai Liu and the driver had never come into contact with each other before, and the driver was sitting in the front seat while Bai Liu was in the last row, so he could not see the driver's face.

The driver did not get out of the car, so Bai Liu never got a frontal view of the driver, and therefore never got to identify the driver's character.

He hadn't thought anything of it before, but now that Bai Liu has looked back he realizes that it seems Jeff has been intentionally blocking Bai Liu from the driver, whether by choosing to sit between Bai Liu and the driver, or by the shriek he makes when he's about to get out of the car

What conspiracy do these two have to hide from themselves?

Based on what is known about the conspiracy, Bai Liu speculates that Jeff paid the driver, who had a criminal history, to do something for him. This is unknown at this time, but Bai Liu thinks it is likely to be revenge against Andre.

On entering the town the driver had already said that many people in this town had not had an economic source for a long time and that they should be careful.

Previously Bai Liu had thought this was a reminder, but now it seems to be more of a smug and arrogant admonition from the driver, and a sort of zoning out of the hunt.

He was sending a warning to Jeff - away from his cooperation and protection, Jeff could easily be harmed by the other townspeople in this town.

The driver, of course, was a citizen of Siren Town and was short of money, and certainly could have done something to rob Jeff's carload of people for lack of money.

The driver had probably done a lot of taking money from people, he didn't look like a good guy and was obviously crazy about the money, he was insinuating threats when they entered Siren Town.

There's no telling what this driver might do if he doesn't get the money in time.

Bai Liu went back to his room before Jeff saw him and helped Jeff close the door to the room that had been left open.

Jeff hesitates for a moment as he passes Andre's room and lowers himself. Bai Liu looked through the cat's eye and saw what Jeff had put down - a large piece of fish.

It wasn't long before Bai Liu saw a pile of gloomy white wax figures of mermaids gathered in front of Andre's room.

A series of dull, cackling wax movements resounded in the corridor again.

To be on the safe side, Bai Liu had covered the cat's eye of his room with a white cloth to keep the mermaid from prying eyes, and had used a cupboard against the door in the hope that if the mermaid broke in it would make some noise and wake him up.

His stamina had been emptied. Once this was done, Bai Liu lay back on the bed and closed his eyes.

A dreamless night.

The next day, Bai Liu woke up to find the wardrobe door and the door to his room closed, but the bathroom door was about to open.

Bai Liu opened the bathroom to find that the wax figures of the mermaids he had covered and tied up had broken free of their white cloths and were moving towards the bathroom door in various contorted and bizarre positions. Some of the wax figures had reached the door handle and were only a step away from turning away.

The poses of these wax figures of mermaids remind Bai Liu of the time when he played 123 Wooden Men and suddenly turned around to see the people behind him unable to control their expressions and gestures.

The way these eerie cold white wax figures chase and surge behind the door in order to get out is inexplicably oozing.

The oppressiveness of these human-like marble wax figures stacked like this is heightened by the high density of their eyes gazing into a small space Bai Liu, which can be uncomfortable, or as uncomfortable as any normal person would feel when being looked at by so many pairs of dead eyes.

Bai Liu closes the bathroom door and he no longer cares about the wax figures, nor does he tie them up anymore.

Because there is no point anymore.

These things are breaking free faster and faster, and if we can't find any more weaknesses to control this thing, constant masking and binding is a cost effective way to do it, and maybe work out the ability of these wax figures to get out of bondage quickly.

The moment Bai Liu opened the door to his room, a new message popped up in the panel.

[Player Bai Liu completed the main quest - Stay in the house overnight without being alienated, awarded 20 points]

[Current balance: 23 points, can buy props, does the player buy?]

Bai Liu opened the shop, he was now so poor that he could count on one hand what he could purchase. Bai Liu bought a 15 point strong searchlight torch and had 8 points left - he pondered slightly.

..... I don't know if there are any of those 3D holographic projection instruments.

[Yes, one for 4 points, on sale for 3 for 8 points, will the player buy 3?

Bai Liu nodded without thinking: [Yes!]

As a social animal who is short of money, two of the words he can't afford to hear in his life are [discount] and [sale].

It was only natural that he bought and played with the 3D projector he had gotten.

The quality of these discounted projectors is not bad at all. Bai Liu recorded his own portrait and the projection was amazing, with no bad quality at all, realistic colours and vivid characters, almost like real people when you look at them in the dark.

Bai Liu is very happy with his purchase.

But his viewers are not happy, and it's a tradition in this game that once a newcomer gets their likes, attention and airplay, they demand a certain amount from that newcomer.

A group of people gathered around the small TV pointing and sighing.

"This newcomer isn't trying to use the projector as a human-eye hokey-pokey mermaid wax figure, is he? It's written in the monster book that you need to see straight through the human eye. The projector will only fool the mermaid wax figure for a while, it won't last long."

"I can't believe I bought a discounted projector, it looks fancy, but it's useless! Otherwise it wouldn't be a stagnant item that no one would buy for a point a piece! What was this newbie thinking!"

"..... Yes, this projector was on sale when I came in and now, after all these years, it's still on sale"

"Fuck, 23 points, clearly the highest number of points in the newbie area so far, and it's all gone to waste, without buying a single useful item! Are you out of your mind?!"

Suddenly, a player shouted in surprise in front of a small screen, "Come here! There's a newbie over here who's bought the Flaming Torch! This thing kills mermaids, he's stable!"

The crowd suddenly left Bai Liu's small TV screen and gathered around the novice who had supposedly bought the right prop, many nodding approvingly.

"Yeah, that's the regular level-breaking prop, that's a good newbie idea."

"The Flaming Torch can be used three times, and with a good grasp, he should be the only newcomer in the group to get through."

Bai Liu's small TV is once again only a handful of people in front of it.

[34 people are watching Bai Liu's mini-TV and 167 people have left]

[50 people unliked Bai Liu's TV, 44 people unliked Bai Liu's TV, 17 people stepped on Bai Liu's TV and no one charged Bai Liu's TV].

After testing his props, Bai Liu left the room and went to Jeff's room to wake him up.

Jeff had obviously slept badly last night, his face was a little pale and there were two large dark circles under his round-rimmed glasses.

The number of wax figures of mermaids in Jeff's room - as Bai Liu has visually estimated - is about the same as in his own room.

Unlike the wax figures in Bai Liu's room, which he had locked up, the wax figures were quietly in place, and he don't know if it was his fault, but he thought the wax figures in Jeff's room looked a little more realistic than the ones in his room, and their faces had become slightly similar to Jeff's... ..

The mermaid wax figure has a translucent flush under its white waxy case, its eyes seem to move in their sockets at any moment, and its expression is pleasant and natural, as if it were a fish that has absorbed enough water to stretch out the scales on its tail.

The room also began to have a faintly fishy smell.

Bai Liu went to Lucy's and Andre's rooms to observe them. He carefully compared them and found that the wax figures of mermaids in these rooms were indeed closer to human skin colour than those in his own room, both in terms of touch and shade, and that they were beginning to resemble the features of the people living in the rooms.

Siren Town

Chapter 7: Siren Town

Lucy sits at the table, looking like she hasn't slept either, yawning sickly and leaning into Bai Liu.

Jeff has been dozing off all morning and has dark circles under his eyes, his skin is greenish grey and his eyes are sunken.

And I don't know if it was Bai Liu's fault, but he felt that Andre's pupils had shrunk a little compared to yesterday, and his whole being had an uncomfortable air of nervous agitation, with an unmistakable smell of fish.

Bai Liu took out the coin and swiped it against Andre.

[NPC Name: Andre (Mental value decreased, alienation in progress)]

Andre seems to have worked up an appetite at this point, eating large plates of the hotel breakfast buffet as if it were being poured straight down his throat.

As this hotel is by the sea, most of the breakfasts consist of fried fish of all kinds. The fish soup is oily and smooth, and the fillets are golden and crispy, making them look appetising.

Bai Liu smelt a pungent fish smell like rotting dead-fish tails he smelt at the dump where the fishmongers dumped their fish in the market, and he started to gag as soon as he got near the glorious looking fish delicacies.

But both Jeff and Lucy had the look on their faces that these things smelled good.

Bai Liu took out the coin and scanned it. As expected, these two also showed [Alienation in progress], which should be related to the mermaid statue in the room.

Not to mention Andre, who makes Bai Liu a little uncomfortable with the way he eats. Andre chewed heavily, the wet, dark tail of the fish lapping at the side of his mouth as he chewed, often forking the next one into his mouth before he even had finished it.

Lucy looked at Bai Liu with slight surprise as she sliced the fish steak with her knife and fork: "Aren't you going to eat? Baby! The fish steaks here are so delicious, I couldn't help but eat two of them even though I'm on a diet!"

"You've really found a rather nice beachfront hotel!" With that, Lucy was about to come over and kiss him.

But Bai Liu was choked by the strong smell of fish in Lucy's mouth, and subconsciously pushed her away, but thought better of it and pulled the plate away from Lucy's face, pretending to be serious: "Baby, you're in shape, I won't allow you to lose your beauty for a fish. "

Lucy was delighted to be coaxed into eating the vegetarian salad, although she still had a fondness for the fish and chips.

Bai Liu pretended to drop by again and filled a number of salads for Jeff and Andre to eat.

Jeff ate a little bit.

It was Andre who looked at Bai Liu and taunted, "It's not like our rich man is short of money, is it? Before he came here, he said he'd pay for our food and accommodation, but now he can't even let us eat a fish steak."

" Lucy, look at that, there's your mean boyfriend!"

Lucy immediately cursed in anger: " Andre! If it wasn't for Bai Liu, do you think you could come to a hotel like this and eat this fancy fish and chips? You wouldn't even be able to stay here! If Bai Liu didn't pay for you, you wouldn't be able to enter the hotel!"

" Lucy!" Andre growled, but Lucy tilted her head back and glared at Andre.

Andre can't do anything to the woman he likes, so he's ready to take his anger out on Bai Liu.

As Lucy watched Andre's wide palm open to lift Bai Liu by the back of his collar, Bai Liu wiped his mouth nonchalantly, looked over at Andre and smiled, "If you still want me to pay your bill, you'd better not touch me."

Andre's hand suddenly stopped in mid-air, his nostrils dilating and contracting like a bull as he spat out a furious breath.

He looked at Bai Liu with red eyes and threatened fiercely, "If you can't do what we bet on by the end of the night, I'll make sure you're a short-handed punk who can't even get laid!"

Andre's eyes were bloodshot, seemingly dazed by the rage that had gone straight to his head, but he couldn't do anything about it, as he was still expecting Bai Liu to pay his bill.

At the same time a piece of broccoli accidentally rolled out of Jeff's plate while he was eating and onto Andre's shoe.

Like a balloon that has been inflated to its limit and then punctured, Andre backhanded Jeff in the back of the head before he could say sorry, knocking Jeff's head on the plate and spitting out everything he had eaten that morning.

"You've soiled my shoes! You disgusting bastard!" Andre seemed amused at the sight of Jeff vomiting, found some sort of mental balance by grunting a laugh out of his nose and giving Jeff another kick.

After wiping the negligible grease stain from his shoes on Jeff's trousers, Andre added, "I don't mess with losers who can't fight back, wipe it off and get the hell out of my way."

Lucy helped a dazed Jeff to his feet as she yelled hysterically at Andre: "You stop it Andre! You've gone too far with Jeff!"

Bai Liu ignored the two arguing men, his eyes focused on Jeff's vomit, a golden fish fillet that had been chewed and spat out with a greenish-black cross-section that looked like dead fish, covered in what looked like wriggling worms.

This rotting dead fish, which is simply not edible to humans, is used by fishmongers to feed larger fish.

Bai Liu remembers a fishmonger telling him that the larger the fish, the more they like to eat dead fish.

The driver came to pick Bai Liu up after his breakfast.

[Main Quest: Visit Siren Wax Museum, 50 bonus points]

[Main Quest: Attend the Mermaid Fishing Convention, reward points 50]

The Siren Museum and the Mermaid Fishing Convention, which sounds like two attractions.

Bai Liu pondered for a moment, and was just about to ask the driver what these two were when Jeff suddenly came up and got between Bai Liu and the driver, his head bowed and silent, his pale, thin cheeks sunken, blood stains from Andre's blows on the side of his mouth, his teeth clenched and trembling slightly.

Bai Liu raised an eyebrow, Jeff seemed to have gone out of his way to avoid contact with the driver from yesterday until now.

This is not quite normal.

Bai Liu's fingers unconsciously turn the coin in his heart.

The coins flip back and forth on the backs of his fingers, a common gesture Bai Liu uses to think things through, and the feeling of having money in his hands, even a dollar, gives him a sense of calm and pleasure.

In the absence of other information, Bai Liu speculated that Jeff's target would be Andre, and that it would be normal for Andre to have access to the driver, who would be looking for opportunities to strike, while Lucy would be an easy character to fool, and there would be no need to be so deliberate in isolating him.

Jeff must have had a reason for isolating him and the driver, and that reason, Bai Liu pondered, would be money.

Jeff clearly doesn't look like a wealthy character, looking at the way he dresses and his daily routine of violence by Andre.

Andre is also a bully, and is not very aggressive with the rich Bai Liu, but he does not take any real action, while he beats and scolds Jeff, whose family situation is not as good as his own, or even Andre's, in this respect.

Last night, Jeff gave the driver what appeared to be a substantial amount of money, and Bai Liu had reason to suspect that Jeff had taken the money he had paid for the driver and the tourists to hire the driver to get back at Andre, which is why he had been so vain in keeping the driver away from him.

But last night Jeff had already paid this driver a sum of money, the deal was reasonably well done, and the work of the apparent driver and tourist was well executed, and he did not express any suspicion.

Generally speaking, Jeff should have been relieved that there was no need to go to such lengths to isolate him from the driver, which would have aroused his own suspicions.

This is not quite the kind of cautiousness that you would expect if things were not yet in place.

But it's also possible that Jeff was simply being overly cautious or hesitant, not letting his guard down in case things didn't go according to plan. After all, Jeff's subplot was called "The Bloody Plot," so Bai Liu could understand why he might be extra careful with a plan that could involve murder.

Bai Liu wasn't sure when Jeff would confront Andre, but for now, he wanted to stay focused on the main quest.

Turning to the driver, Bai Liu asked, "Driver, is there anything worth seeing in Siren Town?"

The driver paused for a moment before replying, "Sights? Well, the must-sees around here are the night fishing and the museum."

Bai Liu raised an eyebrow at the answer, "Night fishing and a wax museum? What's so special about those?"

The driver glanced over at him, a strange glint in his eyes. Bai Liu, seeing the driver's face up close for the first time, was taken aback. Even with his high tolerance for horror, he couldn't help but feel a sense of surprise.

It wasn't fear, but pure astonishment at the driver's appearance.

The man's eyes were so filled with whites that they barely resembled normal eyes—more like tiny, erratic flecks, constantly shifting as if they might roll out of their sockets at any moment.

His skin was unnervingly pale, almost translucent, like cheap wax that had been left out too long.

The driver spoke casually, continuing to drive while chomping on a fish and chip sandwich. The fillet inside was a putrid, green-black color, resembling moldy fish, but the driver seemed to enjoy it, his teeth stained with the same sickly hue. He then gave Bai Liu a wide, unnaturally stretched smile.