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Synopsis

In the online game Glory, Ye Xiu is regarded as a textbook and a top-tier pro-player. However, due to a myriad reasons, he is kicked from the team. After leaving the professional scene, he finds work in an Internet Cafe as a manager. When Glory launches its tenth server, he who possesses ten years of gaming experience once again throws himself into the game. Bringing with him the memories of his past and an incomplete, self-made weapon, his return along the road to the summit begins!

After fighting and scheming, who snatched away my glory? Under the tossing of the wind and rain, my dreams shall still appear as though they had never been shattered. In all its splendor, the path shall never be lost. Before the gazes of millions, this is where I return!

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Chapter 490 - Team Excellent Era

“Here’s a Battle Mage account card.” A trace of treachery flashed across Liu Hao’s face as he handed an account card to Sun Xiang.

In fact, before Sun Xiang even came to Excellent Era, he hadn’t used a Battle Mage. However, his Battle Mage was also very good. After obtaining One Autumn Leaf, some people speculated that Sun Xiang had planned on succeeding Ye Qiu long beforehand. Why else would he put in so much effort to train his Battle Mage? If he really planned on snatching the name of Battle God, then Sun Xiang was truly an ambitious fellow.

Right now, they were using open accounts, so even if Liu Hao had given Sun Xiang his original class, Sun Xiang would still be able to perform at a high level as well. However, Liu Hao still gave him a Battle Mage account, a class Sun Xiang had only officially taken out halfway through his first season. It could be said that Liu Hao had a good grasp of Sun Xiang’s personality.

If he gave Sun Xiang his original class, Sun Xiang might be able to perform well, but with his arrogant and confident personality, he definitely wouldn’t take it well and might even become angry. It would be implying that he didn’t have confidence in Sun Xiang’s Battle Mage. Making such an action might rub him the wrong way.

Sun Xiang was impatient in proving his Battle Mage could succeed Ye Qiu’s. In the All Star Competition, he challenged Excellent Era’s sworn enemy and Ye Qiu’s long-time rival Han Wenqing. However, it resulted in a loss by the slightest of margins. However, for him, the result was completely humiliating,

especially after Han Wenqing declared in front of everyone how he couldn't even compare to Ye Qiu……

Sun Xiang had lost, so he couldn't refute it. He hadn't lost his poise in front of the public at that time either. Only his teammates knew just how furious Sun Xiang was after the match. His mentality had been affected for several days in a row. Those who tried to console him only seemed to make it worse by striking the nail in deeper. Now, it motivated him to try even harder to prove his strength and directly make Ye Qiu and Han Wenqing concede.

Ye Qiu was now playing in game.

It was just in the game. With Sun Xiang's arrogant personality, he normally wouldn't put it in his eyes. However, in the previous spectacle, he had been there too. At that time, he had wanted to fight Ye Qiu. Unfortunately, Ye Qiu never gave anyone the chance to. After beating Huang Shaotian, he ran off, making Sun Xiang extremely upset.

Liu Hao had seen all of this and immediately used this to his advantage today.

When he handed over the Battle Mage account card to Sun Xiang, Liu Hao called a few others together. Half of Team Excellent Era was headed by him.

"Do we need this many people?" Sun Xiang heard Liu Hao call others to come and coldly scoffed.

“Ha ha, this is for fun. Everyone should have some fun together.” Liu Hao didn’t dare be careless with his words, especially with Sun Xiang. If not, Sun Xiang wouldn’t want anyone to help, which would completely mess up his plans.

After hearing Liu Hao say this, Sun Xiang didn’t say anything further.

Once everyone got together, they logged on. Their accounts were all max-level open accounts and were naturally in the Heavenly Domain. Liu Hao and Chen Yehui contacted each other and immediately organized this team.

Their characters were close to each other in the beginning, so they quickly found each other.

Battle Mage, Spellblade, Elementalist, Striker, Cleric.

This was their team’s class composition. When Liu Hao heard the opposing team had a Cleric, he didn’t dare to be careless. Along with himself, the team had Sun Xiang, He Ming, Shen Jian, and Zhang Jiaxin.

Among them, He Ming had a position somewhere in between the main team and the substitute players. He was often the team’s sixth player. The other four members were Excellent Era’s main force. If Su Mucheng could be called in to help, they would have made the team that they used in official matches.

Su Mucheng was obviously out of question. Plus, calling too many people would make it seem like he was scared of Ye Qiu. Even though Liu Hao didn't mind being too careful, with Sun Xiang there, he was afraid Sun Xiang would be unhappy with it. Five players was the standard for a team in competitive play anyways. He didn't think Sun Xiang would object to that.

Everything went as Liu Hao expected. Sun Xiang coldly humphed, but didn't say anything else towards the team.

"Which way?" Sun Xiang wanted to hurry up and fight.

"Wilderness Town. I'm still trying to get an exact location." Liu Hao said, while telling Chen Yehui to use everything he had to find Ye Qiu's position.

Chen Yehui obviously complied. Ye Qiu had already gathered an incredibly strong team together with him. For their guild, if they sent too few players to fight them, they wouldn't be opponents. If they sent too many, they wouldn't be able to maneuver around and would be stuck in place. Chen Yehui felt gratified for Liu Hao coming to help so readily. As a result, he quickly assembled a ready-to-die team and told them to do everything in their power to figure out Ye Qiu's location.

A ready-to-die team was essentially a suicide squad. Chen Yehui's suicide squad consisted of individual units. If they saw Ye Qiu's team, they would certainly die. In any case, they were to try and run. Once they died and became corpses, they were to stay there and monitor them. In short, they would constantly update Chen Yehui with Ye Qiu's position.

By being made up of individual units, their scouting range would be enormous. Chen Yehui was willing to sacrifice his troops to achieve this. After organizing them together, he told them to hand over any important equipment they possessed to someone else for safekeeping. His message told them that the probability of dying was extremely high.

This team was aware of this and after receiving their orders, they immediately spread out.

This method was truly effective. One of the players heading east quickly made a report. He had found the seven players, who were running quickly. However, he didn't know their goal.

Goal?

Chen Yehui didn't care about their goal because the guild wasn't going to be the one to fight them. His objective was very simple: to find their position and report to Liu Hao.

The first player to find the target was also quite lucky. He hadn't been discovered, but this also meant he would have to continue watching them until he died.

This brother wouldn't be so stupid as to get too close. He watched from far away, but as a result, he couldn't see their IDs clearly. In the end, after seeing them make a turn, he ran over, but had already lost them. With his method of tailing, he would certainly lose them after a while.

But by finding their general location, Chen Yehui organized the others to narrow their search to that area. Soon, a second player caught sight of them again. However, this brother wasn't as lucky and was discovered. After making a report, he valiantly sacrificed himself.

"Didn't you say they gathered all of their troops together? Why are we still bumping into random players out here then? They're alone too." Loulan Slash asked after cutting this player down.

"They couldn't pinpoint our positions, so they probably sent out a ready-to-die team to find out our positions at the cost of their lives." Ye Xiu said.

"Then we've been exposed already." Loulan Slash said.

"For now, yes, but it's not like we're just going to stand there stupidly and do nothing, no?" Ye Xiu said.

The seven players continued moving ahead. Chen Yehui continuously received reports of their location from the sacrificed players. These seven players just seemed to be wandering around randomly. He couldn't figure out their next step.

Chen Yehui sent Clerics over to revive them and then had them continue scouting.

Whenever Chen Yehui received a set of coordinates, he would

send them over to Liu Hao. Liu Hao and the other pro players quickly arrived in Wilderness Town. The randomly changing coordinates made them helpless too. They could only run towards the coordinates sent to them.

Arisaema and Changing Spring hadn't given up yet and had their huge army walk around through Wilderness Town and see if they could bump into them. The two would sometimes let out sighs. Chen Yehui didn't have the energy to deal with these two. He had five seniors from the team calling for him!

After not seeing any results for a while, Chen Yehui was starting to get anxious, so he secretly sent more players to scout around. This time, two scouts found the opposing team simultaneously. With more scouts, the reports began coming in faster and Liu Hao's side now had a sense of direction to head in.

"Have you guys noticed something? Everyone we've killed so far has been from Excellent Dynasty." Little Bei suddenly spoke up.

"Really?" Ocean Ahead replied lazily. It had always been one target at a time and the targets never showed any resistance either. They would run as soon as they were discovered. It felt so pointless now. In the beginning, it had been fun, annihilating team after team, but now it felt like the big feast was over and dessert was being given a tiny nibble at a time.

"Be careful, they've upped their scouting." Ye Xiu said, "Reinforcements must have come, so they have more players at their disposal."

“Yeah, don’t get careless!” Loulan Slash was their Heavenly Justice’s leader and was calmer than the others.

“Yo yo, there’s a team over there!” Little Bei suddenly realized.

“Hm?” Ocean Ahead heard this and grew excited. His character moved around in a circle, trying to find the enemy team.

“It’s only five players……” But after seeing the team, Ocean Ahead couldn’t hide his disappointment.

“It’s still better than a single person.” Little Bei shrugged.

“A simple matter nonetheless.” Ocean Ahead commented.

“Be careful.” Ye Xiu’s voice was solemn though

“Is it some sort of trap?” Loulan Slash asked.

“Be careful when facing them.” Ye Xiu didn’t give a direct reply.

The five players at the end of the street also saw the seven players and immediately charged at them. Seeing this, the seven players immediately felt like something wasn’t right because their enemies had always ran for their lives as soon as they were discovered, even if they were a team of ten players. However, it was just a five player team now, yet they were actually rushing forward instead of

retreating. The enemy should have a grasp of their strength, but they still dared to do this……

“They can’t be weak.” Loulan Slash concluded.

“Even if they’re strong, how strong could they be?” Ocean Ahead asked.

“Could there be some sort of ambush lying in wait?” The Cleric, Thousand Falling Leaves, wondered.

“There shouldn’t be any. The enemy has been trying to find our location this entire time, so they wouldn’t have had enough time to set up an ambush.” Ye Xiu said.

“Which means they must be experts!” Loulan Slash turned serious.

“Good!” Ocean Ahead grew excited. This Battle Mage loved to fight.

Chapter 491 - Strong Enemies!

“Brothers, forward!” Ocean Ahead shouted and led the charge. This clearly wasn’t an action an Elementalist should be doing. Elementalists might have powerful spells, but they usually hid behind others for protection.

“Slow down!” Loulan Slash hastily caught up to him and used his body to force him back. Ye Qiu told them to be careful because their opponents were strong. Ocean Ahead not only didn’t listen to the warning, but he became even more excited. Loulan Slash understood his personality well, so despite being upset, he couldn’t do anything about it.

“Let them come to us. We’ll wait here and save our stamina.” Ye Xiu laughed.

“Little Bei, Night Tide.” Loulan Slash called out. These two characters stepped forward. All three of them were melee classes, so they usually fought up front.

Ocean Ahead could only move backwards obediently. The staff in his hand never stopped waving around though. Ye Xiu watched all of this and knew that he was impatiently waiting, ready to attack at any time.

Ye Xiu chuckled. Even though he was playing the role of a gunner on this team with long-ranged attacks, seeing how excited Ocean Ahead was, he decided to let him make the first move. Ye Xiu feared that if he made the first move, Ocean Ahead would

recklessly waste skills or charge forward.

"Heavenly Lightning! Little Bei, jump!" Ye Xiu suddenly yelled.

"They're coming!!" Ocean Ahead shouted as he lifted up his staff. If a noob saw this, the noob might think that it was too early to cast a spell. However, Ocean Ahead was a great expert and knew that when Ye Xiu made this command, he had considered the enemy's movement speed as well as his cast time. Casting the spell at this moment was perfect.

"Jump?" Little Bei hesitated, but he still jumped without wasting any time.

"To block his staff." Ye Xiu smiled.

"D*mn....." Little Bei thought it would be for this reason. He was positioned right in front of Ocean Ahead. When an Elementalist casted a spell, the staff would point towards a certain location, indicating where the spell would land. An experienced opponent could determine the spell's target by observing the staff's movement. Ye Xiu had Little Bei jump up in order to block the enemy's view of the staff, stopping them from figuring out the spell's target. He might be able to block the enemy's view of the Elementalist too, so they wouldn't even know that the Elementalist was casting a spell.

Bang!!

Thunder boomed from the skies and gray clouds billowed forth as lightning flashed down. The ground below glowed red and it seemed as if the land had turned transparent. Bang! Bang! Bang! The red earth cracked open and flames rushed out.

Level 70 Elementalist skill, Heavenly Thunder Earthen Fire, a damaging attack with both lightning and fire properties.

Lines of lightning and fire intertwined with each other like a network along the street. The scene looked like the coming of an apocalypse. If the people inside didn't die, then it wouldn't match the fiery visual effects.

Ye Xiu didn't give out any orders as he watched the area in which the skill targeted. The figures inside the crackling fire and lightning were difficult to see. However, they were still moving forward at high speeds.

"They're looking to die!" Ocean Ahead was astonished.

Heavenly Thunder Earthen Fire was a persistent effect skill. Lightning and fire erupted randomly within the skill's area of effect. Each bolt of lightning or flare of fire dealt damage. If a player stood still inside the area and didn't move, he might take less damage than moving about. Experienced players would usually stand still and wait for the spell to end. However, the enemies were unexpectedly charging through it. Ocean Ahead was naturally surprised at their actions.

In the blink of an eye, a figure broke through the circle of fire and

lightning. This person didn't have any burn marks on him. Ocean Ahead stared with his mouth wide open. Similar to how there would be blood if a character was hit by a blade or bullet, spells also had some sort of visual indication if a character had been struck by one, but this person had absolutely no marks on him, which meant he hadn't been hit by any of the lightning or fire.

"How is that possible?" Ocean Ahead gaped. This enemy had clearly been inside the Heavenly Lightning Earthen Fire and Battle Mages didn't have any instant movement skills. At best, Battle Mages had the movement speed buff from Neutral Chasers.

The Battle Mage in front of them had a full set of equipment. White, red, yellow, blue, and purple magic undulations circled around his feet, arms, hands, spear tip, and spear handle. These magic undulations were five types of Chasers buffing his character. He was the first person to break through the Heavenly Lightning Earthen Fire and his battle spirit wasn't any weaker than Ocean Ahead's.

"For Heavenly Lightning Earthen Blaze, you need to be able to practice until you can manually control it." Ye Xiu wasn't surprised by the Battle Mage like everyone else had been. Instead, he took this opportunity to give Ocean Ahead a lesson.

"Ah?" Ocean Ahead stared blankly. After casting the spell, the targeting for the lightning and fire could be manually controlled. However, the skill was strong enough already with just the system's automatic targeting, so oftentimes, Elementalists would use this chance to send out other spells for extra poke damage. Ocean Ahead also felt like this made sense and it didn't seem like

very many players in the pro scene controlled it manually either.

In this short amount of time, the Battle Mage had already closed in. A Battle Mage with Neutral Chasers had astonishingly high movement speed.

Loulan Slash, Little Bei, and Night Tide jumped forward to intercept him. Loulan Slash swung his sword, using Colliding Stab to see if he could knock the enemy Battle Mage back into the Heavenly Lightning. Such a simple move would never hit an expert under normal circumstances. However, Loulan Slash wasn't alone. To the left, Little Bei's Battle Mage threw out a Falling Flower Palm. To the right, Night Tide's Grappler slammed the ground to create a shockwave.

The combined attacks of the three covered a huge range. The enemy Battle Mage didn't move away and met Loulan Slash's Colliding Stab head on. Just before the attack was about to hit, the enemy Battle Mage suddenly jumped.

This jump allowed the enemy to dodge the shock wave, but Colliding Stab was a flexible move. As soon as Loulan Slash saw the enemy leap up, he swung his mouse and his Swordpoint swung upwards towards the Battle Mage.

"Roll back!!!" Ye Xiu shouted.

"What?" The three up front felt unsure who he was talking to.

“Could he be talking about me?” After all, Loulan Slash was the person directly facing the opponent, so he reckoned Ye Qiu was warning him. He didn’t have any doubts about Ye Qiu, so he hastily rolled backwards, but because of this slight moment of hesitation, he had done it slightly too slow.

The enemy’s spear stabbed forward like a viper. Even though Loulan Slash’s Swordpoint had swung upwards, it had missed the enemy by just a tiny bit. The enemy’s spear had a longer range, so the spear stabbed straight through his body.

Like a gale, the spear tossed him up into the air and then slammed him back into the ground in a circular arc. Circle Swing was a move that forcefully knocked the target onto the ground and couldn’t be teched out of with a Quick Recover.

When Loulan Slash crashed into the ground, the enemy Battle Mage also landed. He retracted his spear and stepped forward. Then, he suddenly turned around and stabbed twice. Two cold lights flew to his left and right.

“F*ck!!!” Little Bei gaped. He was a Battle Mage too and could tell this move was the low level skill Double Stab. However, this enemy Battle Mage had actually been able to split the two stabs, one for each person. This required extremely high mechanical skill to achieve, especially since Little Bei and Night Tide weren’t next to each other! Little Bei had never imagined Double Stab could be mastered to such a level.

Pu! Pu! The attack had been too sudden. Neither of them had been able to react in time. Double Stab had a small knockback

effect. The attack had been split into two, so the effects were halved, but the two were both pushed back half a body's length. The enemy Battle Mage had already turned around, so he was facing forward. He no longer had his four allies nearby to cover for him. His Battle Mage pushed his palms out with a Falling Flower Palm.

Deception reacted quickly and shot towards him. His body turned around in midair and kicked out using Bird Fall.

This skill was very fast. The direction of the attack could be controlled by the user. When Deception used this on other players, it always connected.

"Bang!"

Falling Flower Palm shot out.

At the same time, Deception stepped on the enemy Battle Mage's shoulder. His Bird Fall had hit the opponent, but it hadn't been able to interrupt the Falling Flower Palm. Fortunately, the Bird Fall had been able to delay the palm, giving Ocean Ahead enough time to jump back and dodge the attack.

Deception was about to slide down the Battle Mage's back after stepping on his shoulder. At the same time, he flung the rope on his ninjato out in preparation to activate a Body Bind Technique.

"Dodge!" Deception heard Lord Grim shout, but was puzzled by

the warning. Suddenly, the tip of a spear flashed and his body was launched into the air. Following afterwards, a flurry of magic chasers barraged him.

Boom boom boom boom boom!!!!!

Magic chasers continued to chain into each other as Deception tumbled higher and higher into the air.

At this moment, lightning and fire crossed over each other in front again. The enemy's Elementalist had also cast a Heavenly Lightning Earthen Fire. Loulan Slash, Little Bei, and Night Tide were instantly enveloped by the spell. Several figures broke through Ocean Ahead's Heavenly Lightning Earthen Fire and entered their own.

The lightning and fire made everything a blur. The thunder's booms covered up the sounds of attacks. Soon afterwards, three figures flew out from the storm. Loulan Slash, Little Bei, and Night Tide had been pushed out from the spell.

Loulan Slash and Night Tide crouched on the ground after using a Quick Recover. Little Bei fell face first into the dirt and slid to Lord Grim's feet. The opponents had used an untechable skill.

A ball of lightning formed and floated in the air as it crackled. The three saw this and grew alarmed.

Spellblade skill: Electric Wave Formation!

Chapter 492 - Sun Xiang's Dragon Raising Its Head

In the confrontation between the two teams, Ocean Ahead might have been the first to make an attack, but it resulted in his own team being swept away.

Loulan Slash, Little Bei, and Night Tide were thrown into the enemy's Heavenly Lightning Earthen Fire and then knocked back out.

Deception may have hit his intended target with Bird Fall, but it wasn't because his opponent couldn't dodge it. Rather, his opponent didn't feel the need to dodge it. Following afterwards, his opponent's rapid attacks quickly broke through Deception's own follow-up attacks. The magic chasers exploded, sending him tumbling through the air and into a wall.

Ocean Ahead had been blown back by the Falling Flower Palm. Neither him nor the Cleric had yet to take damage, but they no longer had any protection from the frontline. The enemy Battle Mage had completely exposed the backline and he posed a heavy threat to them.

In this brief exchange, the other four enemies hadn't even arrived in front of them yet and their formation had already been destroyed.

Now, an Electric Wave Formation had been placed.

The crackling electric ball was storing up energy. The Spellblade was casting this spell. As soon as he finished channelling, the electric ball would expand, creating a circular sphere, where enemy players inside would take electric damage over time. The spell couldn't be dodged, whether one went into the air or underground. The only way to escape from the attack was to get out of the Electric Wave Formation's effective range.

A max skilled Electric Wave Formation had a radius of 15 body units. With the team in complete disarray and the enemy Battle Mage completely controlling the situation, it would be very difficult for them to escape this attack.

At this moment, Ye Xiu finally acted.

He leaped into the air and his Thousand Chance Umbrella opened up. Ta ta ta ta! A stream of bullets shot into the Heavenly Lightning Earthen Fire.

A faint curse could be heard amidst the loud thunder. The electric ball suddenly shook. Everyone's hearts tightened, but the electricity didn't burst out. Zi! Like a power outage, the electric ball blinked and dispersed.

The veterans obviously knew this was because the Spellblade's attack had been interrupted. The Spellblade had been hiding inside the Heavenly Lightning Earthen Fire, but Lord Grim had still been able to hit him.

Meanwhile, Ocean Ahead and Thousand Falling Leaves were frantically running. They had seen how terrifying this Battle Mage was. This Battle Mage had broken through the Heavenly Lightning Earthen Fire completely unharmed. What did this mean? It meant that he had dodged the random attacks from the Heavenly Lightning Earthen Fire with inhuman reactions and hand speed. Then, he leaped into the midst of their entire team, sent four of them flying, and even sent Ocean Ahead a palm. Ocean Ahead and Thousand Falling Leaves had no close combat capabilities. Why would they dare to stay still and fight?

But this Battle Mage didn't even glance at the two of them. He stepped forward with his spear pointing directly at Lord Grim. With the distance between them, this spear was way too far away to hit him, but at the same time, magic waves emanated out from the spear, forming a dragon --- Battle Mage Level 70 skill, Rising Dragon Soars the Sky.

Ye Xiu's Lord Grim dodged to the side. Even though this Rising Dragon Soars the Sky had a long attack range, if it didn't have the proper set-up for it, with such a large distance between the target, it would only be able to hit in theory. However, there was more than enough time for the target to dodge. Lord Grim didn't seem flustered at all and leisurely headed towards the side.

Who would have thought that the magically formed dragon would suddenly shake its head to the side and bite down on Lord Grim. All of the magic waves poured into Lord Grim and with a dazzling explosion, Lord Grim was blasted flying away.

"Are you kidding me!!!!" Little Bei had just gotten up from the

ground and his eyes almost popped out seeing this scene.

Dragon Raises Its Head!!!

Not just Little Bei, but everyone else recognized it too. When this Rising Dragon Soars the Sky flew out, the dragon clearly twisted its head. It was reputed that only Ye Qiu alone could perform this variation of the move, Dragon Raises Its Head!

Lord Grim was only a Level 52 character and his equipment was lacking too. The damage he took certainly wouldn't be light after being hit directly by a Level 70 skill. He used a Quick Recover and landed on the ground steadily.

"Who are you?" Little Bei shouted.

To be able to perform such a mighty Dragon Raises Its Head, could this Battle Mage be the real Ye Qiu? Could this Lord Grim actually be a fake? Little Bei wondered.

"Sun Xiang." Sun Xiang's tone was filled with arrogance. He was very satisfied with how this Dragon Raises Its Head had turned out, especially with it being able to hit Ye Qiu. This was a scene he had dreamed of countless times and the dream had turned into a reality. Unfortunately, the scene took place in a random street in game. There weren't any spectators watching. If this had taken place in the All Star Competition, how great would that have been?

As soon as this name came out, Loulan Slash and the others

immediately stood there stupidly. A God! What an amazing practice today turned out to be. After taking down the little thieves, the boss came out?

“Who’s that? Is he good?”

At this moment, Deception came down from the wall and asked.

“Bro, seriously? Did you buy your account?” Loulan Slash asked incredulously. Deception was very infamous. As players in the game, they obviously knew who he was. They had never interacted with him before though. Today, because of Ye Xiu, they were fighting together as allies, but they hadn’t talked to him much. However, Deception actually didn’t know who Sun Xiang was, which made everyone very astonished. They wanted to doubt him, but then again, he showed the skill to back up his name. They had seen Deception’s capabilities while fighting alongside him. He wasn’t any weaker than them.

“You really don’t know?” Ye Xiu was also surprised. Deception didn’t know about him, so he probably didn’t pay much attention to the news nor any drama floating around. He didn’t have any friends either, so it would make sense if he didn’t know about him, but to not even know the name of a God like Sun Xiang? That was strange for an expert like him. Could he actually be someone who only cared about himself and didn’t care about anyone else?

“Why should I know?” Deception asked in return.

“You’re just pretending.” Sun Xiang laughed coldly. Deception

had been the only one to hit him, so his skill obviously wasn't bad. Sun Xiang doubted such an expert didn't know a God like him.

"How'd you like the taste of my Dragon Raises Its Head? It's not bad, right?" Sun Xiang ignored the pretending guy. He only had Ye Qiu in his eyes. He thought he could easily succeed him, but his ghost always seemed to be haunting him.

"Mm, not bad." Ye Xiu seemed to be as calm as ever. Beside him though, a girl had cried out loudly. This girl was Chen Guo, of course. She wasn't happy at all about Sun Xiang's Dragon Raises its Head. She had originally been indifferent towards Sun Xiang, but after knowing about the details about Ye Xiu's release from Excellent Era, she now hated him. And now, Sun Xiang was actually able to perform Dragon Raises Its Head. Chen Guo didn't feel comfortable knowing this.

"How talented. You couldn't do it in the All Star Competition yet, no?" Ye Xiu continued.

"You're right, but now I can do it even better than you." Sun Xiang said. After returning from the All Star Competition, he had gone through intense practice and research before mastering Dragon Raises Its Head. In addition, after comparing it to Ye Qiu's previous uses of the move, Sun Xiang was certain his Dragon Raises Its Head had an even greater range than Ye Qiu's.

"So what?" Ye Xiu said.

"....." Sun Xiang was stumped. He had done something even Ye

Qiu couldn't do and felt extremely happy about it. However, Ye Qiu himself didn't seem to think much of it. It was like punching cotton, not satisfactory at all!

"So what? Ha ha, this means you're already of the past. Did you really think your little show off of Dragon Raises Its Head in the All Star Competition would be enough to make others not forget about you? But now, you've already been completely replaced. What else can you do to prove yourself?" The Heavenly Lightning Earthen Fire faded away and four characters walked out. The one who replied to Ye Xiu was the Spellblade, Liu Hao.

Lord Grim turned around slightly. Ye Xiu glanced at them, but simply repeated himself: "So what?"

"Hmph! You're pretending!" Liu Hao also choked slightly at Ye Xiu's response and then used Sun Xiang's line.

"I really hope to see how long you'll be able to keep on lying to yourself like that." Liu Hao continued. Liu Hao's skill in provoking others was at a higher level than Sun Xiang's.

"He Ming? Shen Jian? Zhang Jiaxing?" Ye Xiu looked at the enemy's classes and guessed their identities.

Loulan Slash and the others sucked in a cold breath. This was Excellent Era's main team! That Spellblade was probably Excellent Era's vice captain, Liu Hao. This was the pro team's main roster! Their equipment was just slightly lacking.

“Sorry, Ye. Today, we’re going to have to play as pigs and eat the tiger.” He Ming said.

“Play as pigs and eat the tiger?” Ye Xiu laughed, “It won’t be that easy! Do you know what it means to play as pigs and eat the tiger?”

“Ye, your actions in the tenth server can be considered as playing as a pig and eating the tiger.” He Ming calmly answered.

“It looks like you don’t understand it well enough.” Ye Xiu said.

“Oh? Then, please give us a lesson.” He Ming said.

“To play as a pig and eat the tiger, the tiger has to do his part too. If a pig plays as a pig, then the pig can’t even try to eat the tiger.” Ye Xiu said.

“You……”

“It’s just an analogy. You don’t need to assign roles to it.” Ye Xiu smiled.

“Ignore him. He’s good at this sort of trash talk.” Liu Hao said in a low voice. He didn’t care about Ye Xiu’s mocking.

“Who’s the pig? Who’s the tiger? We’re about to find out.” Sun Xiang said.

“Are you guys really pro players? We have the absolute advantage. Do you guys actually not see that?” Ye Xiu said.

“What?” Let alone Excellent Era’s players, even Loulan Slash’s group stared stupidly at these words.

“We have more people.” Ye Xiu said.

Translation's Notes:

To play as a pig and eat the tiger comes from a story. A hunter is tasked by a village with killing a tiger. The hunter is unable to do so with force, so he learns to how to oink like a pig. The tiger hears the oinking and thinks there is prey nearby. The hunter lures the tiger over in this way and then launches a sneak attack, when the tiger least expects it. The tiger may not have immediately died, but it is gravely injured. The hunter finishes off the wounded tiger and brings the dead tiger back to the village.

Chapter 493 - Valuable Reverse Teaching

“We have more people on our side……”

Excellent Era’s side had a standard five player team. Ye Xiu’s side had a total of seven players which included Deception, Lord Grim, and Loulan Slash’s team. From a numbers perspective, Ye Xiu’s side had the advantage.

However, playing Glory was never as simple as counting numbers. Having a numbers advantage didn’t guarantee a victory. Just before, seven players had easily annihilated twenty five players. It would be too embarrassing to think about things in this way. Apart from Ye Xiu himself, everyone else was dumbstruck by Ye Xiu’s words, even Chen Guo.

“Ha ha ha ha.” Sun Xiang was the first to recover from the shock and let out a few loud laughs. However, his laugh seemed somewhat forced. Then, he continued: “Don’t blame me for being too blunt, but with just these guys, what can you do?”

Sun Xiang’s Battle Mage turned around in a circle and looked down at the few players around him.

If this was before Loulan Slash’s group had met Ye Xiu, they would have certainly been furious, but after getting to know Ye Xiu, in nicer words, they recognized the skill gap between them and their future opponents. In harsher words, the skill gap was far greater than they had expected. They had somewhat lost their confidence. Sun Xiang was looking down on them right now, but

none of them said in anything in response because they recognized their inferiority……

“So what!”

Someone retorted though. Deception. After being smashed into a wall, Deception rushed forward and threw shurikens in a V formation towards Sun Xiang’s Battle Mage. The theory was the same as the Launcher’s triangular formation of Anti-Tank Missiles.

Sun Xiang humphed coldly. This sort of little technique wasn’t anything in his eyes. This guy pretended to not know him and was now shouting back at him? He would give him a good look at reality. After seeing the three shurikens, he tapped his keyboard and moved his mouse. His Battle Mage swung his spear in a V shape.

“V Sky Strike!” Little Bei cried out in astonishment. This was an extremely advanced Battle Mage technique, which he had yet to master. After Sun Xiang created a Z with his spear, the spear tip hit all three shurikens in an instant and knocked them on the ground. Sun Xiang had clearly mastered this technique. No matter how much Little Bei detested him, he had to admit his loss here.

But with his current circumstances, this technique was completely excessive.

Excessive movements would expose openings. Deception wouldn’t let this go. His figure shook and left behind a Shadow Clone. His real body instantly travelled to Sun Xiang’s side and a

blade slashed against his throat ---- the Assassin skill, Cut Throat.

In terms of speed, Assassins were the king compared to the rest of the classes. However, this skill actually missed. Sun Xiang's Battle Mage had rolled forward, dodging the blade. Before even getting up, the spear in his hand stabbed backwards.

Attacking behind oneself was possible in Glory. It wasn't difficult to do, but more importantly, the player had no vision behind him, so the player had to completely rely on his own judgement of where the opponent was positioned.

Sun Xiang perfectly predicted Deception's position as if he had an eye on the back of his head.

However, Deception didn't react slowly either. When the spear stabbed towards him, he suddenly disappeared.

Underground Tunneling Technique!

As soon as Deception dug into the ground, he immediately tunneled out. Just as his character broke out through the ground, Sun Xiang's Battle Mage leapt up high into the air and swung his spear. It was a very simple Dragon Tooth, but Deception had no way to dodge it. After the Dragon Tooth hit, Deception was stunned and could no longer move. His Underground Tunneling Technique was interrupted and half his body was stuck underground. Sun Xiang followed up with a Circle Swing and threw Deception out from the earth to the side.

“Bang!” The sound of a gunshot.

Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim shot out a Stun Bullet.

However, Sun Xiang clearly hadn’t been entirely focused on his battle with Deception. He only had one goal. Whether it was Deception or Loulan Slash, both of them were simply weeds on the side of the road, not worth looking at.

Thus, he immediately knew Ye Xiu had made an attack.

It was a good opportunity to use a Stun Bullet. A normal player would have most likely gotten hit by the bullet mid Circle Swing. However, Sun Xiang was nowhere near a normal player and this sort of opportunity wouldn’t be enough.

Sun Xiang forcefully cancelled his Circle Swing and stepped slightly to the side to dodge the bullet, but because he cancelled his Circle Swing, the effects wouldn’t be complete. Deception was tossed out from the earth, but he wasn’t slammed back into the ground. He quickly Quick Recovered and landed in a crouching position.

Ye Xiu’s follow ups arrived. After the Stun Bullet came Anti-Tank Missiles. The three Anti-Tank Missiles covered a huge area.

However, no matter how huge of an area it covered, they were only Anti-Tank Missiles. Against an expert like Sun Xiang, it

wouldn't be enough. His Battle Mage leapt up like a fish and squeezed his way out from a crack between the missiles, but a Grenade was already flying towards his face. Ye Xiu had linked together two Gunner skills.

Sun Xiang swung his spear at the grenade and sent it flying away as if it were a baseball.

This was absolutely terrifying.

Grenades could be blocked in this manner, but they would usually explode on contact. Sun Xiang had hit it away, but it hadn't exploded, which meant the moment his spear made contact with the grenade, he decreased his strength. To be able to do this meant his microing had reached an incomprehensible degree.

"This guy really has some skill……" Even Chen Guo had to respect his skill.

"What's up?" Tang Rou had been called over by Chen Guo to watch.

After Chen Guo gave her an explanation, Tang Rou asked: "Is that necessary?"

"Ha ha ha ha!" This time, Ye Xiu laughed out loud. His laugh wasn't as fake as Sun Xiang's. It was real laughter. Then, he continued: "You're right. It wasn't necessary at all. Too many excessive movements will leave too many openings."

“Really? You just seem to be watching these openings pass by then!” Sun Xiang replied.

“Sorry, I wasn’t talking to you. However, I have to express my thanks. You’re extremely valuable as teaching material! Keep up the good work!” Ye Xiu honestly admitted.

Sun Xiang was so furious that his face went green. Liu Hao couldn’t do anything either. He really did want to tell Sun Xiang that he should just fight. For something like trash talking, a rooke like him, with only two years under his belt, couldn’t compare to an experienced veteran like Ye Qiu.

The grenade that Sun Xiang had sent flying exploded who knows where. Lord Grim finally stopped shooting from far away and charged forward to clash with Sun Xiang’s Battle Mage.

Liu Hao and the others watched from the side, but didn’t interfere. Loulan Slash’s group didn’t move either. They wouldn’t interfere either, but hoped that Ye Xiu would win. After their brief exchange with Excellent Era’s pros, their momentum had been completely diminished. Seeing Sun Xiang’s brilliant performance, their hearts turned heavier and heavier.

Collapsing Mountain!

Ye Xiu initiated with this skill. Lord Grim leaped into the air and swung downwards. Even though it didn’t do much damage as a low-leveled skill, the effects were quite impressive. The momentum from the Collapsing Mountain wouldn’t lose to anyone

else's.

Sun Xiang stepped once diagonally. He was still being cautious.

Collapsing Mountain didn't have to attack along a straight path. Experts could use their mouse to cause their blade to turn in mid-air and force the path onto a diagonal path. Sun Xiang negated this option with his step forward. Afterwards, he leaped out and stabbed at Lord Grim.

The jump was to dodge Collapsing Mountain's shockwave. Collapsing Mountain could also be considered a small AoE attack. Normal players would usually jump out of its range, but experts would jump over the shockwave and counterattack.

Ye Xiu had predicted this would happen. He had started the Collapsing Mountain very low, so he landed quickly. Before the spear came at him, he had already landed and rolled to the side, while slashing out with a Sword Draw.

Sun Xiang immediately stabbed again with his spear. Two cold glints shot out ---- Double Stab.

"Dong!"

Sun Xiang had used Double Stab to block the Sword Draw. Sword Draw was an extremely quick skill. Blocking the attack in this way required exceptional judgement of the sword light's pathing. Sun Xiang had actually been able to hit it with a Double Stab. This

wasn't something that could be done purely through quick decision-making or mechanics. It required an understanding of the opponent's attack speed too.

"You've done your research!" Ye Xiu grinned. Sun Xiang must have studied his recordings.

"Unfortunately, it's an unnecessary activity. You're still good teaching material!" Ye Xiu lamented. He wasn't in the pro scene anymore, so he had no competitive relationship with Sun Xiang. If Sun Xiang's efforts in research him weren't superfluous, then what were they?

"Shut up!" Sun Xiang continued with his arrogance and followed up with an attack. Ye Xiu had started with a Collapsing Mountain and then a Sword Draw. Sun Xiang's Double Stab attacked twice. The first stab blocked the Sword Draw. The second stab was still an attack and it instantly became a priority move.

"The ground!" At this moment, Liu Hao suddenly shouted.

Sun Xiang heard the warning and was just about to retreat, when he saw countless streams of water swarm around him. His retreat path had been cut off by the water streams too. He had unexpectedly been captured by the Ninja's Hundred Streams.

"DESPICABLE!!" Sun Xiang was furious. Even though the attack hadn't hurt him, being sneak attacked like this wasn't something he could bear.

“You aren’t the only one playing Glory! How many times have I told you guys this? It looks like you guys still don’t understand! It looks like I have no choice. Even though I’m no longer your captain, I’ll give you guys a lesson for free! You people over there, where’d your spirit go! This isn’t an arena competition. This is a team competition!” Ye Xiu shouted. The latter words were for Loulan Slash’s group to hear.

Chapter 494 - Sneak Attack Cover Up

As Loulan Slash listened to Ye Xiu, he couldn't help but be doubtful. Even though he had heard the battle of words between Ye Xiu and Sun Xiang, he would soon be joining the pro scene, so he had a certain understanding of the meaning of these words. These words could be considered as a type of psychological battle. As a result, trash talk usually wasn't treated as truth.

However, Ye Xiu's tone of voice sounded as if it really was the truth. Did he really think they could beat an actual pro team with just themselves?

Even though Excellent Era didn't have a good record this season, a lean camel was still bigger than a horse. No pro team dared to think that Excellent Era would be a free win. Now, a God and the previous captain of Excellent Era said these words.

"Ha ha ha ha, really……"

Bang bang bang bang!

The sounds of repeated gunfire.

Liu Hao also wanted to say a few words, but how could he know Ye Xiu would just immediately start firing after speaking. Liu Hao couldn't just stand there talking, while taking bullets. Ye Xiu didn't stop there. Lord Grim held the Thousand Chance Umbrella in a straight line and continued to shoot. The Thousand Chance Umbrella's gun form was a rifle. In Glory, rifles weren't automatic

and their firerate couldn't even be compared to handguns. Every wave only consisted of two bullets, but each bullet had a more range and a stronger force than handguns.

Just like this, Lord Grim's repeated firing forced Liu Hao to swallow what he was about to say. Everyone stared dumbly at the scene. A moment later, someone said: "So we're starting?"

"Hurry up and get me out of here!" Sun Xiang impatiently shouted. No matter how much of a God he was, it wasn't like he could break the game's rules. The water prison created by Hundred Streams couldn't be broken from the inside.

Excellent Era's side responded. He Ming's Elementalist lifted up his staff, when Lord Grim suddenly switched targets from Liu Hao's Spellblade to him. He Ming was also a pro player, so he saw it and immediately dodged the bullet. However, his channeling had been interrupted. Liu Hao wasn't a weakling either though. Seeing an opening appear, he raised his sword as fire began to swirl around his body ---- Spellblade skill: Firewave Sword.

There were four elements in Glory: Fire, Ice, Light, and Dark. Battle Mage chasers, Elementalist spells, Ghostblade formations, Spellblade wave swords, and wave formations were all elemental skills. Apart from these, some skills were non-elemental. Elemental skills had an extra effect to them compared to non-elemental skills. By using equipment and other skills, the elemental damage could be increased. However, at the same time, there was also equipment with elemental resistance. Thus, elemental skills aren't necessarily better than non-elemental skills. It depended on the circumstance.

The four elements were also connected. Fire and ice were a pair. Light and dark were the other. Opposing elements did additional damage. Similar elements did decreased damage.

For example, fire versus ice or ice versus fire would do increased damage to each other. Fire versus fire or ice versus ice did less damage to each other. The actual numbers depends on the elemental buffs and resistances between the two opposing sides.

Liu Hao's Firewave Sword was a high damage skill. The fire spiralled towards the water prison. Even though the water prison was made of water, it was still categorized as an Ice elemental skill. As a result, the fire attack would do increased damage to it. This attack wouldn't be enough to instantly destroy the water prison, but Liu Hao followed the attack with another wave sword.

Excellent Era's other two players weren't just standing by idly. Shen Jian's Striker had no long ranged capabilities, so he charged forward towards Deception. As for Zhang Jiaxin, his Cleric was a support class. The battle had just begun though, so his team hadn't taken much damage yet. His opponents didn't have any buffs on them either, so there was no point trying to dispel them. He would be useless and alone for now.

As for Ye Xiu's side, as soon as their Cleric Falling Thousand Leaves saw the battle start, she also began to get busy despite being unconfident in herself. Her side had people with tons of injuries. Ye Xiu's Lord Grim had just eaten a full Rising Dragon Soars the Sky not long before and had lost a large chunk of his health.

“What are you all waiting for? When you begin a pro match and you see the enemy coming, you’re not just going to stand there, are you?” Ye Xiu saw that his words didn’t seem to have much of an effect on them and gave them a scolding.

This time, Loulan Slash and the others finally woke up and felt ashamed at how little confidence they had. They might not be able to compete with their opponents, but they couldn’t lose their spirit because of this. How would they be able to survive in the pro scene with such weak mentality?

“Heavenly Lightning!” Ye Xiu began to lead the team.

“Where?” Ocean Ahead was a bit slow. This was a common issue in new teams. If the leader’s calls couldn’t be understood quickly and had to be explained in detail, then the opportunity might be lost. When someone joined a team, people would talk about adjusting to the team. What did they mean by adjusting? Solving this issue.

Ye Xiu was currently an outsider in Loulan Slash’s team, but his words held power. RIght now, he was the team’s shotcaller. It was easy to bully weaker opponents because the calls were simple and easy to understand. However, in a high level battle with skilled opponents who had more practiced tactics, Ocean Ahead clearly didn’t know the purpose of using Heavenly Lightning Earthen Blaze. He had finished casting it, but he didn’t know where to throw it towards.

“Wherever there’s people……” Ye Xiu didn’t have time to say too much. It didn’t take much to say it, but the battle was constantly

shifting. This wasn't a single-player game where he could press pause and explain.

With these words, Ocean Ahead threw out his Heavenly Lightning towards a location with many enemies. At the same time, Ye Xiu reflected on his shotcalling. He couldn't be too blunt and direct with them!

"If you were able to control your Heavenly Lightning Earthen Blaze, you would be able to maintain that water prison for a while longer." Ye Xiu said and gave Ocean Ahead a pointer.

The Heavenly Lightning Earthen Blaze enveloped the water prison. Liu Hao had to dodge the attacks from the spell, so he couldn't attack the water prison directly. However, the lightning and fire from the spell hit the water prison and assisted in breaking it. The water prison could be broken by anyone's attacks, even those on the same team as the caster.

As soon as Sun Xiang broke free from the prison, his first thought was to find Deception, but under the cover of the Heavenly Lightning, he wasn't able to see everything clearly. Sun Xiang decided to exit the range of the Heavenly Lightning first. He quickly reacted to the lightning and fire to dodge them. Right when he was about to break out of the area, a ray of light suddenly flashed in front of him. The light definitely wasn't an effect of the Heavenly Lightning Earthen Blaze.

Loulan Slash's Berserker was guarding this spot. This ray of light wasn't actually a ray of light, but a bloody mist. It was the Berserker skill, Crimson Storm.

At this moment, the move had reached its peak. The huge blood blade was already just about to cut apart Sun Xiang's Battle Mage. No matter how fast Sun Xiang was, he wouldn't be able to break through it, so he hastily rolled back. Because of this, he wasn't able to break out from the Heavenly Lightning and even took a few hits. However, the damage from it was much negligible compared to how much he would have taken if the Crimson Storm had hit him.

The blood blade crashed towards the ground and burst apart, mixing together with the Heavenly Lightning Earthen Blaze. Sun Xiang didn't care about this though. He had just dodged the Blood Blade, when he saw a cold light fly towards him and felt a sense of imminent danger.

Sun Xiang was more than familiar with this effect.

This was the Battle Mage skill, Dragon Breaks the Ranks. The skill had actually been waiting for him to come.

Dragon Breaks the Ranks shot forward in a straight line. Battle Mages were a class with both physical and magic skills at their disposal. Although this skill didn't do any magic damage, it had a magic effect. The shining light at the tip of the spear expanded into a wide circle, similar to how Falling Flower Palm hit opponents near the palm as well.

It was too late to dodge. Dragon Breaks the Ranks attacked all around and with this distance, there was nowhere to run to.

At this moment, Sun Xiang's Battle Mage hastily raised up his spear too. Someone with good eyes could tell amidst the blurry surroundings from the Heavenly Lightning that the tip of his spear began to emit a faint light. However, the light instantly disappeared because Little Bei's Dragon Breaks the Ranks had arrived and enveloped the area.

Boom! The sound of a huge explosion.

Little Bei thought his Dragon Breaks the Ranks had hit the opponent, but he discovered that he was the one flying backwards.

How was that possible!

Little Bei was astonished. For him to have been hit flying away, what had his opponent done?

Little Bei adjusted his view and soon saw that Sun Xiang's Battle Mage was also flying away in the other direction. Even his posture was the same as his.

This was.....

Little Bei instantly understood. In that instant, Sun Xiang had also completed a Dragon Breaks the Ranks. The two sides had both used the same skill, so the results were the same.

Incredible.....

Little Bei respected the play. He conceded that he didn't have the skill to complete such a move in that situation. With this, Sun Xiang still took damage, but he didn't let Little Bei get free damage off.

"How unfortunate." Ye Xiu said, "If your coordination had been slightly tighter, he wouldn't have had the opportunity to do that."

Not only was Sun Xiang unable to break out of the Heavenly Lightning Earthen Blaze, he had even taken damage and had been pushed back. These chains of attacks were a result of Ye Xiu's commands.

Heavenly Lightning Earthen Blaze wasn't a damage skill at this moment. It was a cover. By utilizing it to obstruct the opponent's view, they were able to successfully inflict heavy damage onto Sun Xiang. And the ones to do it were Loulan Slash and Little Bei, two players that Sun Xiang had considered weeds on the side of the road.

Chapter 495 - Ambush

The attacks from the Heavenly Lightning Earthen Blaze weren't endless and finally ended at this moment. In Glory, visual effects caused by skills hitting the terrain could be seen. The small street was filled with fresh holes. This was the third time the skill Heavenly Lightning Earthen Blaze had been used in this fight. The place looked similar to the aftermath of a war zone, especially since the third Heavenly Lightning had been activated where the second Heavenly Lightning had been.

Sun Xiang's Battle Mage was crouching down in this charred landscape.

Although his in-game character didn't show any expression, Sun Xiang was sitting in front of his computer pale-faced. Not only did his attempt to rush out of the Heavenly Lighting fail, he was also forced into a difficult situation by his opponents. In that previous confrontation, the only damage received by Little Bei was from his Dragon Breaks the Ranks and nothing else. Sun Xiang wasn't so fortunate. He was unable to avoid the damage from the Heavenly Lightning as he was sent flying. One could tell that Sun Xiang's character had taken damage just by looking at the smoke emitting from his equipment.

Zhang Jiaxing now had something to do as he quickly healed Sun Xiang. The Heavenly Lightning had crashed down right when Shen Jian's Striker went after Deception. He had to constantly dodge the attacks from the Heavenly Lightning. At the same time, his line of sight had been blocked. All he could see was a vague silhouette of Deception. Before he could get into range, a bolt of lightning cut through the silhouette, making him realize that

something wasn't right. The effects from Heavenly Lightning stopped and Deception was still standing in his team's formation without harm. The silhouette struck by the Heavenly Lightning had been his shadow clone.

No decisive conclusion could be made from this exchange. However, from the looks of the situation, Ye Xiu's team held the upper hand.

The morale of Loulan Slash and Little Bei were especially high after forcing Sun Xiang to back off. In their eyes, if they chased after their opponents, they would take the victory, but before they could act, Lord Grim typed, "Retreat!"

"We're running?" Loulan Slash hesitated.

"We're not running, it's a tactical retreat!"

As he typed, Ye Xiu had Lord Grim retreat. The other six followed suit.

"Trying to run?" Sun Xiang was stomping his feet in impatience and wanted to chase after the group.

Liu Hao wanted to warn Sun Xiang, but he held himself back. Their young captain wasn't someone who listened to other's advices. If Sun Xiang made a decision, Liu Hao doubted he would be able to dissuade him and might even annoy him. Thus, Liu Hao refrained from restraining Sun Xiang.

“Everyone, be careful.” Liu Hao chose not to address Sun Xiang directly, and used the more general term of “everyone” instead. Deep in his heart, he knew that Ye Xiu had not shown his true capabilities. If the others were from Heavenly Justice, then the hidden experts from the cyber cafe might be with them too. With their sudden retreat, Liu Hao was reminded of the possibility of an ambush ahead.

We have more people on our side!

Ye Xiu’s words reverberated deep in Liu Hao’s mind. He doubted that Ye Qiu would be dumb enough to think that just those seven would be enough of an advantage to beat them. Now that he was thinking about it, could there have been a hidden meaning in his words? What if the experts following Ye Qiu logged into the game undetected and came over as reinforcements?

Liu Hao didn’t dare to irritate Sun Xiang, but he warned He Ming and Shen Jian in private. Those two were in the same boat as him. There weren’t any secrets between them. They clearly remembered what happened before and understood the situation immediately. They surrounded Sun Xiang to protect him from any ambush aimed against him.

Sun Xiang didn’t pay attention to any of this as he continued to chase at full speed. These little weeds had made him suffer losses time after time. He was going to turn each and every one of those weeds into ashes.

“Into the building!”

The seven of them rushed out from the streets. With the movement buff from the Neutral Chasers, Sun Xiang was rapidly closing the gap between them with incredible speed. Liu Hao was starting to get worried. They couldn’t keep up with Sun Xiang. He would be the first to arrive at the intersection, which would be the perfect spot for an ambush.

“Watch out for any ambushes!” shouted Liu Hao. At this point, he didn’t care about annoying Sun Xiang.

“Hmph!” Sun Xiang responded coldly. As Liu Hao expected, Sun Xiang paid no heed to him at all.

“He Ming.” Desperate, Liu Hao turned to He Ming for help.

“Got it.” He Ming nodded his head and used the Elementalist’s Teleportation to catch up. Teleportation was an Elementalist’s life saver, but at this moment, he was using it to protect Sun Xiang’s life.

Ice Wall!

He Ming rushed forward and threw a spell at the intersection to his right just in case of an ambush. The spell would serve as a buffer against potential enemies to buy time for Sun Xiang to react.

“What are you doing?” Sun Xiang was puzzled by He Ming’s

action.

“Be careful. They may have set up an ambush.” He Ming didn’t dare to be careless. He focused his attention on the street to the left, ready to release spells at any time.

“What ambush?” Sun Xiang’s Battle Mage had already moved past the intersection. There hadn’t been anyone around. Their seven opponents hadn’t made any turns either and headed straight for a building at the intersection.

“The ambush is in that room!” Liu Hao felt uneasy. He didn’t care about anything else and shouted, “Wait!”

But Sun Xiang totally ignored his warning and made a beeline for the entrance. Sun Xiang was prepared though when he entered the room and swung his spear around.

He Ming’s Elementalist turned around and shrugged at his three teammates as he entered the building.

Liu Hao was filled with anger at this point. In Sun Xiang’s eyes, Loulan Slash and his team weren’t the only weeds. Liu Hao and the other pros were also included in this group of weeds. The pain of having to babysit somebody as proud and arrogant as Sun Xiang gnawed at Liu Hao. He even secretly hoped that Sun Xiang would be burnt to ashes.

In the end, nothing happened. Sun Xiang’s Battle Mage swung

his battle lance freely and entered the room. They watched from the outside, but didn't see any battles taking place.

"They've all run away...what the f*ck are you guys waiting for!" Sun Xiang shouted with rage, extremely dissatisfied about the fact that Liu Hao told him to "wait" earlier on.

Liu Hao responded absent-mindedly: "They ran away?"

At this moment, He Ming entered the building and noticed a window on the wall. The house was already empty. Sun Xiang had jumped straight out through the window.

"He Ming, follow him!" Liu Hao felt puzzled at the situation. He didn't know whether or not their opponents had actually run off and he wasn't yet in position to confirm it. However, with Sun Xiang focused on chasing after the enemies, the distance between him and their team was growing farther apart. Even if the enemies hadn't actually run off, if this continued, it would be the same as if they had. Alone, Sun Xiang could easily be picked off by Ye Qiu and his team. After all, those guys weren't bad players. They really weren't like those weeds that could be found all over the game.

At this moment, He Ming was crouching beside the window. He spotted Sun Xiang's Battle Mage chasing after a person and then disappearing after making a turn. He Ming, of course, shared the same dissatisfaction and worries as Liu Hao. Just as he was about to follow after him out the window, he saw the earth beneath the window rise and a silhouette burst out.

“Sh*t!” He Ming cursed. A mage in mid-air could only do so much. He couldn’t avoid it. The only possible skill that could be used in this situation, Teleportation, had been cast moments before and was still on cooldown.

The silhouette that appeared, of course, was Deception. He broke through the ground with the Underground Tunneling Technique. He Ming, with half of his body outside the window, was pushed into the window frame. Deception landed, strapped a noose around the neck of He Ming’s Elementalist, and dragged him out with a Body Bind Technique.

He Ming, knowing that he had been tricked, knew that the enemy’s attack would not stop there. He requested for help immediately. At the same time, he saw several silhouettes descend from the rooftop and attack him. An Earth-Shattering Slash from the Berserker sent him up into the air. Right when he was about to use a Quick Recover, the Grappler wrapped his legs around his neck, and dropped onto the ground after spinning in mid-air, slamming He Ming into the ground.

Three shots followed right after, along with a pillar of flame. All of these attacks were directed at He Ming who was on the ground. He Ming immediately understood. After going through the window, only one of the opposing members ran towards the intersection while the Ninja dug into the ground under the window with his Underground Tunneling Technique and the rest jumped onto the rooftop.

Sun Xiang would be the first to arrive. The opposition could tell judging by how fast he was moving compared to the rest. He Ming

would be the second because he had cast Teleportation to catch up.

The enemy drew Sun Xiang away and then acted against the second target...

He Ming was an Elementalist, so he didn't have much health. Add to the fact that he was using an open account, his equipment was no different than the ones used by common guild members. Ye Xiu and his team could defeat guild members within moments. His Elementalist would be killed quickly as well.

He Ming attempted to struggle, but as Ye Xiu's Lord Grim landed blow after blow on him, He Ming knew that he would die here. Lord Grim's level wasn't high, but in this situation, damage wasn't necessary. It was already enough just by attacking him. A surrounded Elementalist trying to escape without Teleportation didn't abide to the rules of Glory.

With his Teleportation on cooldown, He Ming could only wait for reinforcements. The moment he heard Liu Hao's voice, his heart was filled with joy. He still had some hit points left, and if his teammates got there in time...

"Heavenly Lightning."

At the same time, he heard another voice.

Heavenly Lighting Earthen Blaze, the most popular spell in today's battle, was cast for the fourth time, and it was placed in the

room through the window.

With the lighting and flames, the interior of the house erupted in chaos, the position of the window could no longer be found. Heading to the window would probably be slower than going over the rooftop.

At this moment, He Ming knew, that he was beyond rescue.

Chapter 496 - Bullying

Liu Hao and the others saw He Ming's Elementalist's health rapidly drop. They didn't need He Ming to shout for help in order to know that the situation wasn't looking good. Even though their team had a Cleric, He Ming's Elementalist wasn't in spell range, so the Cleric couldn't do anything.

In order to cast the spell, not only did the Cleric need to be close enough to the target, the target also had to be in the Cleric's line of sight. Right now, He Ming's Elementalist were separated by the wall and couldn't be seen by them. Zhang Jiaxin stared with wide eyes, but couldn't think of a possible solution. Listening to Liu Hao's orders, the three exited the building as quickly as they could. Just as they reached the roof, Liu Hao's icon turned gray, indicated his character's death.

"F*CK!!" Liu Hao cursed. The dead He Ming quickly reported what had happened. The three pro players didn't dare to make any rash movements. If they leaped down from the roof back onto the streets, they would be vulnerable as they fell, which would give the enemies a good opportunity to attack them.

Liu Hao could only shout fiercely at Sun Xiang in the team chat, but didn't receive a response.

He Ming's Elementalist had already died. Sun Xiang should have been able to see it too. However, Liu Hao reckoned that not only would Sun Xiang not be worried, he might even be thinking of how trash He Ming was to actually die in the hands of these weeds.

“What now?” Shen Jian asked Liu Hao.

Meanwhile, Zhang Jiaxin’s Cleric cautiously climbed towards the eaves of the roof to see if there was anything below. As soon as his head poked out, he heard a bang! Zhang Jiaxin immediately shrunk back. The eaves of the roof shattered into bits in front of his face.

“Let me!” Liu Hao had his Spellblade move carefully to the eaves of the roof. He raised his sword and cast a spell. An electric ball formed below. He was going to use an Electric Wave Formation to clear out a safe space for them to land.

However, as soon as he began to cast the Electric Wave Formation, the skill’s visual effects appeared, exposing his plan. This was one big weakness of using this sort of skill. When the electric ball appeared, Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim suddenly jumped up.

“Ha ha, too late.” Liu Hao laughed. He obviously knew about the huge weakness of the Electric Wave Formation. However, neither side knew where the other was located. By the time Lord Grim located him and shot at him, even if the bullet landed, he would have finished casting the spell. Liu Hao had calculated all of this before carrying out his plan.

Who would have thought that when Lord Grim jumped up, he didn’t shoot at him. Instead, Lord Grim had his back facing them and shot at the ground. He was going to use an Aerial Fire to fly up onto the roof!

Liu Hao was puzzled, but at this moment, a leg suddenly appeared beneath him. It was the Ninja skill, Annihilation…….

Liu Hao had been so focused on the Lord Grim in the air that he hadn't thought someone would be hiding beneath the eaves of the roof. Only now did he realize that their opponents had a Ninja. By using the Disappearing Body Technique, setting up and ambushing from below the eaves of the roof was completely possible.

Unfortunately, in the time it took for him to figure this out, Liu Hao's Spellblade had already been thrown into the air. Deception flipped onto the roof. He lifted up two shurikens and threw them at Xiao Jian and Zhang Jiaxin.

As for Lord Grim, after Aerial Firing his way onto the roof, he lobbed a grenade towards Liu Hao's Spellblade.

The grenade exploded. Deception was also here, but he wouldn't take any damage from it. However, Liu Hao was sent crashing towards the streets from the shockwave.

Zhang Jiaxin was a Cleric and didn't have much combat ability. Their current situation was the same as the previous one. No one had lost much health, so there wasn't much for him to do. This time, Zhang Jiaxin didn't stand idly. He lifted his staff and cast a Sacred Fire at Lord Grim.

Ye Xiu used a Shadow Clone Technique to dodge it before pouncing towards Zhang Jiaxin's Cleric.

A Cleric in close range needed protection. Xiao Jian's Striker rushed over almost instinctively. At the same time, they heard several thumps. Behind them, Loulan Slash, Ocean Ahead, Night Tide, and Thousand Falling Leaves had jumped onto the roof.

Thousand Falling Leaves waved her staff and also used a Sacred Fire to force Xiao Jian's Striker to retreat. Xiao Jian hastily leapt back to dodge it. Lord Grim had unexpectedly swapped off the Cleric and rushed towards him instead. Lord Grim stabbed forward with his umbrella spear. Xiao Jian was still in the air and couldn't dodge, so he attempted to use an Empty-handed Blade Block. However, his hand failed to grab anything. Lord Grim's spear stopped midway and didn't follow all the way through with the stab. When his hand missed, the spear suddenly shot forward again.

Xiao Jian's Striker landed on the ground, but the attack was now too close and too quick for him to dodge in time. The spear pierced into his body.

"You're looking down on me too much. You should know just how much experience I have against Strikers!" Ye Xiu grinned and then swung his spear in a circle, slamming Xiao Jian's Striker into the ground once more.

Xiao Jain was depressed! He obviously knew what Ye Xiu had meant by this. Ye Xiu had been rivals with God Han Wenqing for so many years, so, of course, he had tons of experience against Strikers. His little technical skills couldn't compare to a fraction of Han Wenqing's. However, in that instant, how could he have thought about all of that? He had done this out of instinct. Even if

he had considered this point, he couldn't have done much else.

Circle Swing forcefully knocked him down, so Xiao Jiao couldn't do anything in return. When he turned his camera around, he saw Deception swing his blade. Countless water streams headed towards him.

Xiao Jian suddenly paled in alarm. What could he do? The Circle Swing had thrown him right into the water prison's path.

Sure enough, the water prison formed the moment Xiao Jian's Striker hit the ground. XIao Jian couldn't do anything, but watch as the prison formed around him. He turned his camera to look to the side and saw the Berserker, Grappler, and Elementalist beating down Zhang Jiaxin's Cleric.

No matter how good Zhang Jiaxin was, there was only so much a Cleric could do. No matter how amazing his mechanics were, they couldn't be used to attack. At this moment, he could only dodge about and try to hang on. Fight back? Zhang Jiaxin only had a few skills that he could use to attack, but with the enemy's Cleric still standing, attacking back would be a waste of mana. Furthermore, Loulan Slash and the others weren't so weak that they couldn't even take down a Cleric by themselves.

Meanwhile, after imprisoning Xiao Jian's Striker, Lord Grim and Deception also rushed forward. With five players attacking together, Zhang Jiaxin's situation became similar to He Ming's.

Xiao Jian couldn't do anything to help. Zhang Jiaxin wanted to

cry, but no tears came out. Liu Hao's Spellblade had finally made his way back onto the roof, but before he could even land on the roof, Lord Grim tossed another grenade at him.

Liu Hao was still a pro player. He swung his sword and knocked the grenade aside. However, he wasn't as flashy as Sun Xiang and didn't send the grenade back. Using the grenade's explosion as a cover, three Anti-Tank Missiles sped away. Xiao Jian and Zhang Jiaxin saw what was happening, but it was too late to warn Liu Hao. Liu Hao's Spellblade made his way out of the smoke, but ate three Anti-Tank Missiles instead. The missiles exploded and sent him flying from the roof.

They were all pro players, so they had the ability to judge the situation. The battle was over. Among their team of five, He Ming was already a corpse. Sun Xiang had disappeared to who knows where after chasing after one of the enemies. Liu Hao was unable to come up. Xiao Jian had been CC'd in a water prison and couldn't break out. Zhang Jiaxian was being surrounded and beat down……

"It's over……" Xiao Jian closed his eyes. Zhang Jiaxin wouldn't be able to hang on for much longer. When Ye Xiu's Lord Grim joined the bullying, he pushed him into Falling Thousand Leave's Sacred Fire. Sacred Fire silence enemies that it struck, making it impossible to use skills for three seconds. During these three seconds, the five enemies barraged him with attacks. After the three second silence had ended, he used an instant heal on himself, but it would only allow him to survive for a fraction longer.

Liu Hao didn't dare to get onto the roof directly anymore, so he hastily took a roundabout way. However, by the time he arrived,

Zhang Jiaxin's Cleric had already fallen and Xiao Jian's Striker was still stuck in prison.

Liu Hao could obviously tell how terrible the situation was. After eliminating Zhang Jiaxin's Cleric, they smashed open the water prison surrounding Xiao Jian's Striker and went to bully him next.

Xiao Jian struggled and resisted, but his opponents had a huge numbers advantage..... In addition, the enemy Cleric still standing, so they wouldn't care about his pathetic struggles to fight back.

This was a perfect example of safety in numbers. They didn't even need skill! They just attacked him with whatever they had until he died. Xiao Jian had planned on running away as soon as the water prison broke, but the enemies had surrounded him too tightly. Plus, with Ye Xiu controlling the situation, he had no way of escaping the encirclement and could only watch as his health fell to zero.

And Liu Hao? Liu Hao quietly watched the scene, but didn't dare to move.

He felt like their loss was already guaranteed. Even if he went out and helped Xiao Jian escape, with just the two of them, how were they going to beat six players including a Cleric?

A loss! Another loss!

He had called Sun Xiang over. Excellent Era's main team had come out to enter the fray, but they actually lost! Moreover, the amount of time it took..... was probably shorter than a normal pro match! Could these guys actually be better than a pro team?

Liu Hao was embarrassed and at a complete loss.

He wasn't afraid of dying. As a pro player, how could he care about the equipment and experience loss of an open account? What made him the most depressed and hurt was their defeat. It should have been an easy victory. Why had he lost again? Why?

"Is there something you want to say?" Ye Xiu had Lord Grim turn around and look at the frozen Liu Hao.

"Where did you all run off to?! COME OUT!" At this moment, Sun Xiang suddenly shouted in frustration.

Chapter 497 - Many Bullying The Few

“What took you so long?” Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim stood atop the roof. Loulan Slash, Deception, and the others lined up beside him, looking down below.

As for Liu Hao? Hearing Sun Xiang’s voice, he didn’t feel happy at all. When he saw the six players standing together, especially with Lord Grim in the middle, Liu Hao could only feel a sense of loss.

Whoosh!

A shadow flew out. Deception threw a shuriken towards Sun Xiang’s Battle Mage.

“Little bug.” Sun Xiang didn’t feel any fear facing these six players. After sneering, he didn’t even attempt to dodge the shuriken. His Battle Mage pulled his spear back and swung through the air. A cold light flashed. Battle Mages added magic to their martial skills, so even though many of their skills were close ranged, they had an extraordinarily long range for melee attacks.

For example, the assault from Dragon Breaks the Ranks extended past the tip of the spear.

Furious Dragon Strikes the Heart had an attack range of up to five body units.

This attack knocked away the shuriken and continued forward without losing any speed. Deception was still in the air and couldn't dodge it. The cold light struck through his chest, sending him crashing down. The other five followed Deception down. After all, Sun Xiang had just used a high level skill, which had a long ending lag, so he wouldn't be able to throw out any other moves against them. The five players landed on the ground safely. Deception had taken some damage, but a white healing light quickly brought him back to a healthy state.

"Hmph....." Sun Xiang had thought of something just now. Loulan Slash moved his hands and unsheathed his sword with a Sword Draw. Before the sword light had even dissipated, he immediately followed up with a Collapsing Mountain. Both skills were low-leveled skills and had little lag. These two moves alone covered the spaces above, below, left, right, in front of, and behind his character.

However, Sun Xiang wasn't any ordinary player. His character dashed diagonally and brushed past the Sword Draw. He raised his spear in an attempt to knock Loulan Slash out of the air. His decision was brimming with self-confidence. If he failed to knock down Loulan Slash, the Collapsing Mountain's aftershock would definitely hit his target.

Sun Xiang's arrogance wasn't just for show. Sure enough, he successfully knocked Loulan Slash out of the air. He stabbed through Loulan Slash and tossed him into the ground, but before Loulan Slash hit the ground, a ring of fire rose from beneath Sun Xiang's Battle Mage. However, Sun Xiang noticed it in time. He cancelled his Circle Swing and leapt backwards.

The column of Raging Flames had just barely been dodged, but before he could do anything else, two legs pincered him while in the air.

Sun Xiang's Battle Mage swung his spear in an attempt to land another Sky Strike behind him without looking. Sun Xiang always completed these difficult and flashy moves perfectly though. Night Tide's Aerial Twist failed to follow through on the target and his character was hit by the Sky Strike. Right when Sun Xiang's Battle Mage was about to land on the ground, the earth shook and a person flew out.

Deception! Underground Tunneling Technique!

This time, Sun Xiang had no way of dodging this move. Deception broke through the earth and slashed his blade across the neck of Sun Xiang's Battle Mage. A streak of blood blossomed out. Deception didn't stop there and followed up with an Annihilation.

Both attacks had been extremely quick. Sun Xiang had almost been able to react to the second attack, but he was still a bit too late and was kicked flying.

Sun Xiang was extremely furious. This little weed had somehow given him so much trouble. While flying backwards through the air, he calculated how he would kill off Deception. Then, he suddenly heard a gunshot. Lord Grim's gun was pointed at him.

It was extremely difficult to dodge in the air. Apart from a few classes which could move through in the air using their skills, it

wasn't possible to make any large movements. Twisting the body was the best one could do, but it wouldn't help too much. Hearing the gunshot, Sun Xiang slashed with his spear and was able to hit two out of three Anti-Tank Missiles. The third missiles avoided his attack and the explosion consumed his body.

The explosion blasted Sun Xiang in another direction. At this moment, Sun Xiang wanted to hurry and land on the ground, but Loulan Slash had prepared for him. He slashed out with a Gore Cross in the air, which hit Sun Xiang's body and kept him suspended in the air. Night Tide's Grappler followed up and slammed Sun Xiang into the ground, creating a small crater.

Grab skills couldn't be teched out of, so Sun Xiang was stuck in the ground and could only curse furiously in his heart as his opponents continued to attack. Ocean Ahead's Elementalist cast a Thunder Apocalypse. Thunder roared and lightning descended towards Sun Xiang's Battle Mage. How was he supposed to dodge?

After the lightning passed, his Battle Mage's hair stood erect, like a porcupine's quills. He immediately rolled and got into a crouched position.

"Very good. Nice coordination. Continue!" Ye Xiu said and had Lord Grim make a clapping motion.

Sun Xiang swept his surroundings to look at the situation. However, as soon as he turned a little bit, he saw some movement behind him. These guys were too evil! They were always moving around behind him outside of his line of sight. It was true that Sun Xiang was quite good at fighting against enemies behind him, but

attacking behind him relied completely on judgement. In any case, the probability of missing when attacking behind oneself blindly would be much greater than the probability of missing when attacking an enemy in front. Fighting an entire battle in this way wouldn't work.

Hearing the movement from behind him, Sun Xiang hastily turned around just in time to see a Berserker's Earth-Shattering Slash striking his face.

If Sun Xiang wanted to dodge, he still had enough time. He knew that as long as there was an attack towards him, there would be others attacking from behind as well. His opponents clearly wanted to keep chaining attacks one after the other.

As a result, he chose to dodge and hastily hopped to the side, finding a location outside of Earth-Shattering Slash's range. At the same time, he closed in on Ocean Ahead's Elementalist and prepared to attack him. Before he could make a move, Deception suddenly appeared in front of him with a Shadow Clone Technique and attacked.

"YOU AGAIN!!!" Sun Xiang roared. He was about to explode in anger at having this little weed thwart his plans again and again. Using enough force to break a keyboard, he slammed a button on his keyboard and slashed at Deception. Deception didn't move slowly. In reality, if he had fought Sun Xiang directly, he would have ended up losing, but it wouldn't have been without any resistance. Making a few exchanges was still possible for him. Deception didn't dodge Sun Xiang's attack. He actually held his ground and attacked back. Sun Xiang saw this and became even

angrier. This weed actually dared to fight him face to face? Just when he was about to go all out and let this weed know his place in the dirt, his body was suddenly pulled back and lifted into the air.

Elemental Power!

Sun Xiang immediately recognized the move.

This was the Elementalist's knock-up skill! Every class had at least one type of low-leveled and basic skill, each with their own unique aspects. Elemental Power was the slowest knock-up skill. It had quite a lengthy cast time to it.

However, Elemental Power also had the greatest range. It could even be considered an AoE move. Under Deception's distraction, Ocean Ahead had secretly cast an Elemental Power. Sun Xiang had been tunneled in on teaching Deception a lesson and hadn't noticed it. Of course, by the time Elemental Power had begun sucking him into the air, it was already too late.

Behind him, an ethereal ball of energy gathered in the air. It didn't look as domineering as the Spellblade's electric ball visual effect from an Electric Wave Formation though. Just like this, Sun Xiang's Battle Mage was lifted into the air and then the Elemental Power disappeared into nothingness.

How would Deception miss this obvious of an opening??

Of course he wouldn't! He directly used a high-leveled skill:

Shadow Dance!

Shadows flew across the sky. All of them pounced towards Sun Xiang's Battle Mage, who was only able to block a few of the attacks. However, Deception wasn't the only one who seized this opening. Ocean Ahead prepared to cast another spell. Loulan Slash's Berserker charged forward. Night Tide's Grappler predicted where Sun Xiang would land and prepared to grab him. As for Ye Xiu's Lord Grim? He waved the Thousand Chance Umbrella in his hands and healed them with Cleric skills. The actual Cleric, Thousand Falling Leaves, went to who knows where.

Sun Xiang was raging. These trivial weeds were about to beat him into submission?

Sun Xiang turned his camera around and happened to catch Liu Hao's Spellblade staring stupidly at the fight from the roof.

"Liu Hao, what are you doing?" Sun Xiang roared.

"Oh? You need help?" Ye Xiu responded for Liu Hao.

Sun Xiang's face turned ashen and suddenly went silent. Asking for help was something he felt too ashamed to say.

"Don't worry so much! Just ask for help! We're bullying you few with so many, so you don't need to feel bad calling for assistance." Ye Xiu said.

Sun Xiang grinded his teeth, but didn't say a thing. He didn't even look at Liu Hao and focused on defending against their attacks.

Liu Hao was also very conflicted. He could have helped him long before this point, but he wasn't conflicted about this!

From the looks of it, today's assault was already a failure. Even Sun Xiang was being bullied into a mess by them. Would his additional help even be able to turn the tides? Impossible! If he went down there, he would just be throwing himself into the fire too!

He had come in order to step on Ye Qiu and see him in a sorry state. He hadn't thought he would be the one to be stepped on in the end. They had clearly lost this battle. Why would he set himself up to be stepped on even further?

However, if he didn't go up, Sun Xiang would see that he wasn't helping him. Sun Xiang would certainly be very unhappy with him and that wouldn't be good either.

Liu Hao hadn't thought that calling for Sun Xiang would put him into such an impossible scenario.

Chapter 498 - Useless Skill

If I go up and fight, I'll be stepped on by Ye Qiu.

If I don't go up and fight, I'll probably be stepped on by Sun Xiang in the future.

Who would I rather get stepped on by? That was the question at hand.

Could there be a better option? Liu Hao watched the situation unfolding below as he racked his brain. Below, Sun Xiang's Battle Mage was surrounded by several enemies. The enemies didn't attack together as one, but rather separately one after the other. As a pro player, Liu Hao knew that this was the only way to pull off a true unbreakable combo.

He was very familiar with this method.

Liu Hao couldn't help but have this thought. However, he immediately ground his teeth after thinking about it. How could he not be familiar with this method? When Ye Qiu was still Excellent Era's captain, he had often said these words to them. Now, Sun Xiang was truly helpless against the team's combo. Fortunately, the enemy team wasn't well coordinated and Sun Xiang sometimes found small openings in their attacks and managed to survive for a bit longer. However, if Sun Xiang didn't have such incredible mechanics, a normal player would have died several times already. Moreover, the best Sun Xiang could do was survive for a bit longer. He couldn't find any opportunities to

counterattack.

If I go down there, I might not be able to reverse the tides of the battle, but maybe I can work together with Sun Xiang and break out of the encirclement?

Liu Hao thought to himself, but he also couldn't help but worry. With Sun Xiang's pride, would he be willing to stoop so low as to run away? Especially to these people, who he considered weeds.

Running away was shameful, but dying was even more so. He should know that shouldn't he?

Liu Hao favored one choice over the other. He attached importance to his relationship with his captain. After all, this relationship would still exist in the future. In reality, after causing his team to lose due to his poor mental state from failing to set the dungeon record, he had already made up his mind. Dealing with Ye Qiu would be something he did in his spare time. His work time couldn't be spent on Ye Qiu. It was just that with the possibility of Ye Qiu turning into their future competitor, taking down Ye Qiu became a public-private joint ventureship. This was why he began interfering with in-game affairs again. If not, he could have simply tossed the task to Chen Yehui to deal with like he had done so in the tenth server.

After quickly weighing the pros and cons of his choices, Liu Hao decided he would have to take the risk. Even if he were stepped on, he would be stepped on together with Sun Xiang. Both of them would share the bitterness and form companionship through this hardship. Being stepped on also had its value. If he had to sacrifice

himself in order to break through the encirclement, then that could be another valuable option!

The more Liu Hao thought about it, the calmer he became. Slowly, he saw the benefits of being stepped on.

There was no need to hesitate anymore. Liu Hao immediately began to move. He brandished his sword and started to cast a wave formation. However, a gunshot came out almost the moment he drew his sword. His cast was instantly interrupted. Below, smoke drifted from the tip of Lord Grim's Thousand Chance Umbrella.

Sun Xiang was used as a training dummy for the others to practice on, so Ye Xiu hadn't participated in this team-building activity. He directed their tempo, healed them from time to time, and also paid attention to Liu Hao's movement. As soon as he saw him move, he immediately shot at him.

Liu Hao knew he wouldn't get any further trying the same move again, so he ran to the other side of the roof and jumped down. He rushed into the empty building and planned on letting out a wave formation from the window, but when he ran to the window side, he couldn't attack anyone from this angle. The other side seemed to have predicted this might happen and pulled the battle to the side. Attacking from the window wasn't possible.

Helpless, Liu Hao jumped through the window. Sure enough, as soon as he came out, he could see the battle!

Liu Hao hastily had his Spellblade rush forward and cast an Ice

Wave Slash. Ice crystals formed on the surface of the ground. Not long afterwards, the ice crystals began to creep up Loulan Slash's back.

Liu Hao didn't think too much about who he would attack. In any case, if he disrupted up one of the enemy's tempo, there would be an opportunity to break out of the encirclement.

Sure enough, when the Ice Wave Slash flew out, Loulan Slash had to dodge. Because of this sudden movement, their formation was interrupted. Sun Xiang saw the opportunity and immediately swung out a Sky Strike.

"Retreat!"

Ye Xiu's warning came out faster than the attack. Deception and Night Tide had already leapt out of the way. As for Ocean Ahead, Elementalists wouldn't attack be in range in the first place.

The amount of space to maneuver around had widened. Sun Xiang's Battle Mage dashed out. He chased after Deception and stabbed with a Dragon Tooth.

Liu Hao saw this and it had panned out as he expected. Sun Xiang had no plan on running away. Pro players didn't care about experience or equipment, only victory. Running away or dying was the same as losing.

Liu Hao already had a plan in mind to resolve this issue. He

bravely entered the battle and pushed Loulan Slash's Berserker away with an Earthquake Sword, while saying: "We were careless this time. Let's retreat for now. Regroup and then return!"

These words didn't seem like anything special, but they held subtle implications.

First, it pointed out their carelessness, giving Sun Xiang a proper excuse to leave.

Secondly, retreat, regroup, and return indicated that this fight hadn't ended yet. The winner had yet to be decided yet.

However, Sun Xiang coldly humphed in response. He took the opportunity Liu Hao had created and pursued Deception incessantly.

"Let's hurry up and run! I'll protect you!" Liu Hao knew Sun Xiang would back off, so he continued with his plan by showing off his righteousness.

"Hmph, no need!" Sun Xiang refused and attacked even more ferociously. His attacks were no longer just aimed at Deception, but also Loulan Slash and Night Tide. Ocean Ahead's Elementalist was somewhat far away. Liu Hao wouldn't just stand there, so he ran over to block Ocean Ahead's attacks.

Sun Xiang had previously been surrounded and most of his inputs had been for dodging and defending. The magic chasers

surrounding his bodies had faded away long ago. After seizing the opportunity Liu Hao had created, his following waves of attacks replenished the chasers on his body. At the same time, a faint golden aura emanated from his body. His attacks suddenly became faster and more ferocious.

"This is....." Liu Hao saw this and was startled.

"Ha ha ha, you guys probably didn't think about this, did you?" Sun Xiang was delighted. His incessant attacks struck Deception, Night Tide, and Loulan Slash, continuing to rack up combos. Ye Xiu's Lord Grim was busy healing them.

"Battle Spirit!" Liu Hao shouted.

Deception was puzzled though. Battle Spirit was the Battle Mage's Awakening skill. Every Battle Mage had it. What was there to be so surprised for?

Deception's confusion was because of his unfamiliarity with the pro scene.

The instant Battle Spirit appeared, Ye Xiu and Liu Hao immediately understood why Sun Xiang was suddenly so confident and delighted. As for Loulan Slash's group, even though they weren't yet pro players, because they planned on becoming pros, they obviously had a wealth of knowledge when it came to the pro scene, especially with Little Bei maining Battle Mage. Their reactions had been somewhat slower, but they also realized why Sun Xiang suddenly became excited.

This was because Battle Spirit was considered a useless skill in the pro scene nowadays.

This was because Battle Spirit required a certain number of consecutive hits in a combo to activate. The seventh stage for Battle Spirit may be terrifyingly strong, but it required 120 consecutive hits in a combo to fully activate. In the pro scene, let alone 120 consecutive hits, just 10 consecutive hits for the lowest tier wasn't easy to achieve.

In a one vs one duel, it might be easier. In a team competition, it was near impossible.

In a high paced competitive match, getting Battle Spirit to activate in order to win used to be a viable strategy in the early days, but now, this strategy was way too inflexible and too easy to break. As a result, in the pro scene, Battle Spirit was considered a completely useless. The vast majority of pro Battle Mages only had one point in the skill, which was automatically added by the system after awakening. Afterwards, they didn't even glance at it.

It was different in the game though. The game had PvE. Against a mob of monsters, it was very easy to reach the max stage of Battle Spirit. By relying on this skill, Battle Mages were easily one of the strongest DPS classes in PvE. As a result, for in-game players, maxing Battle Spirit was a must.

The open accounts raised by guilds were for multiple uses. They weren't like pro characters, who only focused on PvP, so Battle

Spirit was often maxed on open accounts. Thus, the Battle Mage that Sun Xiang was using had a max skilled Battle Spirit.

This is what Sun Xiang had meant when he said “you guys probably didn’t think about this did you?”

His skill was clearly superior to Loulan Slash’s group, so getting to a higher stage Battle Spirit was completely possible.

After the faint golden aura of Battle Spirit appeared on his body, he quickly used the three nearby targets to push Battle Spirit to the second stage.

His attacks didn’t stop and he continued to rack up combos. Attacking three less skilled targets wasn’t too difficult for him.

Stage three!

The golden aura from Battle Spirit grew brighter and brighter. Sun Xiang’s attack speed, movement speed, and attack power continued to increase. Deception, Loulan Slash, and Night Tide began having a harder and harder time keeping up. Ye Xiu only had low leveled Cleric skills, so he couldn’t nullify the damage with his healing.

“Ha ha ha ha, Battle Spirit is still a very nice skill! It’s too bad it’s too difficult to use in real battles. Luckily, I’ve met you weeds.” Sun Xiang shouted in glee. Battle Spirit was now in the fourth tier. He was no longer at a disadvantage in this 1v3 situation and the

damage racked up from his combos wasn't light. Ocean Ahead was struggling against Liu Hao. If it wasn't for Ye Xiu's support, they would have probably been defeated already.

Liu Hao was overjoyed. From the looks of it, could they actually turn the tides and obtain victory.

Chapter 499 - Opportunity Knocks But Once

“Be careful of your consumption.” Liu Hao shouted.

Sun Xiang and Liu Hao were fighting against many with just two players, so their mana consumption would naturally be higher. Of course, for pro players, endurance was a fundamental skill. Moreover, in game, there was no limit to the amount of potions that could be carried, so they didn’t need to be worried about running out.

When Liu Hao saw how fiercely Sun Xiang was fighting, he became worried about him getting over his head and forgetting something basic like this.

“Who needs you to remind me?”

Sun Xiang replied in disdain. Liu Hao wasn’t happy, but he endured because he had foreseen this might happen. If Sun Xiang had really forgotten, he probably wouldn’t reply back. If he hadn’t forgotten, he would obviously look down on Liu Hao. As a pro player, this type of reminder was very childish.

“Should we back off for a bit?” Loulan Slash finally couldn’t bear it anymore and made a suggestion.

Battle Spirit. If the combo stopped, it would stop at that stage. Afterwards, if another attack came out, it would start over from there. As a result, Battle Spirit was also a very troublesome skill for the user because it was very easy to lose your stacks. This was the

reason why the pro scene considered it a useless skill.

Loulan Slash, Night Tide, and Deception had become combo fodder. Every time they tried to surround him, Sun Xiang would always find someone he could attack. If they backed off for a bit and dodged attacks, they would be able to stop Battle Spirit's stacks from rising any further. Battle Spirit was an easy move to break out of. It was just that their shotcaller, Ye Xiu, hadn't said anything, so they just continued to persist. By now, Sun Xiang had pushed Battle Spirit into the fifth stage. He now had an additional 2 Attack Speed, a 10% increase in movement speed, and 110 additional Strength. On paper, it doesn't seem that incredible, but Sun Xiang was far more skilled than any of them in the first place.

The three didn't even need to look at the density of the gold aura around him because when Battle Spirit reached such a stage, they could clearly feel their opponent getting stronger. Even the slightest advantage became magnified under a pro player's hands.

"Back off? Ha ha ha, do you think I'll allow you to back off? Do you know why you three are still alive? It's because you haven't backed off yet. If you backed off, I can just choose one of you as my target and instantly kill you." Sun Xiang said with glee.

Loulan Slash shivered and understood that what Sun Xiang had said was the truth. Battle Mages had Neutral Chasers, which buffed their movement speed. Along with Battle Spirit, no matter how the three went about retreating, one of them would easily get caught. In a one on one, not only would his combo not break, he could also focus his attacks onto a single target. If they went to rescue him, wouldn't it just turn back into a 1v3 like before? What was the

difference?

“Oh? It looks like you actually have a bit of a brain for strategy.” Ye Xiu replied.

Loulan Slash immediately knew that God Ye Qiu had understood this, which was why he hadn’t told them to retreat. He clearly knew that for the three of them, retreating was not the solution to their problem. Right now, he was trying to limit the advantage the other side could gain from this situation. Even though Loulan Slash didn’t know when the turning point would occur, he could only continue to believe in God’s judgement and shotcalling.

Loulan Slash thought as he stole a glance at Ocean Ahead’s side.

Elementalists only had a slight advantage in terms of attack range over Spellblades. If the two sides were of unequal skill, Elementalists could kite Spellblades simply through the Teleport skill. However, in this case, Ocean Ahead was far less skilled than Liu Hao. Kiting wasn’t an option. If it wasn’t for Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim supporting him by attacking from time to time, Ocean Ahead would probably have died long ago.

Loulan Slash’s slight loss of focus actually became an opening for Sun Xiang. Sun Xiang’s attack suddenly fell onto his head.

“Hmph……”

Loulan Slash heard his humph and reckoned it was a response to

Ye Xiu's words.

"However, it really is just a bit!" Ye Xiu emphasized "a bit", "If not, someone should have attacked by now! Could no one have noticed that I'm the backbone of this team?"

"There's no need. I can break your formation just like this. You don't need to be so impatient to die." Sun Xiang said.

"Tsk tsk tsk, young people! Opportunity knocks but once!" Ye Xiu said

"Do you really think there'll be any more opportunities?" Sun Xiang asked.

"We have more people. That's our advantage. Our opportunity will come from this." Ye Xiu said.

"Really? How come I can't see it yet?" Sun Xiang said.

"Because you only have a bit of a brain and that's about it." Ye Xiu emphasized "a bit" again and didn't even put in the "for strategy" part.

Liu Hao was getting worried! He really wanted to tell Sun Xiang not to talk with him, but this young guy loved showing off and liked to provoke others, but if you keep on provoking others, are you sure you're going to come out victorious? Did the fight with Han Wenqing at the All Star Competition not teach you well

enough?

Sun Xiang couldn't care less about Ye Xiu's words. On the other hand, Liu Hao couldn't help but carefully ponder over it.

The advantage in numbers……

Liu Hao looked around and suddenly realized: the other side was missing a person. Where's the Cleric? Where'd the Cleric go? There's a Cleric on the other team!

"Okay, if you want to die sooner, then I'll give it my all for you!" Sun Xiang didn't leave any room for discussion and used his actions to express his words.

At this moment, the golden aura around his body looked dazzling to the eye. Battle Spirit had reached the sixth stage. The seventh stage would multiply the buffs, but also required Sun Xiang to reach a much higher combo. Sun Xiang lost his patience. Against these weeds, current stage was more than enough.

Falling Flower Palm!

Sky Strike!

Two skills in a row. In order to continue the combo, Sun Xiang used low leveled skills more often. Low leveled skills had short cooldowns, so they would be used the most often in combos.

Falling Flower Palm shot out. Loulan Slash and Night Tide both dodged it, but the following Sky Strike landed on Night Tide and launched him into the air.

Night Tide ate another attack. Sun Xiang's Battle Mage stepped out from the encirclement and charged towards Lord Grim. He planned on keeping Night Tide in the air, attacking him as he advanced towards Lord Grim.

Lord Grim was a Level 52 character. A Level 70 Battle Mage buffed with every chasers, as well as a sixth stage Battle Spirit, wasn't something he could take a hit from.

Loulan Slash and Deception hastily tried to rescue him. However, the sixth stage Battle Spirit seemed to have opened up a completely new realm for Sun Xiang. The strength Sun Xiang displayed leapt by a huge step. If before, every time Battle Spirit went up a stage, their pressure increased, then this was the point where the straw broke the camel's back. They had no way of resisting anymore.

Strong beyond belief.

Fast movement speed, fast attack speed, along with Sun Xiang's mechanics, trying to rescue Lord Grim from this situation was impossible for Deception and Loulan Slash. By the time they saw him move, they would be sent flying away before they could even try to defend.

Night Tide was still Sun Xiang's combo fodder. He attacked Night Tide, while heading towards Lord Grim.

Dragon Breaks the Ranks!

The final attack would hit both Night Tide, as well as Lord Grim. Sun Xiang had calculated it very precisely. Lord Grim might be able to dodge the attack, but Night Tide die regardless. Lord Grim's low-leveled Cleric heals wouldn't be enough to save Night Tide. This last attack would be a fatal blow!

"Bang!"

A sound of metal colliding, but also the sounds of magic colliding rang out. Sun Xiang only knew that his character had shot back out of his control.

What happened?

This was something completely outside of Sun Xiang's expectations. He immediately turned his camera to look around. He saw a character flying backwards in the same posture as him. Why did this scene seem familiar?

"IT'S YOU!" Sun Xiang saw the name of the character flying backwards. At the same time, he saw a white light envelop the Grappler's body. The warm, overflowing white light was completely different from Lord Grim's faint white healing. These were true Holy Words from a Cleric.

"Yeah, it's him?" Ye Xiu lazily said, "Clerics can revive players! Don't tell me you didn't know that!"

“F*ck, too despicable!!!”

Liu Hao stamped his feet in anger.

Where did the other side’s Cleric go? He finally knew. Their Cleric went to revive the other dead player. The Battle Mage had been the one of lure Sun Xian away. In the end, he had easily been caught and killed. However, by luring away Sun Xiang, his team had been able to kill three of the five players from Sun Xiang’s side. At this moment, they sent their Cleric out to revive the dead Battle Mage.

Liu Hao wasn’t grieved over the fact that their enemies had one less casualty now. He was grieved that the other side had gain reinforcements quickly and shifted the tides of the battle.

Four players was clearly the limit of weeds that Sun Xiang could handle simultaneously.

He could make a combo out of three players and rack up stacks of Battle Spirit. However, four players became a situation like before where he was unable to fight back.

Sure enough, opportunity knocks but once!

Liu Hao was upset and regretful. He should have attacked Lord Grim. Why did he have to follow Sun Xiang’s intent and attack the Elementalist? They wasted such a good opportunity because of it.

Sun Xiang failed to tech out of the fall. Loulan Slash and Deception caught him. Little Bei's Battle Mage and Night Tide's Grappler went up to attack him as well. Four versus one. Another four versus one.

Liu Hao wanted to go over and assist him, but a figure suddenly moved in front of him. Lord Grim was blocking his path.

"Opportunity knocks but once. Didn't I already say this?" Ye Xiu calmly said.

Chapter 500 - Glory Doesn't Suit You

With the Cleric arriving on the scene and with Sun Xiang in a situation where he was facing four enemies at once, protecting himself was hard enough already, let alone attacking back. Thousand Falling Leaves was clearly enough to do this. Ye Xiu seized this opportunity to personally intercept Liu Hao.

"Ocean, you take care of the other side." Ye Xiu said to Ocean Ahead. He didn't know Ocean Ahead's real name, so he used his ID instead.

"You want to fight me alone!" Liu Hao's expression became serious. If he couldn't defeat Ye Xiu with an 18 level advantage, it would tarnish the name of pro-players, but because the opponent was an unspecialised character that knew him well, Liu Hao didn't dare to let his guard down.

"Have Little Bei come over." Ye Xiu had more to say before replying to Liu Hao, "I'm racing against time, so I don't have the time to fight you one on one."

Liu Hao nearly coughed up blood.... Two against one. One of them was Ye Qiu, who he already had no confidence in defeating in a one on one. Now, there was also a Cleric on the enemy team. Liu Hao stood no chance.

Liu Hao had steeled himself for this, but Sun Xiang's sudden activation of Battle Spirit had rekindled his hope. He had even fantasized how tantalizing it would be to step on Ye Qiu, but life is

full of uncertainties, and his moment of happiness barely lasted for a short while before the tables were turned once again.

Liu Hao no longer had any expectations of his teammates coming back to reverse the tides of battle. The other side's Battle Mage had died nearby, so he had been able to return to battle immediately. However, their side had died and respawned in the city. There was no way to know how long it would take for them to rejoin the battle.

As for seeking help from Chen Yehui, it was meaningless to Liu Hao. What he wanted was to reverse the situation, not to be rescued. Even if Chen Yehui sent an entire army to their aid, it would be completely meaningless. It only meant that Liu How would lose face in front of even more people, despite them not knowing his real identity.

Ye Xiu didn't even talk much and sprang into the action right away. After battling him for a few seconds, he had even adjusted his character's view, observing the battle raging on the other side while fighting against Liu Hao,while directing his four companions in a loud voice, a classic example of multi-tasking.

Liu Hao was so angry that he almost coughed up blood, but he was helpless. He wished that he could kill Lord Grim instantly with one hit, but the problem was that he couldn't!

Let alone defeating Lord Grim, he wasn't faring any better than Sun Xiang. Ever since the opponent's Battle Mage had shifted his attention towards him and joined forces with Lord Grim, Liu Hao was completely at the mercy of his opponents.

He had no experience in fighting an unspecialized character. Although he was familiar with the Battle Mage class, the fear in his heart was quite large as he had been brought up being thrashed by this class. If the Battle Mage's ID had been One Autumn Leaf, with such an advantage on the opponent's side, Liu Hao would already have ran away long ago.

In a situation where both of them were beaten badly by the enemy, Liu Hao could not find an excuse even if he wanted to.

Sun Xiang, however, excelled in provoking the enemy instead, but in his current situation, what could he do? Besides, his provocations never bore any good result.

"Watch your positioning. Loulan, don't give him an opening!"

"If you want to use Fling, face the wall!"

"Ocean go further to the front, there's no danger!"

"Deception your damage output is weak....."

Ye Xiu was constantly giving instructions to the other four while fighting against Liu Hao, and he didn't forget about Little Bei who was beside him once he was done, "Don't only think about using your high-leveled skills! He's not so bad that he'd give you a chance to do that so fight properly!"

“You can even notice that!” Little Bei was surprised.

“Don’t you know? The technique you’re using was created by me.” Ye Xiu said.

“What technique?” asked Little Bei.

“You’ve made some changes, but the principle is still the same…… “ Ye Xiu gave Little Bei a lesson about Battle Mage technique.

“Look at this, Sky Strike can be used like this.” Ye Xiu even gave him a demonstration.

“He dodged it.” Little Bei pointed out.

“Bro, I’m level 52.” replied Ye Xiu.

“Not bad. Why haven’t you taught me that yet?” Tang Rou, who was watching, interjected.

“Really? I could’ve sworn I told you about it before?”

“No!”

“I definitely did, you must’ve forgotten about it.” Ye Xiu replied.

“Nope!”

“If that’s the case, then do you want me to show it to you right now?” Ye Xiu replied.

“Sure!”

“Watch closely!” Ye Xiu replied, and made the same move with a sudden strike.

“It landed!” Little Bei was surprised, “Why did he not dodge it?” and he imitated Ye Xiu’s movements.

“Hey, I landed a hit too!!” Little Bei grew more excited.

“Huh?” Ye Xiu felt that something was off. He didn’t follow up on the knocked up Spellblade. On the other hand, Little Bei kept attacking hit after hit on his opponent.

“Hey, when did I turn so amazing?” Little Bei was extremely surprised. Had his skill level reached another realm after being instructed by God Ye Xiu? The person in front of him was the vice captain of Excellent Era, as well as a famous pro-player, but he still managed to land a lot of combos on him in the air.

“Hold it, stop attacking.” said Ye Xiu.

“Huh?” Despite being puzzled, Little Bei stopped his attack. Liu

Hao's Spellblade landed on the ground.

"Pro player?" asked Tang Rou. A pro-player that fell without using a Quick Recover, what kind of nonsense was that?

Ye Xiu's Lord Grim walked up to him without attacking, and stepped on his character while shouting, "Are you there? Are you there?"

There was no reply.

"Are you serious? He disconnected?" Little Bei finally found out that something wasn't right.

Disconnection was a thing from the past, but there were still valid reasons that could cause it, such as a power outage, or maybe the cable got chewed of by rats. It could also be that the computer itself exploded. These were reasons that were severe enough to cause a disconnection.

"He can't be faking it right?" Ye Xiu was more acquainted to Liu Hao's craftiness, and Lord Grim poked the Spellblade on the ground again.

But he was wrong about Liu Hao this time. Liu Hao had actually disconnected from the game. Angry that he was being used as a punching bag, he accidentally kicked the power source of the computer. Such a technical error was not his first time.

“What do we do?” Little Bei asked.

“Keep it up! The system will force logout if he was disconnected from the game! Hurry up and kill him.” Ye Xiu increased the strength of Lord Grim’s attacks.

A character that was disconnected in battle was more helpless than a character that was weak. Ye Xiu, being a God of the game, bullied him effortlessly and with Little Bei’s help, reduced Liu Hao’s Spellblade to a corpse in an instant.

As he turned around, Sun Xiang was still holding his ground.

“It not over!” Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim walked over.

“Almost there, almost there.” replied the other four.

“Ye Qiu, fight with me one on one if you have the balls!” Sun Xiang was still hanging on to dear life!

“Are you not embarrassed? I’m only level 52.” Ye Xiu responded with confidence.

Distracted, Sun Xiang took a hit from Loulan Slash. After such a long time of combat, their Cleric was already dead, and the only reason he survived thus far was by drinking potions nonstop. Sun Xiang didn’t want to give up, so he had been counting the potions that he consumed, sustaining his hitpoints and mana to the maximum.

“Sigh, I feel sorry for him.” Ye Xiu said, “Come Little Bei, pick up the pace and take him out!”

With Ye Xiu entering the fight, the situation instantly changed. He was playing more of a support role than a comboer. If a hit didn’t strike at the right time, he would immediately make up for it. With this, the hits landing on Sun Xiang intensified and with fewer openings to defend himself, his health rapidly fell.

Noticing that he had little health left, Sun Xiang became increasingly tenacious, ignoring the damage he received and going all out towards Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim.

Ye Xiu was too lazy to dodge the attacks though. He had Lord Grim open up the Thousand Chance Umbrella, turning it into a shield and resisting the attacks.

“Let me be frank with you,” Ye Xiu said, “With your poor attitude, don’t play Glory, Super Mario or Galaxian might suit you better.”

“You….” Sun Xiang felt insulted. He watched on as Lord Grim’s Thousand Chance Umbrella transformed into a rifle and fired right into his chest. Sun Xiang’s Battle Mage flew backwards and slammed against the wall. He didn’t stand up again. He didn’t revive his character either.

“Dead?” Night Tide could not believe it He walked up to Sun Xiang, hovered his cursor over his HP bar. It really had hit zero.

“They’re all dead?” Loulan Slash’s tone was the same, he adjusted his vision, stopping at all the spots where their enemies lay slain.

“We’re….. Too awesome.” Ocean Ahead said. He didn’t shout out in celebration after winning the battle. He let out a sigh of relief too.

Little Bei and Thousand Falling leaves were silent, but their emotions were similar to their companions. They had annihilated the main force of Excellent Era, which was an unbelievable feat even if they hadn’t been using their professional accounts.

Deception kept quiet as well and after confirming that Sun Xiang’s Battle Mage and Liu Hao’s Spellblade did not revive. He circled their corpses and silently picked up the equipments dropped by those two.

“Hahaha… Why are you so mean? Super Mario? Sun Xiang will be furious.” Chen Guo was more excited than anybody else.

“I was speaking the truth.” mused Ye Xiu, “even Contra wouldn’t be suitable for him. That game even comes with a 2-player mode!”

“You….” Chen Guo noticed that Ye Xiu’s expression was odd even after achieving victory. Happiness? None at all. He even seemed a little sad…..

Sad? Chen Guo shook her head. She must be seeing things, how could he be sad? As she was about to say something, Ye Xiu stood up abruptly, “I’m going out for a smoke.”

“You account is still online!” Chen Guo didn’t forget that the three guilds were still going after them and the appearance of Excellent Era was just an interlude.

“Just help me log out!” replied Ye Xiu.

“Not going to kill them anymore?”

“No more.” Ye Xiu replied.

Chapter 501 - Self Sacrifice

Upon seeing Ye Xiu leave so abruptly, Chen Guo locked gazes with Tang Rou for a brief moment and stood up.

“Log him out, please.” Chen Guo told Tang Rou before following Ye Xiu out of the room hurriedly.

“Okay.” Tang Rou answered while watching the two leaving the room hastily.

Chen Guo stepped out of the room and found Ye Xiu right away. Instead of going anywhere, Ye Xiu was smoking, facing across the street. She slowed down, carefully composing her words in her head, but just as she walked up to him, Ye Xiu crushed the cigarette, which still had a good deal left, on the windowsill.

It angered Chen Guo immediately, but she stopped herself before the words fell out. Considering Ye Xiu’s feelings, she thought to forgive him just this once.

“You...”Chen Guo only spoke one word before Ye Xiu’s soft sigh interrupted her. Staring out of the window, he spoke quietly, “This is the end of Excellent Era.”

“Hmmm?” leaving a confused Chen Guo, Ye Xiu turned around and walked away quietly. Chen Guo followed his gaze to out of the window. On Excellent Era’s headquarter, the team emblem still glowed radiantly.

However, what about the actual team?

Chen Gou's heart ached all of a sudden. Nonetheless, she did invest a lot of emotion and energy into the team for years. She didn't only enjoy Ye Xiu and Su Mucheng's performance..

That was her, then what about Ye Xiu?

He never said much about retirement. Facing the various powers and in the game, he was not particularly nice to anyone due to his attachments. However, this didn't mean that Ye Xiu didn't care about Excellent Era.

Sun Xiang's addition was the hope for many Excellent Era's support. It filled them with expectation.

Wouldn't Ye Xiu have the same expectations?

Chen Guo suddenly thought that Ye Xiu leaving Excellent Era already made many uncomfortable. When he was still a part of the team, Excellent Era had been failing. To save the team, Ye Xiu chose to leave. Did he know that his departure would have been an effective way to save Excellent Era?

Unfortunately, Excellent Era was simply too heartless. To get rid of what they labeled as a useless burden, they used everything they had. They would probably never know that their team leader, for a chance to improve the team, had already decided to leave on his

own.

For the growth of the team's next generation prodigy, Wang Jiexi faked his loss and sacrificed his own reputation. However, this was a competition, after all. No one could keep a perfect record forever. A single defeat didn't spell the end of the world. On top of that, his sacrifice would be understood and appreciated.

What about Ye Xiu?

Was there anyone who would understand his departure? Would anyone think of the efforts and troubles he had gone through? Excellent Era might have even believed that it was their trick that forced him to leave. They probably even took pride in it. They would not know that this could have been resolved peacefully. They never had to chose between the team and Ye Xiu, because their team leader was perfectly content with making sacrifices, even himself...

Him leaving had brought in Sun Xiang, a shining rookie from the pro scene. He was also a prodigy.

Ye Xiu was just like all the other fans of Excellent Era, filled with anticipation for Excellent Era's future.

However, as of now, he was full of disappointment.

Sun Xiang was one one factor. After all, there was only so much you could ask of one person. The cause of his despair was probably

Excellent Era's entire team for their inability to guide one single member. His disappointment was never targeted towards any particular member of Excellent Era, but rather towards the entire team and the whole club. The difference in ideologies was the spark of the conflict between Ye Xiu and the club.

Finally, after all the self-sacrifices, he was remunerated by nothing but regrets and disappointment. These kinds of emotions never showed even when Excellent Era abandoned and mistreated him, but it surfaced when Excellent Era continued to decline.

Chen Guo watched Ye Xiu walk back to the room in silence. She found herself on the verge of tears and in a turmoil of emotions.

"You're back?" In the room, Tang Rou was sitting on Ye Xiu's seat, controlling Lord Grim when she saw Ye Xiu walk back in. She was telling the others that she was logging out.

"How long does it take to smoke a single cigarette?" Ye Xiu smiled.

"Oh, do you still want me to logout?" Tang Rou asked.

"Log me out." Ye Xiu consented with a wave of his hand. If he didn't log out, the big guilds would definitely coming back to cause more trouble. He had enough troubles for awhile now. Running around took too much time. It was much more convenient to just logout.

“Okay.” Tang Rou nodded, told those around Lord Grim in the game, and logged out of the game. Then, she left the seat and gave it back to Ye Xiu.

“How’s the tenth server?” Ye Xiu asked half-mindedly upon seeing Tang Rou going back to her game.

“It’s the same as always: dungeons, leveling…” Tang Rou replied.

“You are already tackling the Heavenly Domain Challenge, aren’t you?” Ye Xiu asked again with a laughter.

“Yep! I’m trying.” Tang Rou answered.

“Didn’t you finish the challenge for boss once already? Why are you trying so hard?” Ye Xiu shook his head.

“I am just trying to find our difference in skill!” Tang Rou answered with a smile and looked at the door questioningly, “Where’s Guo Guo?”

“She’s still outside.” Ye Xiu spoke.

“Didn’t she go looking to talk to you?”

“When she walked over, I was crushing the cigarette on the windowsill. She caught me red-handed, so I ran away as fast as I could. Awkward!” Ye Xiu explained.

Tang Rou's head poked out from behind the screen, and she peered at Ye Xiu, who sat across her to the side. In the end, only a sentence slipped out nonchalantly, "So that's it."

"Hurry and level up. The Heavenly Domain is much more fun than regular servers." Ye Xiu spoke.

"I can see that." Tang Rou agreed with a nod.

No one spoke another word after. Everyone was minding their own business on their computers. Tang Rou was still in the game, tapping out a string of clicks on the mouse and keyboard. Ye Xiu left the game to the side. No one knew what he was doing.

After a few moments, Chen Guo came back into the room and settled herself in the seat directly across from Ye Xiu's. Likewise, she didn't say a word and dived straight into the game.

However, in the game, after Ye Xiu's Lord Grim left, Loulan Slash and the others were still indulging in the joy of their victory. They couldn't believe that they had actually defeated Excellent Era's starting line up. They didn't even notice that Deception had vanished.

Until another group of people appeared at the opening of the alley.

"Perfect! My ambitions are still burning right now!" Ocean Ahead

yelled out in the front.

“Hahaha! Let’s go!” Loulan Slash didn’t stop anyone. All five of them were using alternates, so they weren’t afraid of being accused of being unfair. The guilds were all rivals, so no matter what you did, there was always someone who used unfair tricks. What’s important was that you couldn’t leave a handle on the surface for someone else to accuse you with. This was the rule for survival for the guilds. Loulan Slash and the others had been preparing for a long time, so they understood this rule pretty well.

“Let’s use them to practice our teamwork!” With a swing of Loulan Slash’s sword, the five charged ferociously at the group with the same amount of momentum as before.

The group at the end of the alley was a normal ten-people team. Uponing seeing the five rushing at them, the group immediately turned tail, just as like they had been ordered to do.

“D*mn! They’re no fun!” Ocean Ahead cursed, running ahead of the group.

“Should we chase them?” Homeward Bound asked.

“Yes! We have nothing to do anyways!” Loulan Slash yelled back.

The five ran after the group. They enjoyed the chase and the chaos that followed greatly. They still needed improvement before they could be compared to the pros, but in comparison with the

regular players, their skills were unmatched. With the professional league as their goal, their teamwork was above most guild teams. Five versus ten posed no problem for them at all.

The guild masters had just received news and were hastily reorganizing troops. They were rushing over to supervise the battles by themselves.

Loulan Slash had no intention of playing guerrilla warfare. Instead, they wanted to see just how powerful the five of them could be as a team.

The five were brimming with pride after they crushed the starting team of Excellent Era. Despite the fact that they had seven people before and their victory was largely due to brilliant command of a God, their victory couldn't have been possible without their teamwork and efforts. Their crushed confidence was re-ignited.

Compared to professionals, we are not all that great, but professional teams weren't unbeatable.

All five of them had such realization in their hearts. At the same time, their performance was vicious as well. They slipped in and out of the chaos with surprising orderliness.

"Great! It feels so good!" Ocean Ahead was a total battle enthusiast. Stepping over the piles of dead bodies, he roared as spells exploded all around him. It was as if his battle cries were setting the rhythm of his spell releases.

“I say that you guys should at least pay some attention! Some dropped pretty useful equipment. Don’t forget to pick them up!” The Cleric, Thousand Falling Leaves, reminded his teammates while pocketing a light saber from a swordsman himself.

“True. Look at Deception. He even picked up Sun Xiang and Liu Hao’s equipments.” Loulan Slash commented.

“Of course, he’s a professional scrap picker. Things like that are instinct for him.” Night Tide agreed.

“Speaking about him, his skills are pretty good too. Should we try to recruit him?” Ocean Ahead stopped his shouting and began to talk business.

“That guy, so many guilds had their eyes on him, but none of them succeeded. Look at him, he doesn’t even know who Sun Xiang is. I don’t think he feigned ignorance. Who knows where that NEET came from.” Loulan Slash exclaimed.

“No matter how much of a NEET he is, he still plays Glory. To know utterly nothing about the pros, isn’t that a bit too extreme?” Ocean Ahead spoke.

“This huge world is filled with exceptions!” Loulan Slash exclaimed.

“Hey! Can you guys stop chatting now?! I can’t hold them off

anymore!” Homeward Bound cried out at that moment. As more and more people gathered, the group was starting to have a difficult time holding on.

“Kill! Kill until we die!” Loulan Slash shouted, rushing over to help Homeward Bound.

The guild masters of the three guilds were present at the battlefield already. They were on the verge of tear of joy over the fact that they were actually able to surround their enemies this time. In the end, with a closer look, they only found five people... Why was it only five? Where were the other two?

After a thorough investigation, they still didn't know if the missing two were dead or just escaped their radar. Then they checked again, only to find that both of them had logged out.

‘F*ck!” The three guild masters were scratching the walls in frustration. Without their main targets, what was the point of attacking the five random characters from Heavenly Justice. What was the point?!

Chapter 502 - Bounty

Changing Spring and Arisaema were scratching their heads. Chen Yehui was also scratching his head, while asking for outside help. He had thought that once Liu Hao's side moved out, their targets would be eliminated for sure. When he received the message that Liu Hao's side had surrounded their target, he stopped caring about the situation.

He knew which open accounts he had given to Liu Hao and had them all added as friends. Among the ones previously online, one of them had been a Battle Mage. Chen Yehui was aware that this time, even Sun Xiang had come. When he looked at the other open accounts given, he saw that the players were Excellent Era's starting roster. How could that team lose?

Chen Yehui didn't think it would even be possible and he even thought he would need to call his troops to retreat soon. When he suddenly received the news, he woke up from his daydream and realized that Sun Xiang's Battle Mage and Liu Hao's Spellblade were offline. The other three were offline too.

Chen Yehui felt that something wasn't right. When he gathered everyone to surround them, he discovered that Lord Grim and Deception were offline too.

What exactly had happened?

Changing Spring and Arisaema had no way of knowing. Chen Yehui knew a little bit of what had happened though. Could the

five pros have logged off after killing those two?

However, those seven were together. If they fought, shouldn't they have killed the other five too? Why were they still alive?

Puzzled, Chen Yehui picked up the phone and called Liu Hao. However, no one picked up.

"Could something have happened?" Chen Yehui felt certain that something bad had happened. Afterwards, he heard Changing Spring and Arisaema order their troops to kill the five players and he followed suit in order to vent his frustrations.

Loulan Slash's group had never thought of staying alive. They were prepared to fight until their deaths. Because they had been prepared, when they died, they didn't feel worried at all. After dying, they immediately revived. They had lost a bit of equipment from dying, but it couldn't be compared to the three great guild's losses today.

Today's mess had finally come to an end. The players of the three guilds looked at each other in puzzlement.

In the end, they had only killed off the five mysterious invaders, but what about their original two targets? Where did they go?

Even though the guild leaders were racking their brains over this, they didn't lose hope so quickly. They knew that this battle wasn't something that could be resolved in one or two days.

With their targets offline, it wasn't possible to fight them anymore, so the two guild leaders tasked players with spreading the word through the forums.

Lord Grim was now a public figure. Anyone who killed him would have their name spread far and wide. It hadn't been an easy opportunity to come by, so they needed to hurry up and seize it.

Quickly, videos of Lord Grim and Deception fighting shoulder to shoulder appeared all over the Glory forums. The guild members cried about how these two guys had killed them to steal their items.

For the guilds, this was enough. They didn't need to make Lord Grim look like an evil street thug. They just needed to let everyone know that they had good reason to kill Lord Grim.

The Club guilds only needed to provide a pretext to cause trouble.

Lord Grim and Deception had killed their players and stolen their items, which was why they had chased after them. It was a valid reason. Deception's infamous name only made the story more legitimate. Many people would now see Lord Grim in a bad light. The guilds didn't need to look at the results. They knew that they didn't need to care about Lord Grim's current fame anymore.

After completing the surface work, the three guilds gathered the other guilds together to make a joint declaration, denouncing scrap picking. Then, they announced their plan to pursue and kill Lord

Grim and Deception to elaborate on their denunciation. Loulan Slash's group of open accounts were also hung up on the blacklist.

All seven of them had a bounty placed on them. This time, the bounty reward wasn't virtual rewards, but real money! Lord Grim and Deception were valued at five hundred yuan. If someone found Lord Grim or Deception and called the guilds over, as long as the target was found and successfully killed, the finder would receive five hundred yuan! Loulan Slash's group was worth less money. Every person was only worth one hundred yuan.

Compared to the surface talk from before, this bounty was certainly much more eye-catching. In games like this with trade, everyone knew that the most valuable item in game was real money.

This wasn't the first time a bounty like this had appeared, but if some random person put it up, you would need to convince people to believe you! No matter how much of a money warrior you were, money and trust were unrelated. You needed to build up trust in the people in order to do this type of transaction.

However, the bounty was being put up by the Club guilds! These guilds were certainly trustworthy. If they promised a reward, they would definitely pay out.

As long as you encountered someone with a bounty and called the guilds, you could earn real money. This money was too easy to get!

As for the Club guilds? On the surface, they simply used scrap

picking as their pretense. This bounty was only the first wave. First, they would utilize Deception's infamous name. Afterwards, they would decide the next step depending on the circumstances.

This was the first time the Club guilds had allied together for this type of activity. The online world immediately exploded and all sorts of discussions were created

The guilds in the tenth servers had been waiting for this day to come. Lord Grim! He had made them grind their teeth in anger for so long. Now was the time for his retribution. They wondered whether or not they should dig out the tenth server's Guild Happy since Lord Grim had gone to the Heavenly Domain.

However, none of the guilds would agree to this suggestion.

Their reason for allying together and killing Lord Grim was because of the threat Lord Grim's real identity and goals posed to the Clubs. As long as they could stop him from progressing, it would be enough. After all, Guild Happy was only a guild made up of normal players. Dragging all of Guild Happy's members into this conflict wouldn't look good for the Club guilds. Their image was still very important to them.

"Shameless, too shameless!!" The Club guilds' announcement appeared as the headlines for all the Glory sites and forums. After Chen Guo saw it, she immediately became angry.

"Hm? Why?" Ye Xiu looked over and asked.

“Look!” Chen Guo gave Ye Xiu a link to the announcement.

“Okay okay……” Ye Xiu clicked on it and looked. After reading it, he asked Chen Guo: “What’s so shameless about it?”

“This this this….. How is this not shameless!?” Chen Guo pointed at the screen.

“Apart from saying that Deception and I are partners, everything else they said is true!” Ye Xiu said.

“What?” Chen Guo stared dumbly. Then, she looked again and thought about it.

Scrap picking? Ye Xiu had picked up scraps… Killed players? He really had killed quite a few players… Steal items? He had definitely stolen equipment for her Chasing Haze…… it really was the truth…..

“They’re using this to cover up their true motives.” Chen Guo shouted.

“Yeah, that sounds about right.” Ye Xiu nodded his head.

“Five hundred yuan each time! Tsk tsk tsk!” Tang Rou saw it and sighed.

“Sigh, I wonder if it counts if I go undercover! 500 yuan each

time! If no Cleric came to revive me, every five deaths would mean I lose one level. That's 2500 yuan. We won a total of 24 accounts from that other Internet Cafe. If all of them were killed until they hit zero experience, how much money would that be?" Ye Xiu began to calculate it in his mind.

"4.2 million!" Tang Rou helped Ye Xiu calculate it.

"I really want that money. Hmm, let me think……" Ye Xiu began to think seriously.

"Don't even think about it!" Chen Guo almost flipped the table over.

"It probably doesn't count if I go undercover. I'd have to use my real self……. Let me check Taobao." Ye Xiu said.

"Taobao?"

"I wonder if they're still selling unspecialized accounts. If they are, then I'll just let them kill Lord Grim, but it's been so many years. Do you think they'll still have any unspecialized accounts?" Ye Xiu began to look. Not long afterwards, he got his answer, "Sigh, they really don't have any! There aren't any unspecialized accounts to buy."

"You you you……"

"There might not be any unspecialized, but what about Ninjas! If

we send Deception in to die, his account can earn us 170,000 right?" Ye Xiu calculated.

"175,000." Tang Rou corrected.

'NOOO!" Ye Xiu slammed his keyboard.

"What's wrong?" Chen Guo hastily asked.

"I don't think I added him as a friend. I wonder if I can still find a way to contact him." Ye Xiu said in a sad voice.

Chen Guo rolled her eyes. She didn't know what to say in response.

"Hm? Right, there's also Loulan Slash's five accounts. It's just five open accounts. It doesn't matter if they die. Free money!" Ye Xiu said.

"But they'll be the ones earning the money. It's not like they'll give me any." Ye Xiu said with a sigh.

"Do you really think they'll stoop as low as you?" Chen Guo looked at Ye Xiu with disdain.

"So you're saying, they won't even consider it?" Ye Xiu said.

“Of course!” Chen Guo didn’t think a famous money warrior like Loulan Slash would think about it.

“If that’s the case, then because we’re very close now, I’ll trade those five accounts for five of ours. Give them the same classes.” Ye Xiu said, while pulling out a drawer and looking over the 24 account cards. From these, he pulled out the five classes.

“Hey, you’re not actually going to do it right?” Chen Guo saw Ye Xiu’s actions and discovered that he was actually thinking about it.

“It’ll be money for my return to the pro scene! I didn’t think it’d be so easy to get though. Back then, getting money in game wasn’t so easy!” Ye Xiu said as he thought back to the old days.

Chen Guo’s head fell to the table. She just couldn’t see how this person was the same person who would sacrifice himself for his team.

It looked like she wasn’t looking at things the right way! Her insights had been completely wrong……

Chapter 503 - Collaborator

Chen Guo couldn't believe what was happening. She tapped her keyboard, got up from her seat, and then walked towards Ye Xiu.

When she looked over.....

It was real. It was actually happening. This guy was already on QQ chatting with Loulan Slash.

"You really have no shame!" Chen Guo cried.

"Did you see the declaration the top guilds made today?" Ye Xiu greeted Loulan Slash with a question.

"I saw it. Ha ha ha ha! We're only worth 100 yuan. All of us together are only worth one of you. How depressing." Loulan Slash replied. He was someone who knew how to find fun in things. He was conflicted about his bounty's value!

"We're all foils. Look at that declaration. Deception is the main focus." Ye Xiu said.

"Ha ha, naturally. He's a scrap picker. Of course, he should stand out, but their emphasis is still mostly on you. They don't want everyone to forget about you, so they also placed a 500 yuan bounty on you." Loulan Slash understood the guilds' intent.

“I came looking for you to discuss this.” Ye Xiu said.

“Mm, it really is troublesome. Our characters were just open accounts. We can just not use them, but it’s a lot tougher for you!” Loulan Slash sighed.

“That’s not it. My meaning is I wish to take that money.” Ye Xiu said.

The other side didn’t reply for a long time. Loulan Slash clearly knew what Ye Xiu’s intentions were.

Ye Xiu saw that the other side suddenly stopped talking and moved his QQ window around.

“God, are you serious……” Loulan Slash could only use ellipses to express his thoughts. He felt too embarrassed to say anything negative, but couldn’t think of anything positive to say.

“I can’t change my main account. Right now, I just don’t know if you’re interested or not. If you’re interested, then it’s fine. If you’re not, then I can exchange five of my open accounts for those five open accounts.” Ye Xiu said.

“There’s no need to trade. You can just have them.” After a short moment of silence, Loulan Slash gave a blunt answer.

“Wow! How nice of you! Do you want a share of the pot?”

“No need! No need!”

“You’re an investor too, so your share won’t be small!” Ye Xiu replied politely.

“No need. Really, there’s no need!” Loulan Slash refused.

“You’re too nice.” Ye Xiu said.

“Ha ha ha, this small amount of money isn’t much to me. Really, believe me!” Loulan Slash didn’t want to be involved in this, so he spoke as if he were filthy rich.

“Okay, okay. If you don’t want to, I won’t force you.” Ye Xiu said.

“Uh, but speaking of this, even though the bounty is out, we might just be something said for appearances. That bounty says the target has to die for the reward to be paid. If they don’t kill the target, you won’t get the money.” Loulan Slash shifted to a different topic and dug into the issue with the guilds’ statement.

“Mm, I thought of this too, but if I’m controlling it myself, why do I have to let them kill me? I’ll kill myself off, record the death, and send it to them.” Ye Xiu said.

“But if you keep doing it over and over again, won’t it seem too fake?” Loulan Slash asked, “You can kill yourself in the game, but

there's only so many ways to do it, no?"

"That's true, so I need a few collaborators. How about it?" Ye Xiu said.

"Oh no, my mom called me to come eat dinner. I've got to go. Give me an address and I'll send those five accounts over to you. That's all for now then. Bye!" Loulan Slash quickly logged off.

"Shameless! Too shameless!" Chen Guo muttered.

"Who would be less suspicious to collaborate with?" Ye Xiu pondered.

Chen Guo saw Ye Xiu's and Loulan Slash's chat exchange, looking down on him, while also beginning to think too.

Contact her friends to help? Chen Guo originally had this thought, but when she thought about it, no matter how many friends she had, it wouldn't be enough! In order to kill all 5 characters until they dropped to level one would require 1750 deaths. Even if each friend could kill one character ten times, she would still need at least 175 friends. Ten times for one character was already very suspicious too.

The Heavenly Domain was the final destination for all ten servers. In order to accommodate all these players, the world was enormous. Finding a single person within that sea of players was like finding a needle in a haystack. Why else would the Club guilds

place a bounty on them? The Club guilds were already considered extremely powerful forces in the game.

Chen Guo wasn't able to think of a good solution. When she looked at Ye Xiu, his computer screen had the webpage for a game studio.

"Are you going to look for a studio?" Chen Guo asked.

"Aren't studios very fair?" Ye Xiu said.

CHen Guo thought about it for a moment and agreed. For this type of buying and selling that required effort to complete, let alone one character being able to kill for a bounty ten times, killing the bounty a few more times wouldn't be a problem, especially if they recorded it themselves. This was something a studio could easily do.

"Illusion Studio is a pretty good option." Chen Guo sat to the side. She saw Ye Xiu skim over information on studios and recommended one of them as she saw him skim past.

"Really?" Ye Xiu opened up the description for Illusion Studio, but then closed it after reading it.

"What do you think?" Chen Guo was puzzled. Illusion Studio was a trustworthy, in-game, studio. They had many options and had good ratings. Chen Guo didn't understand why Ye Xiu was unsatisfied with it.

“I’m going to keep looking.” Ye Xiu continued to search.

“Future is pretty good too.” Chen Guo recommended again. Experienced players usually had some understanding of studios, so they knew the more popular ones.

However, Ye Xiu looked at it and then rejected it too.

“What are you looking for?” Chen Guo didn’t know what he wanted.

“One that I’m familiar with.” Ye Xiu said.

“You….. you’re familiar with some of them?” Chen Guo was astonished.

“I’ve played this game for ten years. I have all sorts of connections.” Ye Xiu didn’t think much of it.

As he said this, he finally clicked on a studio that he was looking at. Chen Guo looked at it. This studio had a pretty low rating and the customer reviews were very mediocre. Most players would consider it a scam and wouldn’t do business with them. However, Ye Xiu didn’t look at these reviews and immediately clicked on the contact info. He really was looking for someone he recognized, and not a famous one.

“Mo Qiang, not a well known one.....” Ye Xiu muttered, while asking Chen Guo if he borrow her cellphone.

Chen Guo handed over her handphone and saw Ye Xiu quickly punch in the phone number listed for “Mo Qiang Studio”.

“Hello, old Mo?”

“Who is it?”

“Can’t you tell from my voice?” Ye Xiu asked.

“I can’t tell. This is a work phone. If you have business, say it.”

“Is your QQ XXX?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Yeah!” The other side was a bit suspicious.

“Let’s talk on QQ.” Ye Xiu hung up.

“If you know his QQ, why did you call him?” Chen Guo was puzzled.

“How could I know he’s doing this now? Shouldn’t I confirm it by phone first?” Ye Xiu said. He looked for the QQ username and messaged him.

“!!!!!” The other side replied with five exclamation marks.

“You were the one who called?” The other side followed.

“Yes, it was me.”

“You’re still alive!”

“Of course.....”

“If you’re alive, then why’d you retire????”

“.....”

“Let’s chat later. First, let’s talk business.” Mo Qiang said.

“Did you see the bounty offered by the guilds?” Ye Xiu replied.

“Of course. Oh! You’re Lord Grim?”

“Yeah, that’s me!”

“D*mn! Are you planning on sacrificing your own account to give this bro some nice money to spend? Let me think about it. Each death is 500. One level five times. Level 70 to Level 1 means 175,000 yuan. We can also get a Cleric to revive you, so you double that and that’s 350,000! Since that’s just the Heavenly Domain. You can

pretend to run back to the normal servers. If we go to the normal servers to kill you, then double it again for 700,000! Holy sh*t! You're going to send your bro 700,000! You really are a God. You're too enlightened!" Mo Qiang said.

"Did you finish calculating it?" Ye Xiu didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Chen Guo was frozen. He really was a f*cking professional! He maximized the amount of profit that could be earned. Ye Xiu and Tang Rou had calculated 175,000 yuan, but this figure was way too weak compared to the 700,000 that had just been mentioned.

"I obviously know you're not here to give it to me for free. What are your conditions?" Mo Qiang asked.

"When did I say I was going to allow you to get Lord Grim killed?" Ye Xiu was speechless.

"Then what are you here for?" Mo Qiang was puzzled. It sounded like Ye Xiu wasn't looking for him to do this.

"I have to use Lord Grim, but I can provide you the other five accounts who are on the hitlist." Ye Xiu said.

"Which five accounts? Are you talking about the ones worth 100 each?" Mo Qiang said.

"Yes……"

“Those five. Isn’t that a bit too small? The net profit is only only worth one Lord Grim for all five..... What about Deception? Can you get that one?” Mo Qiang asked.

“I can’t.....”

“How regretful.” Mo Qiang expressed.

“Can you do it?” Ye Xiu asked.

“I can. Of course, I can! However, you’re going to need to give me the details. I have to do some analysis to see how I should go about this.” Mo Qiang asked.

Ye Xiu gave him a general explanation. Mo Qiang listened and expressed some of his disappointment: “So it’s like that..... Those accounts are clearly just for appearance. With how crafty those guys are, if you only provide them with information, they won’t give you the money. Even if we do it like you say, at a certain point, they’ll remove the bounty and you won’t get the maximum theoretical profit possible.”

“True.” Ye Xiu wasn’t too surprised. He had clearly thought about this too.

“If we just directly kill you until they stop giving the bounty, then it’ll be very fake..... but then again, this amount of money isn’t much to them anyways. Plus, it’s all of the Clubs combined. With their work ethic, I doubt they’d go back on their word.” Mo

Qiang asked.

“They shouldn’t.” Ye Xiu said.

“Then we’ll do it like that then! We won’t revive with a Cleric either. If we do it too excessively, they won’t be happy with us getting so greedy. We have to leave them some face.” Mo Qiang suggested after thinking about it some more.

“Then it’s set?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Bullsh*t. What’s my share?” Mo Qiang asked.

“I’ll give you half.” Ye Xiu said.

“Okay okay okay. God is still a God. How daring. Then I’ll go arrange it.” Mo Qiang said.

“Okay.”

“Alright, let’s chat then. Why did you retire?” Mo Qiang asked.

Chapter 504 - Unending News

Even though Ye Xiu didn't have a cellphone, he still frequently used QQ as a communication tool. When he had retired, many people had messaged him, but he ignored all of them. Back then, Mo Qiang had asked him about it too and, now that he had been contacted, he used this opportunity to chat.

"It's quite a long story. Let's talk about it when I'm less busy!" Ye Xiu avoided the subject.

"Are you really planning on creating your own team?" Mo Qiang asked.

"I have thought about doing so." Ye Xiu said.

"So this is to help raise money for it?" Mo Qiang asked.

"Not entirely." Ye Xiu replied.

"It looks like you're not having an easy time. This bro won't take half then. I'll just take profit from two of the accounts." Mo Qiang said.

"Thanks!" Ye Xiu didn't refuse.

"I say we just have those five accounts party up and then kill them together." Mo Qiang clearly wasn't very insistent on chatting

and quickly returned back to discussing business.

“I’ll leave it up to you then!”

“Alright! Just wait for the money to arrive!”

With the deal completed, Ye Xiu turned his head. Chen Guo was still beside him and had a complicated expression on her face.

“Hey, it isn’t easy starting from scratch.” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo was startled. She felt as if her heart had been pricked again. Ye Xiu took out a cigarette and told her he was going out for a smoke.

Chen Guo went back to her game. Right now, quite a few people were talking about the news. Some people just randomly sent out coordinates, saying Lord Grim was here or that Lord Grim was there. They were making fun of the guilds. Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim wasn’t even online.

Not just Lord Grim, but Deception and Loulan Slash’s five open accounts weren’t there either. The players could only shout loudly. If their targets weren’t online, what could they do?

The guilds were obviously paying close attention to them. Them not being online was a success for them in a way. After all, their goal was to stop Ye Qiu from levelling.

Ye Xiu finished smoking his cigarette and returned. He logged into the game. On a different computer, Chen Guo's Chasing Haze received a notification indicating a friend had logged on.

"You're still going to keep playing?" Chen Guo was astonished.

"Why not?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Be careful!" Chen Guo said.

"Yeah, I know, but I'm only going to leveling areas without many people. I'll take a look at the circumstances and see whether or not there'll be people wandering around hoping to catch sight of me." Ye Xiu said.

"I imagine there'll be quite a few people doing that." Chen Guo said. She understood a player's mind. Five hundred yuan wasn't much, but it wasn't a small amount either. One of the main purposes of the game was to strengthen one's character. If the five hundred yuan was spent on a piece of equipment or an item, it would definitely be able to purchase a top quality item. There would be players who would try to test their luck.

"Mm, if it doesn't look good, I'll run." Ye Xiu said.

"If you really need an unspecialized account, you can just look for someone to level it up for you. It wouldn't take very long." Chen Guo said. She understood that Lord Grim himself wasn't worth

much. It was mostly the Silver weapon that was valuable to them. Apart from a few bored players or collectors, there probably wouldn't be any other unspecialized characters out there. However, a studio wouldn't care. As long as you needed one, they would level one for you. It was just a matter of how much you paid. All he had to do was transfer the Silver weapon to the new account and character. If he did that, wouldn't he be able to avoid all of the hunting and grinding? Lord Grim could also be used to earn some money too. This was what Chen Guo was thinking.

"Ha ha, I'll do it if I don't have any other options!" Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo heard this and knew he had already thought about it before, so she didn't say anymore.

"Where are you?" Chen Guo asked. After Ye Xiu told her his location, Chen Guo immediately had Chasing Haze head over.

As she moved towards his location, Chen Guo discovered a few players moving in a similar direction as her. It seemed like quite a few had noticed that Lord Grim had come online. Everyone knew Lord Grim's level too. He could only move about in the Level 55 leveling area, so they immediately headed towards it.

"It looks like quite a few players are heading towards the Level 55 leveling area." Chen Guo said to Ye Xiu.

"Ha ha, the leveling area is so large. They won't be able to find me so easily." Ye Xiu said as he continued to level up. He was still in Wilderness Town, a Level 55 area.

As he killed monsters, Ye Xiu looked for a place convenient for observing the surroundings. He didn't move around randomly either. If he didn't see anyone around, he would stay there. If he moved around randomly, it was more likely that he would bump into someone.

Even so, he wasn't able to kill monsters peacefully the entire time. After a period of time, Lord Grim finally noticed a player heading towards him. With his current situation, it didn't matter if the player was in a guild or not. Now that a bounty had been place on his head, it really was as if he had become a street rat. He wasn't just any street rat, but a street rat worth five hundred yuan.

Chen Guo was concerned about Ye Xiu's situation and switched to a computer next to Ye Xiu to play. She constantly glanced at Ye Xiu's screen. She saw how unsafe Ye Xiu's leveling was and would turn her attention to his screen from time to time. Fortunately, Ye Xiu had lots of experience and an incredible amount of skill. Whenever he saw a player, he immediately hid. With the distance between them, the other side wouldn't be able to see Lord Grim's ID clearly, so Ye Xiu hadn't been in any danger yet.

"Are you sure someone isn't following you?"

Chen Guo was worried that someone might be following Ye Xiu. However, it was Ye Xiu who reminded her of something.

Chen Guo stared blankly. She turned her Chasing Haze around and immediately saw a bunch of players following her. She

couldn’t hide her surprise after turning around.

Chen Guo suddenly understood. Some of them might have known about her relationship with Lord Grim, so they tried to see if they could get their five hundred yuan through her. Thinking of this, Chen Guo began to sweat. She really had been looking for Lord Grim. If Ye Xiu hadn’t reminded her, she would have guided a whole bunch of players over to his location. She had been concerned about Ye Xiu’s situation and nearly caused a disaster.

“You don’t need to worry. Nothing will happen. People will watch you closely if you’re online and might look for you if they need something. How about you go play in the tenth server for now? You can help manage the guild while you’re over there.” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo looked at the crowd of people behind her. There was nothing she could do about it, so she accepted Ye Xiu’s suggestion. At the tenth server, she had an account which was in Guild Happy too. Her position there wasn’t low either. Her character’s level might be low, but the guild knew that her main account was a Heavenly Domain character.

As a result, Chen Guo began managing the tenth server guild. Ye Xiu was having a difficult time in the Heavenly Domain. Even though he hadn’t been killed yet, his leveling speed had been greatly affected. Chen Guo had been very anxious at first, but when she saw that Ye Xiu didn’t seem to care at all, she became more at ease.

On Saturday, an unexpected result appeared in the Pro Alliance.

In the match between Excellent Era and Thunderclap, Excellent Era had been completely crushed.

Ye Qiu had retired and Sun Xiang had taken his place. After a period of ups and downs, Excellent Era seemed to have returned to their best shape. Even though there wasn't any hope of making it to the playoffs this season, with their recent results, Excellent Era had once again become a strong competitor for next year's championship.

But in this match, everyone in Excellent Era showed a terrible performance. The end result was 1:9. Throughout the entire competition, they had only won a single point from the individual competition. The rest of the competition was plagued with mistakes. Excellent Era's players looked as if they had something else on their minds.

Especially during the team competition. Xiao Shiqin's Team Thunderclap was relatively weak in the individual competition and group knockout competitions, but with a Master Tactician leading their team, no one would ever underestimate them in team competitions. In the team competition, Excellent Era lost magnificently.

The media was stunned. Excellent Era fans were also stunned. Even the victorious Team Thunderclap was stunned. In the post-match interviews, when Thunderclap's Captain Xiao Shiqin was asked about Excellent Era's loss, he couldn't find anything good to say because there simply wasn't anything Excellent Era had done well during that battle. In the end, he lied saying "their performance wasn't bad, but luck just wasn't with them today."

Happy Internet Cafe didn't stream Excellent Era's matches like usual, so there weren't as large of an audience. However, there were still quite a few players who watched the match on their own. That day, Happy Internet Cafe was also in an uproar. Excellent Era's disgusting performance made many jump out and praise Chen Guo for not streaming their match. It was their one bit of salvation from the disaster.

The customers, who had watched the match, all looked as if they had eaten a fly. They ran out the door and began throwing rocks at the nearby Club Excellent Era. This match had even taken place in Excellent Era's home stadium. Those who had watched the match live had gathered around, refusing to leave and shouted angrily at Excellent Era.

Excellent Era wasn't a stranger to this scene though. Their performance in the first half of the year had been very bad. Fans had done this before.

However, no matter how poorly they had performed, the hate they got had never been this bad. Today's performance could be described with two words: unprecedented brutality.

Just when everyone's hopes had been rekindled, Team Excellent Era dumped a bucket of cold water over it. The disappointed fans gathered around in the winter cold and refused to leave for a long time. Excellent Era could only look at the scene in shame. The spokesperson, manager, and team members all went out to apologize as well as promise that they would do better in the future.

However, were they actually sincere in their promises?

Sun Xiang, Liu Hao..... Excellent Era's main team all had dead expressions on their faces.

Chapter 505 - To Relegations

The web game had its own liveliness, while the pro league had its own news.

Excellent Era had always been the center of attention. After all, they were a seasoned and well-known team in the Alliance. Before this season, they had always been contenders for the champion spot. However, this season, the characters being paid attention to were different. From the beginning of the season, Excellent Era was very unstable. Their captain and ace player changed halfway through the season and the team seemed to be on the rise again. However, a few weeks earlier, vice captain Liu Hao had a disastrous performance and the team was in complete disarray. Their last two performances were so bad that their defeats would go down in the history books.

The press and newspaper once again used the headlines that they had been using throughout the season: What Happened to Excellent Era???

This time, they added additional words in their headlines: What Is Actually Going on with Excellent Era???

Excellent Era's public relation team appeared helpless in the face of this historical disaster. Their fans were tired of their empty promises and wanted results instead of empty talk. Before it happened, they would never stop making their dissatisfaction known.

In Excellent Era's inter-team meeting, the manager could sense that something wasn't right.

Despite his shouting, his only response to it were the dead expressions on the team. Sun Xiang, Liu Hao, Shen Jian... All of the main players appeared to be out of it.

The worried looks on their faces were not for the team, but for their own futures. Right now, Excellent Era was a sinking ship and the people that were supposed to be the fixers of the ships were thinking about matters after the ship had sunk.

The sight that played out before him frightened the manager. The poor performance during the first half of the season could be brushed aside as a period of transitioning, but what about now? He didn't know how the situation had gone out of hand so quickly and he had no solution to it...

Pacing back and forth unsure of what to do, the manager decided to conclude the meeting. He hadn't achieved the outcome that he had hoped would happen through this meeting. The only thing he obtained through the meeting was knowledge on how grave the situation looked. He had no choice but to pull out his phone, "Boss...."

Although in-game players paid attention to the pro scene, the game wouldn't be directly affected by news from the pro scene. Dungeons, missions, and PK's between players continued regardless. The disastrous performance of Excellent Era, however, was a disgrace in the eyes of their fans as well as a subject of ridicule for their opponents.

Chen Yehui managed the in-game guild. The pro team's poor performances had nothing to do with him. However, as a core member of the club, he could clearly feel the heavy atmosphere within the club.

What happened to Liu Hao and his companions last time? Chen Yehui couldn't muster the courage to ask. He came across Liu Hao several times since then, but Liu Hao always seemed to have something else in his mind and walked past him without noticing him.

He Ming, Shen Jian, Zhang Jiaxing...

Everyone he encountered looked like they were troubled. As for Sun Xiang, according to the information that Chen Yehui had gathered, it was said that he had isolated himself in his room and only came out for training and meal times.

With the situation being so serious, Chen Yehui didn't dare to do anything rash. He came to the conclusion that going back to the game and completing his responsibilities was the safest way to go.

Progress in the game remained the same as before. The bounties placed on Lord Grim and Deception didn't seem to affect them.

The leaders of the big guilds understood that even though there were a lot of names on their wanted list, 6 out of 7 of them were just dummies. Lord Grim. Their only target was Lord Grim. This was precisely the reason that they reacted to news regarding Lord

Grim while ignoring the rest.

But what about Lord Grim? They had received a lot of information about him in these past few days, but they still hadn't managed to catch a glimpse of him. They weren't even sure if the information that they received were real or just to pull their legs. Later, the guilds required reports to confirm the target and keep the target in sight until they arrived. But when they thought about it, who was it they were supposed to keep in sight? Ye Qiu! Three guilds had allied together and sent out over a hundred players to lock down Wilderness Town. Even so, Ye Qiu had still been able to escape from their eyes. How could a single player keep him in sight for so long? It would only possible if Ye Qiu didn't care and intentionally let someone pursue him.

Would Ye Qiu be so careless with his current circumstances? Clearly not. For the past few days, Lord Grim was nowhere to be seen despite being online. The intelligence received by the big guilds decreased by the day. After the initial hype, not many were actually willing to try their luck in low level zones.

Was this another wasted effort? Each club-backed guild was puzzled. Why couldn't they defeat Lord Grim even when such a strong weapon, the renminbi, was employed.

One week passed in the blink of an eye and a new round of the weekly pro matches began. Other than the Glory fans that cared about the top 8, the number of fans that were concerned that their teams would be disqualified increased as well.

In terms of the long-term competition system of the professional

league, doing horribly in a game or two wouldn't decide the overall situation. The two teams that usually got relegated were usually teams that that had been at the back of the pack due to their lack of actual strength. But for the first half of the current season, Excellent Era had dropped low because of their continuous bad performances. A few good matches came after switching ace players, but the collapse that followed right after made many feel that Excellent Era had returned to the bottom. A contender for relegations was back!

If Excellent Era actually got relegated, it would not be a small matter.

With only 8 seasons, the development of Glory's competitive scene was still considered quite short. The rise and fall of a powerhouse hadn't occurred in history yet, but in this season, Excellent Era might just fulfill that role. Could the champions who once led to the creation of the first empire in the history of Glory be trying to change the history of Glory again, but this time in the completely opposite direction?

Reports from the mass media were full of such sarcasm. Even though they were no longer as invincible as back in their days as reigning champions for three years, Excellent Era was still a strong competitor. However, they had suddenly plunged into the possibility of relegation without any warning as if to surprise the masses.

Excellent Era's rivals took pleasure in their misfortune, while their supporters were ridden with anxiety. Their next match began with much attention to it. Excellent Era would be the away team

facing against Samsara.

Samsara had been the host of the All Star Weekend, but unfortunately, their team didn't show anything very outstanding. Despite that, their morale were exceptionally high after the All Star Weekend. Excellent Era was demoralized after their disastrous last match and was unlucky to face such a team with high spirits, but it was also a chance for them.

If they were going to defeat Samsara, they would need to pay tremendous effort to do so. Btut if they managed to defeat them, it would be very strong evidence that their strength hadn't faded.

Could Excellent Era make it? The fans of Excellent Era weren't the only ones paying attention to this match. Even Happy Internet Cafe was broadcasting this match. Chen Guo's current policy was to stream important matches, so she didn't avoid Excellent Era on purpose. This match would without a doubt be one of the the most important matches of the season.

Happy Internet Cafe was once again full of customers, but the atmosphere was very heavy. There might be neutral fans watching the match elsewhere, but at this specific location, almost all of the audience members were Excellent Era supporters who were watching with sweat covering their palms. There were no cheers when the match started, no shouts of approval for their favorite players. Everyone was silently and anxiously paying attention to the match.

Su Mucheng won the first individual match, bringing everyone's spirits up.

In the second match, vice captain Liu Hao managed to win too and the atmosphere in Happy Internet Cafe suddenly livened up.

Even Chen Guo let out a breath that she had been holding in. Her wish to see Excellent Era fail miserably faded after seeing Ye Xiu's dejected expression. She suddenly began to hope that Excellent Era could make a comeback.

Without a doubt, Chen Guo was a typical fangirl. Su Mucheng was still a member of Excellent Era! If Excellent Era fell into disarray, wouldn't Su Mucheng be affected as well? Just imagining this made Chen Guo hope that Excellent Era would deliver.

Chen Guo stole a glance at Ye Xiu, who was smoking at the doorway. The guy was expressionless, as if the 2 wins were nothing to him.

Excellent Era lost the third round. The Internet Cafe was filled with sighs of regret, but the atmosphere was way better than it had been when the match first started. At least the place was getting more lively.

The group arena competition that followed was like a heavy rain, drenching the audience's morale heavily. There was only one player that took part in the team knockout tournament from Samsara's side, Zhou Zekai.

1v3!

Zhou Zekai scoring a 1v3 in the team knockout tournament with his stylish Sharpshooter may have been dazzling, but nobody was in the mood to appreciate his magnificent skills. Most of them wanted to eat Zhou Zekai alive.

At this grave moment, a cheer emanated from amongst the crowd, “Awesome!”

The cheer could only be towards Zhou Zekai. The crowd looked for the source of the voice with fury in their eyes. The owner of the voice was luckily a beautiful girl. If it were a guy, the emergency services would be needing to take a field trip to Happy Internet Cafe.

The atmosphere of the internet cafe regressed immediately to a state similar to when the game had first started. The team competition started with great anxiety amongst the audience. Lasting for 30 minutes, the match was just of moderate length, but it caused Excellent Era fans to wince with pain.

Defeated. Once again, they had suffered defeat.

2 : 8 was the final score, with only a difference of one point compared to their last match. Although not as disgusting as their last match, Excellent Era’s team remained in low spirits, retaining their horrible performance. This was made obvious by the team competition.

“F*ck!” The air in Happy Internet Cafe was filled with strings of

curses.

Chapter 506 - Xiaoqiang Productions

Curses filled the air. Quite a few audience members stood up and kicked away their chairs, just like the ending of a movie in the cinemas. In their agitated state, there was no order when the audience left the place. Individuals at the front of the crowd were cursed at whenever they slowed down. The chaos didn't subside even after a long time. Most of them went across the street, throwing bricks, vandalizing the walls, but how could Excellent Era's guards have the courage to stop them?

They watched or at least saw the results of the match. The moment the saw that Excellent Era had lost again, they knew it would be a disaster. At that moment, the only thing they could do was shut the main entrance. The best they could do was to stop the crowd from entering their headquarters and wrecking it from within.

Chen Guo was stunned by the result of the stampede. A lot of her customers didn't intend to destroy her Internet Cafe intentionally, but in their moment of rage, much destruction was wrought upon the facilities. Chen Guo realized that her previous decision had been a blessing in disguise. The popularity and income of the Internet Cafe suffered drastically from her action of cancelling the broadcast of Excellent Era's match, but with the team's current performance, she was lucky that she stopped the broadcast. With their disgusting performance, her Internet Cafe would be the audience's first place to release their rage. If the situation continued, her Internet Cafe would've been dismantled.

While directing her staff to clean up the place, Chen Guo glanced at the doorway, Ye Xiu was already gone. She shifted her view and

saw that a huge crowd had formed outside Excellent Era's entrance. It wasn't as bad as last time though. They knew that it was an away match and that not many of the staffs members were around.

Excellent Era had lost to Samsara, who were at the peak of their performance, so the media gave them a bit of leeway and didn't show too much disappointment towards Excellent Era's performance.

However, having scored only a meager three points total from their last two matches, Excellent Era's ranking plunged. Their score this season wasn't high to begin with and they had only barely increased their ranking with their previously stable performances the last few games. The blunder that they'd made caused their ranking to drop, and they were headed straight towards disqualification.

"If this continues, will Excellent Era be eliminated?" Chen Guo went upstairs and was surprised that Ye Xiu had not logged into the game yet and was in the living room instead.

"I don't know……." Ye Xiu replied as he looked out through the window.

That night, Ye Xiu didn't spend any time on the game, but the next morning, he headed straight to the computer.

He continued levelling his character, but not long after logging into the game, he received a message from Mo Qiang on QQ.

“God d*mn, after working on this for a week, I’ve finally finished it!” said Mo Qiang.

“It’s done?” After Ye Xiu’s discussion with Mo Qiang last time, he gave Mo Qiang’s address to Loulan Slash and the five accounts were sent straight to him, giving him full access to the accounts.

“It’s done. Let me send a short clip to you!” Mo Qiang sent Ye Xiu a video file.

After receiving the file, Ye Xiu clicked into it and the words “Xiaoqiang Productions” appeared on screen in a comical fashion.

“Your introduction…” Ye Xiu hesitated.

“Brand consciousness is a must!” replied Mo Qiang.

“You’re overdoing it… your deal with the Clubs is like ripping hair out of their heads. They’re going to hate you for doing this and you actually made an intro to deepen their impression of you?” Ye Xiu didn’t know whether to laugh or cry.

“Ayy! You’re right about that. It’s not like I’m going to have any more business relationships with these Clubs, so I’m going to gross them out.” said Mo Qiang.

“If you push them too far, they might not pay you for this!” said

Ye Xiu.

“Oh they can’t.” Mo Qiang sent a sly smile emoticon, “I’ve already made preparations, they will pay me no matter what, unless they don’t care about their reputation anymore.”

Ye Xiu kept quiet. He guessed that Mo Qiang would be doing this deal in the open, where it could be seen by all the players. Under these circumstances, the clubs wouldn’t be able to go back on their words. Even if they knew that Mo Qiang was tricking them, they could only suffer in silence.

But with so many guilds offering the bounty, the expense would be shared between them. With the sum divided amongst themselves, it wouldn’t be considered much. Just as Mo Qiang said, even if it did not affect them financially, it was more important that they gross them out.

Ye Xiu didn’t comment on Mo Qiang’s mischievous joke because he knew that Mo Qiang didn’t have a good view of these Clubs.

“Do what you want! I only care for the money.” Ye Xiu replied with an “Emotionless” emoticon.

“Keep watching my video, I’ve been working on it for a week and the only thing you’ve watched is the introduction? How could you!” Mo Qiang grumbled.

“I’m watching, I’m watching…” Ye Xiu continued watching the

video helplessly.

The main theme of the video appeared right after the introduction, starting with a chaotic battle. Mo Qiang grouped the 5 accounts together, creating a scenario where the party was annihilated in battle. The footage was shaky, hinting that the person recording the video was also a part of the battle. The video ended with 5 corpses on the ground, with the shot stopping at each ID.

“The party was annihilated, but they don’t revive themselves and they just lay there so you can get a clean shot on them? Isn’t this too take? You really intend to disgust them to death!” said Ye Xiu.

“Hahaha, keep watching!” Mo Qiang continued.

Ye Xiu continued to watch the video. The footage zoomed out as if the character were backing off and looking around, while paying close attention to the corpses lying on the ground. Not long afterwards, a Cleric appeared on camera. Ye Xiu immediately understood his intention.

It was scripted. Everything was scripted to giving the chance for his opponents to be rescued by their Cleric and then ambushing them.

“……” Even Ye Xiu was speechless.

“Haha, if the characters respawn, we still need to control them. I

was a little lazy. By doing this, even if they counted these two occasions as one, it's still quite convenient!" said Mo Qiang.

"You often use this method. It's too disgusting." said Ye Xiu.

"Yeah yeah, that was why I made it look like they saw through it after a few times and then stopped doing it. We want to decrease our workload, but we can make it look realistic at the same time! For the viewing pleasure of the higher ups of the clubs, it can't be done too crudely, right?"

"With these five accounts moving around so frequently, won't people notice them?" said Ye Xiu.

"Who would notice them faster than our own guys? I notified the big guilds every time, saying how I found these five player's whereabouts. But these guilds are really sly. These five characters had a bounty placed on them to fool the public. They don't even care about them. I've never seen any one of their men come over. I'm guessing the others that gave them intelligence on these five were also ignored. I was lucky that I had a trick up my sleeve. Xiaoqiang's product, home made. I feel good earning this money." Mo Qiang prattled on.

"In the end they're all bald?" asked Ye Xiu. Being "bald" meant that all the experience points on the characters were gone. Even though their levels were still at 70, if you opened up their character info pages and looked at their stats, you would break into tears.

“Sigh, speaking of which, we made a mistake in our calculations. The minimum level a character can have in Glory is level 1, there is no level 0, so to make these Level 70 characters go bald, there are only 69 levels. With 500 yuan per level and 5 times 69 levels, we’ll only get a grand total of 172,500. The sum that we came up with, 175,000, was incorrect!” Mo Qiang continued!

“So how much are you going to get in the end…..” said Ye Xiu.

“I didn’t finish off all of their levels. It would be too unrealistic, so I got a total of 150,000.” said Mo Qiang.

“This isn’t realistic either.” said Ye Xiu.

“Isn’t 150,000 easier to divide? We’re aiming to decrease our workload.” said Mo Qiang.

“Sure, sure. I’ve finished watching the video, do what you have to do!” said Ye Xiu.

“I intend to leave it there for a few more days, but I’m afraid that they’d suddenly cancel the bounty. I heard that even after so many days, they still couldn’t get ahold of you right? Why don’t you give them some hope? Dying once or twice. Isn’t there’s a huge pile of money waiting for you after that? Make some sacrifices. Huh? Come on!” Mo Qiang continued earnestly.

“Stop spewing nonsense, if you’re afraid that the bounty will be canceled, do it faster.” said Ye Xiu.

“But there is also a possibility that they will increase the bounty. Raising yours to a thousand, and if these accounts’ got increased by about 200 yuan, it would still be a very big profit!” said Mo Qiang.

“Don’t be too greedy. If the amount is too big, aren’t you afraid that they’d rather lose face than to pay the bounty? Everything has a limit!” said Ye Xiu.

“Yes yes yes, you are right. Fine! I’ll cash in on the bounty, give me your account number, I’ll send the money later.” said Mo Qiang.

“Slow down, I have a list of things here that I need, so help me acquire those.” said Ye Xiu.

“What do you need?” asked Mo Qiang.

When the shoplist was received by Mo Qiang, he immediately understood Ye Xiu’s attention after a glance, “You’re going to upgrade that Silver Equipment of yours!”

“Yes!”

“You’re upgrading it to level 50, am I right?” Mo Qiang continued. Each equipment and materials had their own levels. The level of the materials used to forge a piece of silver equipment wasn’t limited, but it was still based on the level of the end product. Guessing the level of the equipment was simple just by

looking at the list of materials.

“Yes.”

“I don’t have all the things you need. How could this be a single weapon? This is enough for an entire set!” Mo Qiang was amazed.

“I know you have your ways of getting it done. The money is with you, just help me out here. Is it enough?” said Ye Xiu.

“It’s hard to say, Orange Equipment is easy to get, but you need three materials that are only dropped by wild bosses, which are mostly owned by the big guilds. It’s tough luck for the studios. Even if others have them, if we try getting it, they will certainly raise the price unreasonably, you know that.” said Mo Qiang.

“Yes, I know.” Ye Xiu nodded. There was no market price for such rare materials. They were so rare that they couldn’t even form a market out of it. Such items could accurately be described by “rare commodity”. If any workshops got their hands on them, they would only sell them when the time is right.

“Then, leave it to me!” said Mo Qiang.

Chapter 507 - Leave It Alone

Three of the materials required to upgrade the Thousand Chance Umbrella to its Level 50 form only came from wild BOSSes. No other upgrades had required such luxurious materials thus far.

This was because the upgrade process from Level 5 to 45 could be considered relatively easy to accomplish, but from Level 45 to 50, the capabilities of the Thousand Chance Umbrella would be completely branch out. When the Thousand Chance Umbrella had been designed, Level 50 had been its final form. Leaving the extremely precious materials until the final form was done in order to save materials needed for the previous upgrades. Most Silver equipment followed this train of thought. If materials could be saved from previous upgrades, then it was best to save them.

However, the current Silver equipment had their final upgrades from Level 65 to 70, while the Thousand Chance Umbrella's final upgrade was still stuck at Level 45 to 50.

The current tenth server might not even be able to gather together enough materials needed for this upgrade. However, Ye Xiu was already in the Heavenly Domain and he could acquire these materials through others from older servers. Items could go forward, but not backwards in the Heavenly Domain and normal servers. In other words, items from normal servers could be brought into the Heavenly Domain, but items from the Heavenly Domain couldn't be brought back to normal servers, unless the item originally came from the normal server. If a player had any sort of item from the Heavenly Domain, the player would have to store it in the Heavenly Domain before going back to the normal server.

After finishing his deal with Mo Qiang, Ye Xiu continued to level up. He played cautiously every day, not allowing anyone find his tracks. Even though this slowed down his leveling speed, he slowly wore away at the patience of bounty hunters. Ye Xiu had predicted this would happen. At first, everyone would be filled with excitement, but after awhile, most people would give up on trying their luck and would stop wasting their time.

Chen Guo saw how the situation had turned for the better, so she logged into her Chasing Haze and began to help him level. Helpers would increase his leveling speed, so Ye Xiu didn't refuse her assistance.

They killed monsters for the entire morning. After eating lunch, everyone took a short break. Chen Guo took this time to browse the internet. She checked the forums and saw a post created by Mo Qiang. Seeing this, she hastily called for Ye Xiu to come over and see.

Ye Xiu went over and looked. Sure enough, Mo Qiang had posted videos of him killing those five open accounts. It wasn't all of it though. There would be too many videos and file size would have been too big. He only posted the videos that he had sent Ye Xiu to take a look at. It was only a small portion of all of them. The main content of the post was the text. Mo Qiang told everyone of how hard he had been working for the whole week. This cunning fellow didn't even mention that the amount he had killed was worth 150,000 yuan. Killing them that many times in the span of a single week would clearly be too fake. Were those five fake? If those five knew that they would be pursued every day, why would they stay online and letting their experience drop?

Just from these videos and this text, it seemed like Mo Qiang had truly gone through great difficulties just to kill these five a few times, which was why he went on the forums to express his joy.

"F*ck these Clubs!"

Ye Xiu was reading through these posts, when he received a message from Mo Qiang.

"What?" Ye Xiu was surprised. Would the Clubs really not reward him for cashing in the bounty? Ye Xiu hadn't thought that this would happen, but Ye Xiu also needed this money. Getting the materials he needed just through in-game methods would be extremely difficult! Ye Xiu didn't mind using real life money in this case. The more time he could save, the better.

"They said today is Sunday. Wait until Monday!" Mo Qiang typed furiously.

"Oh…… then just wait!" Ye Xiu saw his reply and broke out into a laugh. It was a very normal response. No one would be willing to work on the weekend or work overtime for something so trivial.

"Do you think they're going to try to keep on delaying it?" Mo Qiang clearly didn't have a good image of the Clubs.

"For something like this? Just wait. There's more to come!" Ye Xiu calmly said.

“What?”

“Do you think you’re talking to a real person? The Club is still a company. No matter how they run, it’s going to take them awhile to process it. If you get it by next week, then that would already be considered quite quick.” Ye Xiu said.

“I’m just afraid that long delays will cause trouble!” Mo Qian said, “If I knew there would be a delay, I wouldn’t have posted it today. What happens if I rustle the grass and scare a snake?”

“You can always delete posts you know…..” Ye Xiu said.

“Right right right, I’ll delete it first.” Mo Qiang immediately went to do it. Fortunately, he had just posted it, so it hadn’t gotten much attention yet. After deleting it, he repeatedly searched the post on Baidu and let out a sigh of relief after seeing no one had reproduced it.

Chen Guo saw the treacherous dealings going on between these two, but didn’t have the energy to scold them.

That day, at Club Excellent Era, a huge number of fans had gathered at its entrance again to protest. It was Sunday, and they clearly didn’t have much else to do.

Despite protesting, it still showed the fans’ passion. With Excellent Era’s recent performances, they couldn’t just turn a blind

eye towards the fans, so they sent some people out to calm them down and provided them with food and drinks. Later, it was said that they invited a few representatives of the fans to go inside and have a chat.....

A chaotic day passed by just like that.

The next day was a business day, so Mo Qiang did the same thing that he had done yesterday. He made a post and contacted the Clubs for the rewards.

“Oh? You killed them? And you have video proof??”

The person who replied today was someone who managed this type of work, not an answering machine.

“Yeah, should I send over the videos?” Mo Qiang asked.

“Sure, go ahead!” The manager clearly didn’t care.

“Okay.” Mo Qiang replied. He sent the files and the other side received them. Afterwards, he commented: “This is for 104 kills.”

“How many?” The manager rubbed his eyes as if he had read the message incorrectly. He felt like it would only be a few times at most for a few hundred yuan. How could he have imagined that the other side would say 104 times. The amount of money to be paid out for that amount already broke the ten thousand range.

“104 times. If you don’t believe me, you can count. My recordings should be quite clear.” Mo Qiang replied and then sent another file over.

“Why did you send it again?” The manager was confused.

“It’s another file. 112 times.” Mo Qiang said.

“There’s more!” The manager cried.

“Of course.” Mo Qiang said.

The manager received it, while feeling astonished. This was already within the twenty thousand yuan range.

And then a third, a fourth, a fifth……

“How many do you have?” The manager couldn’t believe his eyes.

“10 files for a total of 1500 times.” Mo Qiang replied.

“1500 times……. 150,000……” The manager was completely stunned. He stared at the files sent and didn’t know what to say.

“I’ll keep working hard!” Mo Qiang said.

“Uh..... wait. We’ll have to look over all of your videos before talking again.” The manager replied. 1500 times, 150,000 yuan, the number was so ridiculous that they seemed fake. The manager felt like he had encountered a scammer, so he had to verify it. As a result, he hastily called over people to watch the videos and confirm the number count.

Ten videos. Fifteen hundred kills. Even though he killed them five times in some of the videos, it wouldn’t be easy to look through them, especially since they had to check if he was hacking.

After working busily for the entire day, the specialists came to a conclusion: there were no problems with any of the videos.

“Are you joking!” The videos weren’t fake. Moreover, the manager had counted the number of kills, exactly 1500.

However, killing them that many times in an entire week only existed in theory. Anyone who understood anything about the game would know that something wasn’t right.

Even the video specialists expressed how even though the videos were clean, the content themselves.....

The responsibility had exceeded this manager’s power. It was clearly a fraud, but there was no proof.....

1500 times meant that each player had died 300 times. 5 deaths 1

level, so 60 levels lost.

For five players to have lost 60 levels in one week..... If the five weren't killing themselves on purpose, then only an idiot would believe it.

"This has to be fake!" The manager felt. Something so ridiculous didn't need proof. However, he knew the other side must have understood this too, yet he still spoke so frankly. Why was he not afraid?

The manager felt like this issue was a bit complicated and he couldn't make a rash decision. Moreover, he was just acting on behalf of others. This was something created by all of the Clubs, who had allied together. How could he represent all of the Clubs?

As a result, he decided to ask his boss for help. Anyone would immediately understand something so obvious! No one cared about the stuff on the surface. After all of the Clubs received this news, they pondered over whether there was something more to this.

They could already figure it out easily enough.

Because as everyone already knew, these five accounts were Heavenly Justice's open accounts.

What were open accounts? Open accounts were accounts with no identity and could be sacrificed at any time. And now, these five

accounts had been killed in such a way. Trying to level them back up would be nearly the same as leveling them from scratch. They could already be considered as trashed. However, the sacrifice was worth it! Five accounts, 150,000……

Heavenly Justice had done it!

All of the guilds now thought that they were the perpetrators. Who would have thought that such a famous guild would do something so dirty.

The Clubs now had an even worse impression of Heavenly Justice. None of them had a good feeling about them ever since their eye-catching step onto the professional stage.

However, in the end……

“Give it to him!” The Clubs decided despite their anger. They weren’t angry towards the money, but rather this incident. They had been scammed.

However, when they thought of Heavenly Justice, everyone still felt cautious. If they prodded at them any further, who knew if they would do something in return. Heavenly Justice couldn’t be underestimated.

Give them the money. Leave it alone.

At the same time, they began to ponder whether Lord Grim or

Deception would do the same. If they also let themselves die, then that would be even more disgusting.

Chapter 508 - Out Of Expectations

The videos were sent and examined carefully for an entire day. In the end, the Clubs grit their teeth and contacted Mo Qiang, who happily accepted the reward. Mo Qiang himself was surprised. He didn't think that it would have been so easy! Why else would he have made a post online as a cover or record of all of the calls? The other side had taken a close look at the videos, so he thought there would be a huge argument between them, but contrary to his expectations, they simply responded with two words: bank account.

The deal went so smoothly, that Mo Qiang was somewhat astonished. He gave the other side his bank account's routing number and called Ye Xiu.

"Really? Well that's good!" Ye Xiu was quite calm and didn't seem too surprised. This was because he had another window open on his screen. Loulan Slash was crying: "You guys have given us a lot of trouble!"

"What's wrong?" Ye Xiu asked.

The Clubs have been scammed of 150,000 yuan and it turns out they weren't just going to swallow it so easily. Mo Qiang? In their eyes, he was just a subordinate, so they didn't make things difficult for Mo Qiang. Instead, they directly contacted Loulan Slash and sent him a message showing their disdain towards him.

The message was clear. The Clubs wanted to let Loulan Slash

know that they weren't stupid with more money than sense. This small amount of money wasn't much to them, so if you wanted it, you could have it! We're too lazy to bicker with you over this matter, but for you to actually plot something like this, we're definitely going to look down on you.

Loulan Slash felt wronged!

He felt like earning profit like this wasn't his style, so he had refused to collaborate with Ye Xiu. Who would have thought that the blame would be put entirely on him? Ye Xiu had come off clean without a speck of dirt. Loulan Slash also had to blame himself for overlooking this matter. Those five accounts had been his, so if someone else used them, then wouldn't it be obvious what the outcome would be?

God replied, "Ha ha ha ha, it looks like I've wronged you." Loulan Slash felt like he had been cheated!

"Just tell them I was the one who did it. Wouldn't that solve everything?" God followed up with another message, making Loulan Slash feel at ease again. Taking a bit of blame was nothing, but if the other side really had intended on pushing the blame onto him, then he would have felt uneasy.

Seeing the reply and then thinking about his interactions with God, Loulan Slash now truly believed that this God didn't care about this at all, so God didn't have any intentions of making him a scapegoat. Everything had just been an accident.

“In any case, they’re already set on believing that I did it. I’m too lazy to explain, so that’ll be that then!” Loulan Slash decided.

“Are you sure you don’t want a share of it?” Ye Xiu asked.

“No need no need.” Loulan Slash jumped. “Even though he had been made a scapegoat, he hadn’t thought of asking for compensation. A leader knew there were things that he should and shouldn’t do. Loulan Slash was clearly a very principled youth.

“The money has arrived!” Mo Qiang was very excited. His entire week of hard work had paid off! The Clubs displayed their demeanor, expressing how this matter was beneath them. They didn’t make any delays and immediately transferred the money over to Mo Qiang.

“Okay, then I’ll leave it with you for now! How are the other matters I talked to you about going?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Senior, it’s only been a day. Give me some time!” Mo Qiang said.

“See you then!” Ye Xiu said.

“It’ll be done, so don’t worry!” Mo Qiang received the reward and was in high spirits. Yesterday, he said how gathering those materials might have be difficult, but he seemed much more confident now.

In the time that it took for him to raise his hands, he had earned

150,000 yuan. In the same amount of time, the money he earned would be completely spent. From start to finish, the money never touched his hands. His trust in the other side was admirable as well.

"Time to level up!" Ye Xiu stretched and continued to kill monsters.

On the Clubs' side, after sending the money to Mo Qiang's account, they urgently convened for an online meeting, discussing the issue of the other two player's bounty.

The rewards for the five open accounts might not have cost much, but money was still money. The money had flowed right out of their accounts and had even left a stain. The presidents of the Clubs may have a certain amount of financial power in their hands, but that power wasn't their Club's power. All of these things would be assessed in their annual financial record. The amount of money wasn't much, but it would still be infuriating. It would make them seem like they had no ability.

For their appearances, this small amount of money didn't matter.

For internal affairs, it was a deep cut to their hearts.

Heavenly Justice had cheated them of a portion of money. If Deception and Lord Grim cheated them too, they would be making the same mistake twice..... it would be unforgivable!

The loophole for this bounty was too big! Neither the public, nor the private, wanted to continue. Not long after holding the meeting, several presidents decided to withdraw. If someone left, then the burden would be split by the others. No one would agree to that, so after another ten minutes, they unanimously decided to stop giving out the bounty. Next time, if they had to make such a move, they had to be more careful.

The bounties had only been placed a week ago. Not only were there no signs of their target, the five dummies had cost the Clubs 150,000 yuan. This sort of result made them very displeased.

More importantly, the activity had created a huge wave of excitement. Ending it would require an explanation.

The 150,000 yuan couldn't be spent for nothing. They provided the videos bought for 150,000 yuan as proof for the success of their move. In reality, they grit their teeth every time they saw those ten videos, especially those huge glamorous words "Xiaoqiang Productions". The more they watched, the more annoyed they became and had the opening titles deleted.

Those five dummies had been dealt with, but those other two's bounties had to be explained too!

Unfortunately, they hadn't been able to kill either of them a single time. In the end, they could only express with a magnanimous voice how Lord Grim and Deception had committed crimes and then hid like cowards, abandoning their five brothers and letting them die over and over again.

Because everyone was very busy right now, we've decided to stop the activity and we can't promise something like this will ever happen again. Scrap pickers, behave yourself!

It turned out that, for a majority of the players, they actually believed the Clubs had been hugely successful. The videos shared to the public were highlights picked from the ten video files. As a result, the normal players didn't know about the loophole that had been exploited.

This time, the Clubs had used scrap pickers as a pretense to justify their actions. Who would have thought that their actions would actually help get rid of them? Afterwards, a lot fewer scrap pickers appeared in the Heavenly Domain. The players were smart. Facing the annoying scrap pickers, they used the actions of the club-backed guilds as a threat. The bounty had benefited the community and the Clubs were praised for it.

However, these were all things that came after a period of time. Right now, who did this affect the greatest? Ye Xiu, of course. Even though the danger was still there, he didn't need to worry about how every piece of grass or stone might suddenly turn into an enemy.

Killing monsters over the next two days went relatively peacefully. Lord Grim steadily reached Level 54. With the amount of time Ye Xiu had spent playing the game, his leveling speed after level 50 was considered quite slow, but what choice did he have? He couldn't run any dungeons.

Starting from this day, Ye Xiu was no longer busy with only in-game affairs. He started spending time outside the game studying and researching.

Why? Because the upgrade path for the Thousand Chance Umbrella was limited to this.

For Level 55, 60, 65, and 70, Ye Xiu needed to look all over the Glory world to find suitable materials for it.

In addition, the materials needed for these next few stages would be much more expensive than before. This was because starting from Level 55, the Heavenly Domain existed, making it even larger than the old Glory mainland, so there would naturally be many more items available. Finding suitable materials out of all of the materials available would require a lot of research. Ye Xiu became even busier.

As for Chen Guo, she was still the boss for the Internet Cafe and had other priorities besides the game. Every day, she would have to spend some time patrolling the Internet Cafe. Like usual, the first thing she did in the morning was get up and go for a walk. Outside the entrance to the cafe, she sucked in a breath of fresh air and stretched her arms. When she looked ahead, a person was crossing the street, heading towards Happy Internet Cafe.

When he arrived in front of the door, he gave Chen Guo a smile.

Chen Guo looked at him. He looked to be a bit over thirty years old and looked intelligent and capable. This type of person didn’t

seem like someone who would go to an Internet Cafe first thing in the morning. He probably had something urgent come up and needed to use a computer.

Chen Guo studied him, while giving him a smile back. Who would have thought this person would be the first to speak: “Is Ye Qiu here?”

“Ah!” For a moment, Chen Guo was in a daze as she stared dumbly at this person. She suddenly felt like he looked a bit familiar. Was he a pro player? Chen Guo quickly recalled all of the pro players she recognized, but couldn’t register a match.

“Is he here?” The other side saw Chen Guo lost in thought and asked again.

“Oh, come with me.” Chen Guo nodded her head and led the person up the stairs. He was looking for Ye Qiu and because she wasn’t anyone too close to Ye Qiu, she didn’t feel like she had the right to ask about his business.

Right when she got upstairs, the door to the room opened and Ye Xiu walked out with a cigarette in his mouth. Ye Xiu saw Chen Guo and then looked in surprise at the person behind her.

“He came looking for you.” Chen Guo made way and introduced him.

The expression on Ye Xiu’s face didn’t change much. He simply

nodded his head. He held open the door and invited the person in.

The person also nodded his head and then walked into the room with a smile on his face. Chen Guo followed after him, but she wasn't as nice to Ye Xiu. She immediately asked him out of curiosity: "Who is he? He seems kind of familiar. I feel like I should recognize him!"

"Excellent Era's boss." Ye Xiu smiled as he walked into the room.

Chapter 509 - I Don't Want Any Of That

Chen Guo suddenly understood. That's right! The person in question was none other than the CEO of Excellent Era's club, the true boss, Tao Xuan. She had seen him before on some reports, but as the CEO, he didn't get as much media exposure as the players. Therefore, there was much less attention fixed on him. As a result, Chen Guo only felt that his face looked familiar instead of immediately recognizing him. Upon hearing Ye Xiu's words, she finally remembered.

Excellent Era's CEO was personally paying a visit?

Chen Guo immediately realized that there was much brewing under the surface. She couldn't help but follow the two into the room with all of her worries and curiosities. Upon seeing them staring at her, she found herself embarrassed on the spot, pointing towards her own room, "I'll be going back to my own room." While her words were still leaving her mouth, she had already moved with brisk steps. She quickly entered the room, closed the door... and then flattened herself against it.

"Sit." In the living room, Ye Xiu gave his seat to Tao Xuan before standing next to the window.

"How's everything going?" Tao Xuan asked Ye Xiu as he settled himself on the couch.

"Pretty good." Ye Xiu answered and fished a cigarette out of his pocket. With a wave of his hand, Ye Xiu tossed it towards Tao

Xuan.

Surprised, Tao Xuan paused for a split second. When he reached out to catch it, it was already too late.

Tao Xuan picked the cigarette up from the floor. After a he held it uncomfortably for a moment, he set the small offer on the table and looked up at Ye Xiu with a smile, “I quit.”

“Oh? Really? Well, I didn’t hear about that.” Ye Xiu spoke. He took a deep breath and blew the smoke out the window.

In another short silence, Tao Xuan looked around the room as he asked with a laugh: “You live here?”

“Yeah.” Ye Xiu nodded.

“Living with such beauty, aren’t you afraid of upsetting Mucheng?” Tao Xuan joked.

“Heheheh.” Ye Xiu chuckled three times and then wiped his smirk away. He looked at Tao Xuan in all seriousness, “State your business.”

Instead of avoiding Ye Xiu’s gaze, Tao Xuan met it straight on with his own before replying with the same smile, “Come back!”

“To where?”

“Back to Excellent Era.”

Bang!

The door Chen Guo’s room sounded as if something crashed into it. Ye Xiu shook his head, laughed, before calling out, “If you want to listen in, just come inside! Shame…”

The door was pulled open, and out of of it, Chen Guo appeared with a turmoil of emotions on her face ----- embarrassment mixed with anger.

Ye Xiu looked at her, smiled, then turned to Tao Xuan and continued the conversation,”What could I possibly do back in Excellent Era?”

“Coach.” Tao Xuan answered quickly.

“Oh? Me as a coach? Could this be part of your scheme?” Ye Xiu asked.

This time Tao Xuan didn’t reply as quickly. His gaze averted, as well and dropped to the table before him. The cigarette on the table laid all by itself in solitude. Chen Guo stared at him, suppressing the urge to scream in his face: how dare he come to ask Ye Xiu to go back? Did he have any sense of shame left? In the end, her gaze bounced back and forth on the two’s faces, as if she was trying to decode some hidden message from them.

“I have no interest watching from the bench. I like the stage the best.” Ye Xiu suddenly broke the stagnant silence.

This sentence put a smile on Tao Xuan’s face. He lifted his head, “Coaching would only be temporary. After the one year required leave, you can return immediately.”

“Of course I would go back immediately.” Ye Xiu laughed.

Tao Xuan understood the subtext in Ye Xiu’s words right away: I’m going back no matter what. Tao Xuan smiled bitterly, “What’s the point?”

“What is your point?” Ye Xiu shoveled Tao Xuan’s words back.

Tao Xuan’s expression turned agitated. Ye Xiu’s retort seemed to poke a nerve in him.

The answer to the question was that there was no point. There was no need for both of them to have this conversation in the first place. Additionally, when Ye Xiu replied, his answer seemed to imply more than returning to Excellent Era.

“Both you and I watched the league become what it is today step by step. Both of us know this well: the current league isn’t the same as before.” Tao Xuan opened his mouth again, “The big teams’ success helps the league grow; Brilliant stars help expand the League's influence. They are what the league need the most

now. In a match, strategy and teamwork are surely important to determine the outcomes. However, stars! Stars are what drives ticket sales the most. Of all of your intricate strategies, if we sample a million audience members, how many of them do you think will understand them? None! That cannot grip the players' hearts. What do the players like to see? One versus three in a challenge match and a lone hero in a team battle. These are the things that they talk about. These are what they want, like, and hope to see. These are what they view as miracles."

Tao Xuan paused for a moment and observed Ye Xiu's expression. He even looked at Chen Guo before he continued, "Why do they call Zhou Zekai the best in Glory? Is it simply because he looks the best? No. What's important is that his skills are extravagantly displayed, and that his battles are splendidly fought. In the eyes of the players, splendor means difficulty. It means skill. You might say such opinions are extremely shallow, but what people like to see is exactly this shallowness. Your legendary technique, you said that you created it for fun, you said its practicality was limited, but what about it? All of the fans see it as your signature technique. Does it matter that its practicality is limited? No, it doesn't matter. What matters is that it's irreplaceable. You are the only one who can perform it, so it became an irreplaceable splendor. When you stopped using it, people believe that your skill level dropped. When you used it at All Stars, you ignited the whole stadium's excitement instantaneously. I don't believe that you didn't see all of these things!"

After an emotional speech, there was not a single trace of a smile on Tao Xuan face. He stared intently at Ye Xiu.

Ye Xiu only smiled, "All of what you have just said are true, but I

don’t want any of them.”

“What do you want?”

“Victory.” Ye Xiu gazed straight at Tao Xuan.

“You...” Tao Xuan looked as if he had lost all of his strength at once. After a while, he opened his mouth again. This time, a hint of sarcasm was mixed in with his words, “You honestly believe that you can still regain your former glory?”

“I will try.” Ye Xiu replied.

“You. Can. Not. Do. It.” Tao Xuan stated.

“Are you that sure?” Surprisingly, Ye Xiu still found the nerve to laugh.

“Yes.”

“Then we’ll see.” Ye Xiu promised.

“Very good. Let’s see it happen.” Tao Xuan stood up.

“Humph. Before that, make sure your Excellent Era doesn’t get kicked out first.” Upon realizing that the conversation ran aground, Chen Guo added, unable to hold herself back.

“Hehe.” Tao Xuan laughed, clearly belittling the threat, “Even if Excellent Era got kicked out, we can still rejoin the league after a year. We’ve set our sights on the future. We will not be tied down by our past. Those who stand in our ways will be kicked away mercilessly.”

“Yeah. About that, you did a very good job indeed.” Ye Xiu commented half-heartedly.

“I’ll take my leave.”

“I won’t see you out.”

Tao Xuan walked hurriedly to the door, but he stopped when he pulled it open. He didn’t look back as he added, “The league won’t be going back to the way it used to be in the past.”

“I know that, but I’m too old to keep moving forward. “ Ye Xiu spoke.

“Initially, you could have had a perfect end.” Tao Xuan said.

“Whether my end is perfect or not, I’ll decide that.” Ye Xiu retorted.

After standing in the doorway for a long time, Tao Xuan finally turned around, “For all these years’ sake, I will grant one wish of

yours.”

“Oh?”

“Even if you want to move One Autumn Leaf out of Excellent Era.” Tao Xuan finished.

“That would be very costly.” Ye Xiu grinned.

“As long as you set the price, I will not make it any harder for you.” Tao Xuan promised.

Tao Xuan’s words shook Chen Guo’s heart. She knew that changing ownership of a character was far harder than changing the team of a player. The value of a player would fluctuate based on the player's’ performance, but character would not. The value of a character would only go up.

This was because characters were objects. As long as there was someone to command them, they would obey every order with perfect precision. Its value could be fully utilized. Players were a different story. If there was one who really wanted to change teams, the club would probably acquiesce because forced situation don't end well most of the time.

This logic applies to people, but not characters.

There were a lot of steps involved for a player to change teams. There were also a lot of negotiations about the money involved.

However, if a character changed ownership, the buyer was almost guaranteed to face a ridiculous price proposed by the sales. As a result, during the transferring time window, there would always be a lot of players moving around. In comparison, there would hardly be any transferring of characters.

For Tao Xuan to actually let go of One Autumn Leaf, the trump card of Excellent Era, without setting barriers on the cost, the promise held a heavy weight.

“Very well.” Ye Xiu nodded, “I want Dancing Rain.”

“What?” Chen Guo exclaimed in confusion. Tao Xuan’s surprised appeared on his face as well, but he didn’t say much. He only nodded in consent, “Okay. I will keep my word.”

“Thank you.”

“Well then…” Tao Xuan turned around, “I never thought that I would ever be saying these words to you one day: See you on stage!”

“I thought of it way earlier. See you on stage!” Ye Xiu replied calmly.

Tao Xuan left. Chen Guo pressed herself against the window. Soon she saw him walk out of the internet cafe, striding across the street. Without hesitating or turning back, he stepped through Excellent Era’s entrance.

“You guys... were friends once upon a time, right?” Chen Guo asked Ye Xiu.

“Yes.” Ye Xiu acknowledged. He walked past the table, picked up the cigarette on floor, lit it, and then walked out of the room.

“Where are you going?” Chen Guo asked hurriedly.

“The game of course. You coming?” Turning his head around, Ye Xiu asked with the same smile.

“Of course.” Chen Guo followed him right away, finding tranquility in her heart. She realized that her worries for Ye Xiu had being totally unnecessary.

In room 213, the two logged into the game together. In the past two days, Chen Guo was always helping Ye Xiu level up, so they were in the same place. Immediately after he logged in, Ye Xiu spotted a burn mark on the ground. With a momentary pause, Lord Grim spun around in a full 360 degrees circle, completely surveying the surroundings instantaneously. Something seemed to have tipped him off as Ye Xiu yelled at Chen Guo frantically, “Run!”

“What?” Chen Guo’s Chasing Haze just logged in when Ye Xiu shouted at her. She had no time to react when a pile of bright visual effects descended upon her like a fishing net.

Chapter 510 - Ambushed Online

“What’s happening?” Chen Guo only had time to call out in surprise before her screen was filled with resplendent lights. She hastily shifted Chasing Haze out of the way, but she was rooted as soon as she took two steps. Waves of attacks caused Chasing Haze to stay in a stunned state. Her health disappeared in chunks with a whoosh, Chen Guo quickly gulped down a health potion, but it didn’t ease the situation at all.

It’s finished... Chen Guo knew in her heart. Her reaction was too slow. The reason she was able to move a few steps in the beginning was not because the opponents failed to land an attack, but because every character was invincible for the first three seconds the moment they logged on, but after that, the opponents’ attacks were effective. Chen Guo didn’t have time to let Chasing Haze escape at all. In that instant, her eyes were filled with uncountable resplendent attacks that were targeted at Chasing Haze. She only saw a bunch of tightly-packed, varied debuff symbols, which resembled the densely-packed maggots found in corpses, causing her to feel nauseated.

It has already come to this, Chen Guo didn’t expect there to be any hope, she only glanced quickly towards Ye Xiu’s side. She was sure that an ambush this scale was aimed for him.

Tap tap tap tap tap……

Intense and rapid typing taps came from Ye Xiu. His hands danced across the keyboard continuously without stopping. His expression was very serious, which showed that the situation

wasn't easy to handle. From his screen, Lord Grim was shown to be moving about at high speed. Continuous attacking lights and silhouettes brushed past Lord Grim, making Chen Guo feel worried as she watched.

The clear sound of the system's prompt transmitted through Chen Guo's ears amidst all the chaotic variety of attacks. From this, she knew that her Chasing Haze had fallen.

Chen Guo quickly opened her inventory to take a quick look. She heaved a long sigh of relief when she saw that her weapon didn't drop. After coming upon the fact that she only dropped a ring, which was an inexpensive blue equipment, she turned a blind eye towards it.

As her ghost floated up, she could see a bird's eye view from the sky. However, a ghost could only see everything in black and white, so she couldn't see much apart from the lights from skills. Fortunately, these skills stopped after Chasing Haze was killed. Chen Guo was looking for Ye Xiu's Lord Grim, when she saw a gray shadow move across her screen.

A character's ghost is shapeless, so this character had come from her ghost's position. It was why she felt as if the shadow had suddenly appeared in front of her.

Chen Guo glanced at the shadow that had passed by. Wasn't that Lord Grim?

A helicopter blade spun above Lord Grim's head. He had used

Rotor Blade, a Mechanic's skill, to fly across. Then, Chen Guo saw a Witch riding a broomstick fly over. The witch jumped in mid-air and swept her broom towards Lord Grim.

Lord Grim quickly retracted his mechanical rotors and returned fire with his gun before the Witch could sweep him down with her broom.

Bang! Flames spurted out from the gun's mouth and the Witch fell to the ground. Lord Grim used the recoil from the bullets to fly out. Midway, he drew his sword and crashed to the ground with a Falling Light Blade. At nearly the same time, a sword light shot towards the sky.

Blade-Master Skill: Sky Plunging Blade

The sword light twinkled like the stars in space, brushing past Lord Grim. If not for Lord Grim's Falling Light Blade, which sped up his fall, he would have been struck by the Sky-Plunging Blade.

Although this strike had missed, a second one followed up shortly after.

A streak of crimson sword light swung towards Lord Grim, who had not reached the ground yet. The Berserker's Wild Blood Strike allowed the player to slice either vertically or horizontally. This Berserker sliced horizontally across. Lord Grim was unable to dodge the attack while in the air. He lifted his sword and parried the attack. He attacked to defend, making his sword collide with the enemy's blade.

Parrying was essentially meeting an attack with another attack. The resulting damage would be judged by both side's attack. Lord Grim was lower leveled and he didn't use a skill either, so his strike couldn't compare to the Berserker's. Wild Blood Strike knocked Lord Grim's offensive parry aside. The crimson sword light continued to move horizontally towards Lord Grim and looked as if it would cut Lord Grim into two.

Clang!

It resulted in another rattle. Lord Grim's sword in his right hand had been knocked aside, while the umbrella's shaft in his left hand swung forward.

Dual Sword Style!

Chen Guo was surprised. Even though she had played Glory with Ye Xiu for a long time, it was her first time seeing the Thousand Chance Umbrella use a dual sword move. This attack needed its corresponding weapon as a foundation. Out of the numerous weapons that existed in Glory, only Nightwalkers possessed dual blades.

The Nightwalkers consisted of Assassins, Warlocks, Ninjas, and Thieves.

Out of the four, the Assassin could use the Dual Sword Style to full effect. In the Pro Alliance, the player most famed for this was the captain of Team 301 Degrees, Yang Cong. His character,

Scenery Killer, wielded a famous silver dual blade weapon in Glory, Chaotic Winding Shadow Swords.

It would be a waste if an Assassin, who used dual blades, didn't delve into the Dual Sword Style. Yang Cong had perfectly mastered Dual Sword Style. In fact, the reason he was able to become an All Star was mainly because of his skills and performance. His character, Scenery Killer, couldn't really be counted as top tier in the Pro Alliance.

The Dual Sword Style was the bane of parrys. Parrying using two swords had its advantages. At this moment, Ye Xiu made use of this advantage to block the Wild Blood Strike using two strikes. With the first parry, his weapon was knocked aside. The second time, he successfully parried against the attack, but it wasn't enough to completely defend against the Wild Blood Strike attack. The light from Wild Blood Strike still swept across his character, but Lord Grim used the recoil from his parry in order to move backwards.

This movement allowed Lord Grim to escape from being caught by another chain of attacks. If he actually wanted to fully defend against Wild Blood Strike, Ye Xiu could have simply used the Blade Master skill "Guard". As a skill, the effects were much better than something done through normal means. But at this moment, Ye Xiu needed to parry against the attack, so he didn't completely negate the attack. If he had used "Guard", the blow away effect from the Wild Blood Strike would have been reduced by a lot. By parrying, he was able to utilize the blow away effect in order to quickly move and dodge the next chain of attacks.

Lord Grim rolled when he landed on the ground... leaving Chasing Haze's death camera.

The ghost's line of view couldn't be moved around, so when she could no longer see the fight from her screen, she looked at Ye Xiu's screen. However, his high speed movements always made her feel dizzy. She could all sorts of flickering glows of attacks from Ye Xiu's screen. Lord Grim was like a storm trooper weaving in between gunfire, using astonishing techniques to dodge.

Health. There would still be a decrease in health after being scraping by the attacks. For example, the parry used against the Wild Blood Strike. Even if he used skills like parry, under the limits of his level, it would be impossible to neutralize all of the damage, let alone a basic parry. However, more importantly, compared to his health was his rapidly decreasing stamina.

Stamina wasn't only consumed when sprinting. Walking, jumping, rolling, even normal attacks consumed stamina. Lord Grim's stamina decreased at such a rapid pace because he was using all sorts of movements to dodge attacks.

He was able to survive until now, but what would happen when his stamina ran out?

Chen Guo was very worried, but she wasn't able to provide any sort of help. She even found it hard to look at Ye Xiu's screen. Chen Guo peeked at her own screen, and saw people appearing and disappearing from her screen from time to time. Their direction was mainly turned towards the direction where Lord Grim had disappeared to.

Which guild did these people belong to?

Chen Guo noticed the names of the characters who entered her view, but no one's guild tag was visible. She didn't know whether they were deliberately hidden or that they just didn't have a guild.

One, two, three, four, five.....

Ye Xiu played while he counted quietly to himself.

He didn't have enough spare time to let Lord Grim identify who his opponents were. He could only judge the amount of people by the attacks he continuously dodged.

15.....

In the blink of an eye, he counted fifteen.

This was only a conservative estimate, based on his judgement, Lord Grim had dodged fifteen attacks from different classes so far, which indicated that there were at least fifteen characters who were besieging him.

It was a plotted ambush.

Ye Xiu knew it in his heart. The moment he logged on, he noticed the black trace marks on the ground. It was the remains of the

Elementalist's fire attacks. It hadn't been refreshed yet, which indicated that the attacks were only done recently and that there were players around.

Ye Xiu would obviously be suspicious if there were people around him. He quickly spun his character's camera around and instantly saw some other marks made by skills other than the scorched trace marks.

There was more than one person!

At that moment, Ye Xiu understood what was going on. The marks dealt by attacks were organized in Ye Xiu's eyes, so he immediately tried to break out of range of the spell marks.

He was able to do it, but Chen Guo hadn't been fortunate enough to escape from it.

The opponent's intention was very clear, but at this moment, Ye Xiu didn't have the time to think about their identities.

Boom boom boom boom!

A series of explosions. Lord Grim dodged a Launcher's Stinger, which left a sea of fire behind him. Although he continually used his stamina to make enhanced movements he still couldn't break away from his opponents. The enemies predicted Lord Grim's movement and sent out attacks towards where he would be.

Apart from the wave of attacks in the beginning, the opponents no longer had the intention to kill their target in a single wave. The attacks were never ending and continuous, meaning that they were planning to grind Lord Grim to death. It was the very same technique Ye Xiu had used with Loulan Slash's group to kill Sun Xiang.

Who would have thought that the skill he had just used would be used by someone else on him.

Fortunately, their skill level and teamwork were inferior to Loulan Slash's group and Ye Xiu's experience was far greater than Sun Xiang's. By avoiding the significant attacks, while taking the insignificant attacks, Ye Xiu was able to allow Lord Grim to survive the enemy's assault.

However, this wasn't a good long-term plan. Dodging attacks like this consumed too much stamina. Even if you ignored the limitations of his own energy or his character's HP and stamina, Lord Grim was only Level 54. If he continued on like this without fully escaping from the pursuers, he would certain die.

Chapter 511 - Expert Commander

The battle ensuing on Ye Xiu's screen was a blur to Chen Guo's eyes. She could still see his status clearly. Lord Grim's life was dancing on a blade's edge the entire time. This meant that the only thing Ye Xiu could do was survive longer than her Chasing Haze. It was hard to say if he would be able to escape or not.

What should she do?

Chen Guo was extremely worried. Whether she revived and rushed back or called for help, it would be too late now. Everything depended on Ye Xiu.

Ye Xiu's normal lazy look often made Chen Guo grind her teeth in anger, but at this moment, she really wanted to see the look on his face.

However, it wasn't there. He had an expression of concentration on his face. The sounds of rapid tapping and clicking continued to be produced by his two hands. The screen had already made Chen Guo feel dizzy. Now, even the sounds made her feel uneasy.

In any case, she should try to do something!

Chen Guo revived her Chasing Haze and ran in his direction. She didn't know if she would be able to arrive in time, nor did she know if she would be able to provide any help. She didn't want to sit there and do nothing.

As she sprinted over like mad, Chen Guo glanced at Lord Grim's coordinates and health from time to time.

Ye Xiu was still trying to hang on.

Chen Guo hated how she couldn't just teleport there. Even if she could only block attacks for him, it would be enough.....

Suddenly, Chen Guo realized the room had quieted down.

Ye Xiu's rapid tapping and clicking ceased.

Chen Guo was alarmed. She immediately turned her head, but discovered his screen was still colorful. Lord Grim hadn't died. He was hiding behind a stone wall covered in moss.

"Ah? You escaped??" Chen Guo was overjoyed at the good news, but then she saw Lord Grim suddenly run forwards a bit. All sorts of bright effects from attacks could be seen exploding behind him. People were attacking his previous hiding place, but he had been able to run out in time.

"Not yet." Ye Xiu replied to Chen Guo's question.

But being able to talk meant that the situation had become much better than before. She looked at Ye Xiu's current position: Milo Ancient Ruins.

Milo Ancient Ruins was one of the Level 55 leveling areas in the Heavenly Domain. The background lore described this place as the ruins of an ancient city, which had been destroyed a thousand years ago by an earthquake and volcanic explosion. Most of it was already buried beneath the ground. The remnants, visible above ground, had been weathered by time, badly damaged and in pieces.

Milo Ancient Ruins wasn't a large area because it wasn't a leveling area with many monsters. The surface remnants were only small portions of the ancient ruins. They were like a line, guiding players towards the real Milo Ancient City, which was buried underground. In the past, Milo Ancient City had been a huge hundred player dungeon, where countless players died.

Chen Guo looked at Lord Grim's level. He was Level 54, but still needed half a bar of experience before he would reach Level 55. He wouldn't be able to suddenly reach Level 55 and run into the dungeon to hide. Ye Xiu had Lord Grim run here in order to take advantage of the terrain and shake off his pursuers.

"20 players." Ye Xiu pushed the microphone on his headphones to the side and spoke to Chen Guo. He was afraid his pursuers would hear his voice and figure out his position. Right now, Lord Grim was hiding in the corner of a stone room and was looking out from a small crack in the wall.

"Oh?"

"It's just a guess, but it should be around there." Ye Xiu figured

out the strength of his enemies while hiding and running.

“Who are they?” Chen Guo asked.

“I don’t know. That’s not important right now. These players are all average in skill, but their commander is very troublesome.” Ye Xiu said.

“Who’s the commander?” Chen Guo was astonished. To be able to make Ye Xiu feel pressure, this person must be at the pro level!

“I’m not sure. I haven’t had the chance to see him.” Ye Xiu was helpless. He had been running for his life the entire time. Figuring out the enemy numbers was already impressive enough. Under the situation where the enemy commander was giving orders through text in a private chat, figuring out who the commander was among 20 people was nearly impossible.

“If I figure out who the commander is and kill him, the remaining subordinates will be easy enough.” Ye Xiu said.

“F*ck!”

Right as Ye Xiu finished speaking, he suddenly cursed out loud. He hastily tapped his keyboard and Lord Grim rolled out of the corner. Bang! Behind him, a hole suddenly appeared in the stone wall. Bits of gravel flew out into the corner. Only a Sharpshooter’s Thunder Snipe had that sort of penetration power.

“Bang!”

Following afterwards, an even louder sound erupted. A small mushroom cloud rose up in the corner of that room. A Launcher had fired a Heat-Seeking Missile into there.

Several characters suddenly popped up in Lord Grim’s line of sight. A Berserker charged forward using Colliding Stab.

The usage of this skill reflected Ye Xiu’s evaluation of their skill. Ye Xiu simply leaped backwards and the Berserker awkwardly stopped in front of Lord Grim. Colliding Stab had reached the limits of its attack range.

Ye Xiu didn’t give him a second chance to try again. Lord Grim knocked the Berserker high into the air and Flung him away.

Another two players followed after the Berserker, but how could they have known their ally would turn into their enemy? One of them jumped to the left, while the other jumped to the right, but they soon discovered that not only had Lord Grim thrown the Berserker at them, he had also lobbed a grenade. It was too late for them to dodge. The grenade exploded and all the three went tumbling through the air.

Ye Xiu didn’t bother with these three anymore and immediately had Lord Grim turn around. He pointed his Thousand Chance Umbrella straight ahead and fired rapidly. Ahead, at a small intersection, a Thief was laying a trap down.When he saw the gun aimed at him, he hastily rolled to the side, but his trap had been hit

by the gun. The trap sprung out of the ground and became useless.

The Thief was furious. When the Gatling Gun finished firing, he wanted to jump out and show his fury. Suddenly, a bang sounded out from behind his butt and he was sent flying towards a pile of trash. While in the air, he turned his head and saw the scraps left behind by a Mechanical Seeker. However, he had no clue where it had come from.

Lord Grim turned around and fired twice diagonally. A Witch, who had been flying out, was hit down and the Spitfire who had jumped onto the roof went stumbling backwards.

Then, the Thousand Chance Umbrella changed into a spear. He released a Falling Flower Palm at the incoming Striker and Grappler and sent them flying backwards. These two were puzzled. Lord Grim had clearly fired in a different direction. How did he turn around so quickly and use a Falling Flower Palm?

In a single breath, he had attacked eight characters. He just happened to have turned around in a circle too. Ye Xiu saw an opening and immediately had Lord Grim charge through it.

“I don’t think any of these eight are the commander.” Ye Xiu suddenly spoke.

“Ah?” Chen Guo was afraid of bothering Ye Xiu, so she hadn’t said anything to him. She didn’t think Ye Xiu would be the one to speak. After a short pause, Chen Guo figured out Ye Xiu’s meaning: “ You’re saying none of those eight players are the commander?”

“Yes.” Ye Xiu nodded his head.

“Or maybe this person is only good at commanding and doesn’t have any actual battle skill?” Chen Guo said.

“It’s possible.” Ye Xiu didn’t deny the possibility.

Lord Grim rolled and jumped. He took notice of a narrow opening ahead and headed towards it. Right when he was about to go through it, an Ice Wall suddenly appeared, blocking his path.

Six players closed in on him from behind. They didn’t give Ye Xiu any time to break the wall. Ye Xiu looked left and right. There were six enemies on his right and three on the left. It was obvious which direction he should head. At this moment, he heard a whirring sound from above. It was an enemy Mechanic’s Rotor Wing. Two winter melon like objects spiralled towards Lord Grim’s head. The stomachs of these things split apart and bombs fell out.

Lord Grim twisted his body and rolled to the left. At the same time, he fired twice towards the two winter melon-like objects.

These winter melon like objects exploded like grenades, turning into two balls of charred metal.

However, the air raid had just begun. A Witch broke through the explosion and flung a Lava Flask at Lord Grim’s head.

Ye Xiu's Lord Grim had already turned back around. He hadn't expected the enemy to hide such a move. Lord Grim jumped up into the air. His Thousand Chance Umbrella transformed into a spear as he stabbed at the Witch.

Pu!

The Circle Swing connected with the Witch and sent the Witch smashing into the ground, but this time, Ye Xiu had been a bit too slow and wasn't able to block the Witch's Lava Flask. The Lava Flask shattered and the ground instantly turned into an ocean of lava.

Right when Lord Grim was about to plunge into the lava, the Thousand Chance Umbrella transformed into Rotor Wings and he quickly flew over the lava field.

After flying over the lava field, he charged towards the three on the left. The Warlock among them immediately formed a black ball of light with his hands. The Warlock positioned the Curse Arrow high up and didn't charge it up. The black ball shot out and transformed into a rain of countless black arrows.

Ye Xiu had no way of dodging the attack by flying up and could only drop back down, but if he were to move any farther downwards, his feet would hit the ground. He might as well just run, so Ye Xiu canceled the Rotor Wings and had Lord Grim land on the ground. Following afterwards, he used the Shadow Clone Technique and instantly teleported in front of the Warlock.

The back throw input had already been entered, and so Lord Grim's two hands shot towards the Warlock. At the same time, Ye Xiu saw the Warlock's face covered by his mantle. It was a rough male face with a messy beard. With one look, he could tell it wasn't a system generated face, but a scan of a real life photo.

"Old Wei?" Ye Xiu shouted out in astonishment.

Chapter 512 - Old God

“F*ck, why are you so troublesome! Hurry up and die so I can get my 500.” The Warlock, who Ye Xiu called Old Wei, responded in an extremely loud voice. Chen Guo could even hear his voice from Ye Xiu’s headphones clearly.

His hands didn’t stop moving either. The Warlock jumped backwards. He had predicted Ye Xiu would use a Back Throw and dodged it.

“You’re still looking at that 500? Did you not see the statement?” Ye Xiu said, while continuing to attack. Lord Grim shook the Thousand Chance Umbrella and it transformed into a spear shooting towards the Warlock.

“Hm? Statement? What statement?” The Warlock asked.

“The bounty has already been withdrawn.” Ye Xiu told him.

“F*ck, that happened?! Then all of the work this senior did was for nothing? Practicing the team’s coordination and studying your work and rest schedule?” The Warlock shouted.

“Not my problem. Why didn’t you start a day or two earlier? They only just withdrew it.” Ye Xiu said.

“You’re not trying to trick me, are you? What statement? Send it to me.” The Warlock yelled.

“One sec.” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo was stunned. Could everything that had happened today have just been an accident? Who the heck was this guy?

Chen Guo was just about to ask, when she suddenly discovered that while Ye Xiu should be finding a link to send to him, he didn’t even have a web browser open. However, he had stopped controlling his character. Lord Grim stood there, not moving.

“You....”

Chen Guo only said one word, when a shadow suddenly appeared behind Lord Grim. The shadow lifted its hands and cut downwards in a cold arc.

Ye Xiu immediately input a string of commands. Lord Grim stepped to the side and turned around, allowing Chen Guo to get a glimpse of the attacker. The shadow was an Assassin, holding a dagger. The Assassin looked like a wild tiger, undaunted by dangers. Chen Guo couldn’t help but tremble. She recognized this skill: Life-Risking Strike!

Blood for blood. Life for life.

Life-Risking Strike didn’t consume mana, but rather used health. The Assassin’s health burned like mana for a final strike. As long as it hit, the health spent would do true damage to the opponent,

ignoring all defenses. In other words, even if it were a weaponless Assassin, as long as he used Life-Risking Strike, he would guarantee that would do damage proportional to the amount of health he burned.

The amount of health that could be burned depended on the skill's level. The higher the skill level was, the more health could be burned. The max-leveled skill had no limit to the amount of health that could be burned. One could even burn one's health to zero. However, once the skill ended, the Assassin would certainly die.

Life-Risking Strike could be an instant kill move. It was the only skill in Glory that could kill a full health character in one hit.

Using one's own life in exchange for damage was fair. The only thing which limited the amount of damage this strike did, was the Assassin's own health. If one saw an Assassin equipped with Stamina increasing equipment, then one would be extremely wary of this move. These types of Assassins stacked health in order to fully utilize this Life-Risking Strike.

Assassins weren't a class with high stamina, so they didn't have much health. After an Assassin burned his health, he would just be an extremely weakened Cloth armor class, but if an Assassin stacked stamina, any class would have to match up against them careful.

This Assassin suddenly used Life-Risking Strike.

Lord Grim grew in a balanced manner, so while he didn't have a lot of health, he didn't have too little either. However, his level was low and his equipment were relatively weak. If this attack had hit, the true damage trading health for health was one thing. The skill's base damage was already painful enough for Lord Grim. In addition, Lord Grim wasn't at full health right now. An instant kill wouldn't have been hard for this Assassin to achieve.

Even though Lord Grim stepped to the side, this Assassin had clearly burned a lot of health. Lord Grim had stepped to the side, but the Assassin quick movements from using this Life-Risking Strike made it so Lord Grim's sidestep not only did not widen the distance between them, but closed the distance. With Lord Grim's stats, dodging this Life-Risking Strike was clearly too difficult.

Chen Guo thought Lord Grim would certainly die from this strike. Suddenly, a dark light flashed, turning into a six-pointed star. A green goblin popped out from the six-pointed star right in between Lord Grim and the Assassin.

The poor little Goblin didn't even have time to understand the situation when it made a shrill cry. The Assassin's Life-Risking Strike smashed into its body.

"F*CKKK!!!!" The Assassin also cried out. The poor goblin had already exploded into a bloody corpse, but the Assassin didn't feel sorry for the Goblin at all. The Life-Risking Strike, which he had burned almost all of his health for, had struck a weak little house pet. How could he not mourn!

After Life-Risking Strike was used, potions couldn't be used for a

certain amount of time and the user wouldn't be able to receive any healing spells during this time either. Otherwise, if one could chug potions and receive help from a Cleric, there wouldn't be any risk involved in using this skill.

Risking one's life meant no regrets. When Jing Ke attempted an assassination on Ying Zheng, he hadn't left a path for his retreat.

"D*mn! Even that didn't hit! Is there still any justice in this world!" The Warlock roared in fury.

"Nonsense. I was prepared for it!" Ye Xiu said, while attacking back at the Assassin. The Assassin had burned his own health in order to kill a measly green goblin. He was still filled with grief and wasn't able to react. Ye Xiu seized this opportunity to give him a quick beating and killed the Assassin.

Chen Guo heard the two speaking to each other and became dumbstruck again. Both of them harbored evil intents! That Warlock lied to Ye Xiu saying he could leave, but had an Assassin make a sneak attack. On the other hand, Ye Xiu pretended to be fooled, but then took the chance to kill the enemy Assassin.

Neither of them were sincere, but in any case, it was the Warlock who started it. In addition, the Warlock had set up an ambush as soon as he went online. More importantly..... Chen Guo was definitely on Ye Xiu's side.

"Too despicable!!" Chen Guo moved closer to Ye Xiu's headphones and shouted.

“Where’d this b*tch come from!” The Warlock answered back without a hint of politeness.

“Ambushing us as soon as we log in, how low can you get?” Chen Guo shouted.

“Ha ha ha ha, you can remember this senior’s name if you’d like!” The Warlock laughed.

“Peh, I’m not that shameless. If you’ve got the skill, 1v1 me!” Chen Guo spat.

“Ha ha, are you hot? If you’re hot, I can keep you company. If not, I don’t have that sort of free time.” The Warlock responded.

“Cut the crap! Do you dare to 1v1 me?” Chen Guo shouted.

“Ha ha, how fiery! How about you find a room and wait for me there!” The Warlock chuckled.

His wording sounded very dirty, making Chen Guo stamp her feet in anger. When she looked at Ye Xiu, she saw that he was still controlling Lord Grim to have him break away from the trap. He also glanced at her as if he were looking at a dead person.

“What’s with you!” Chen Guo said.

“Do you know who this person is?” Ye Xiu asked her.

“Who cares!” Chen Guo was so furious that she wasn’t afraid of anyone.

“His name is Wei Chen. Have you heard of his name before?” Ye Xiu said.

“I don’t think so. Who is he?” Chen Guo heard Ye Xiu give a serious introduction to him, so she calmed down a bit. She reckoned his background wouldn’t be small. He was most likely a pro player. However, this name……. Chen Guo tried to think if she had ever heard the name before, but she really had no idea.

“He’s already retired.” Ye Xiu said.

“Oh…… he probably retired a long time ago then.” Chen Guo said. If he had retired a long time ago, it wouldn’t be strange that she had no impression of his name.

“Yes, before he retired, he was Team Blue Rain’s captain and Swoksaar’s former owner.” Ye Xiu said.

“Ah…..” Chen Guo suddenly turned cold. Swoksaar was the number one Warlock in Glory and was currently in the hands of Team Blue Rain’s captain Yu Wenzhou. Chen Guo thought that this person would be a pro player, but she didn’t think he would be a captain-level player. In the pro scene, the captain of the team was often the team’s best player. Even if the captain wasn’t, the captain

would at least be at an All Star level, let alone a captain of a powerhouse like Blue Rain.

“Why is he like a bandit.....” Chen Guo couldn’t help but say.

“Compared to normal citizens, he’s certainly a lot more crude. In those days, when we just entered Glory, he was already considered quite old. He retired after playing for only two years.” Ye Xiu said.

“Is he very good?” Chen Guo said.

“You know about Yu Wenzhou and Huang Shaotian, right? He brought them up by himself. Their styles were pretty much inherited from him.” Ye Xiu said.

“Disabled hands and a chatterbox?” Chen Guo asked.

“Can’t you think of any positive traits.....” Ye Xiu coughed blood.

“Uh.....” Chen Guo had clearly said that intentionally. She knew very well just how good Yu Wenzhou and Huang Shaotian were. She just had a hard time imagining how such an immoral guy could bring up two top tier experts.

“Comrade Ye Qiu, can you not hide? Come out and fight me in a battle to the death!” Wei Chen challenged. While Ye Xiu was chatting with Chen Guo, he immediately had Lord Grim break out of the encirclement after killing off the Assassin. Right now, Lord

Grim was hiding in a corner.

“Don’t you have any shame! You brought so many people and you’re calling for a battle to the death?” Chen Guo couldn’t help but roar back.

“No one’s stopping you guys from calling for help though? Speaking of which, I’ve been waiting all day. Have you really not called for any helpers? Your b*tch doesn’t count. With that pathetic skill, all she’s good for is lying in bed and playing around with.” Wei Chen called out.

“I’M GOING TO KILL HIM!!!” Chen Guo couldn’t hold it back anymore.

“Calm down.” Ye Xiu urged, “In any case, you’re not his opponent, so why ask to be humiliated?”

“Then what should I do?” Chen Guo asked.

“Let me handle it?” Ye Xiu grinned.

“You.....”

“Ah! They’ve found me again!” Ye Xiu cried and had Lord Grim escape. Chen Guo felt depressed. His current sorry state and his confident “let me handle it” was simply too conflicting.

Chapter 513 - There's Someone Behind You

Ye Xiu's shout seemed quite pathetic, but his hands continued to input commands in a steady and orderly way. He even had time to talk. His current situation was much better than it had previously been.

Even so, Ye Xiu was far from having the advantage. Even though he had successfully killed off an enemy Assassin, he relied on the Assassin killing himself. The Assassin had burned most of his life by using Life-Risking Strike. If Ye Xiu couldn't finish off the miniscule amount of health remaining, he didn't deserve to play the game.

Following afterwards, another flashy show started and Lord Grim began hiding in corners again. The opponent's commander might be strong, but he didn't have that many people under his command. More importantly, Milo Ancient Ruins wasn't a leveling area. Back in Wilderness Town, Ye Xiu not only had to avoid being seen by three guilds, but he also had to make sure he didn't aggro any monsters, since it would have made it that much more troublesome.

But Milo Ancient Ruins? Ye Xiu had already lit a cigarette. He was having quite an easy time playing hide and seek.

"If he has such a background, then is this Blue Brook Guild's doing?" Chen Guo saw how Ye Xiu seemed to be relaxed, so she didn't need to stay silent.

“It doesn’t seem like it.” Ye Xiu shook his head, “Blue Brook Guild would have brought a lot more experts. At the very least, they wouldn’t have given him a random group of players, no?”

“Then if he’s not doing it for the Blue Brook Guild and there’s no bounty, then what does he want?” Chen Guo was puzzled.

Suddenly, she heard Wei Chen shout: “Listen to me, Ye Xiu. You’re completely surrounded. Coming out and dying is your only path left. Logging off would be very shameful of you. Resisting would be a waste of time. Hurry up and come out. Give me that five hundred yuan, so I can go eat dinner.”

“D*mmit, didn’t I tell you that the bounty was already withdrawn? Do you really not know about it or are you just faking it?” Ye Xiu replied.

“What was that? I can’t hear you clearly. Speak louder.” Wei Chen yelled.

Ye Xiu immediately shut up. Wei Chen was lying. He wanted Ye Xiu to speak up, so he could figure out his position!

“You don’t want to fight and you don’t want to log off. You’re hiding to stall for time. Are you really waiting for helpers to arrive? Are you forcing me to call for more people? F*ck, if I call more people, that five hundred won’t even be enough for me to buy water. Even with the 20 people I have right now, I’d still have to pay a bit out of my own pocket for a meal!”

Ye Xiu heard Wei Chen cursing and making a huge fuss over the five hundred yuan, but Ye Xiu had a hard time believing that Wei Chen didn't see the announcement that the bounty had been withdrawn. After thinking for a moment, he suddenly said to Chen Guo: "Do you have any friends in other guilds? Ask them about the bounty."

"The announcement was very clear. Didn't we see it already? Even if they went back on their word, it shouldn't be so quickly!" Chen Guo didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

"No. I'm asking whether or not the guilds might have made another move internally." Ye Xiu said.

"What?" Chen Guo was a bit surprised, but quickly understood.

She had been in the Heavenly Domain for so long. She wasn't familiar with any of the big names, but she still had friends in other guilds. She asked them about it and they confirmed what Ye Xiu said.

"You're right. The guilds all have a bounty on you. It's five hundred every time you're killed! Some of the guilds even have contribution rewards." Chen Guo hurriedly told Ye Xiu.

"So he really is after the money!" Ye Xiu was speechless.

"How tragic." Chen Guo commented. She could understand if he were a normal person, but according to Ye Xiu, he was a God-level

player with an incredible background, and yet he was leading others just for five hundred yuan. It was quite tragic. How was he going to split the money with 20 people? Each person would get 25 yuan? Or was it the killer takes 300 yuan and everyone else gets ten yuan? In either case, it was quite pitiful……

“That might not be the case. It’s more likely he’s just looking for fun. If he has free time and there’s an event with five hundred yuan as a reward, why not do it!” Ye Xiu analyzed his opponent’s motive.

“Ah, he’s going to find me soon!” Ye Xiu said to Chen Guo and noticed the enemies were beginning to close in on his hiding place, so he immediately jumped and moved out.

By moving out, his location was revealed, but at least, he had taken the initiative. It was better than the enemies suddenly ambushing him and forcing him out.

“B*stard, running again. You really do have some skill. You’d better not log off today. Let’s see how long you can run for.” Wei Chen saw Lord Grim and immediately had his subordinates chase after him.

“More like you’d better not run.” Ye Xiu retorted.

“F*ck, you can still talk, while you’re running away. You really are Ye Qiu!” Wei Chen yelled.

The two fought back and forth, while shouting at each other nonstop. Chen Guo was staring speechlessly for a long time and then suddenly realized that this was what it was like when two pro level players fought! The trash talk never stopped.

“What are you planning on doing?” Chen Guo was somewhat at a loss. Ye Xiu didn’t have any helpers he could call on. Loulan Slash and his friends weren’t online. Apart from them, Ye Xiu didn’t know anyone else. He isn’t waiting for me, right? Chen Guo was worried. She really hoped she could help, but if he was actually placing his hopes on her, then she would feel very pressured.

“My helper is almost here.” Ye Xiu said.

“Who? You’re not talking about me, right?” Chen Guo asked. Ye Xiu’s glance at her made her want to die.

“If you check the system announcements, you’ll know sooner or later.” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo was puzzled. What did getting a helper have to do with the system announcements? Just when she was going to ask, she realized that Ye Xiu was busy.

A huge fireball flew in front of him, cutting off Ye Xiu’s escape path. The pursuers from behind had already arrived, cornering him in a small alleyway. Wei Chen had been shouting at Ye Xiu at how he kept on running and wasting his time, but now he had successfully found another opportunity to kill him!

Ye Xiu had nowhere to go in front or behind him. He saw a big chunk of the wall missing to the right of him and immediately had Lord Grim run up to it. He flipped over the wall and escaped.

He didn't land on the ground after jumping and continued to fly using Rotor Wings.

"Sh*t, he's too crafty! Hit him down for me." Wei Chen's Warlock was right outside of this gap. This had clearly been a trap set by him. A Thief had set several traps beneath the gap. If Lord Grim had stepped on them, he wouldn't have any chance of escaping. However, Ye Xiu had seen this scenario in his head and didn't land on the ground.

On the ground, several gunners shot at Lord Grim.

Rotor Wings wasn't very quick and it wasn't very nimble either. However, under Ye Xiu's control, it appeared exceptionally agile, dodging all of the incoming bullets and making the enemy Mechanic watch on in astonishment.

Wei Chen wasn't someone who simply ordered others around. He kept a close eye on Lord Grim and maintained a certain distance from him. He calculated how soon Rotor Wings would end and cast a Chaotic Rain at the place, where Lord Grim would stop.

Lord Grim landed just where Wei Chen predicted he would land, but the Thousand Chance Umbrella became an actual umbrella. Lord Grim walked straight out of the rain.

Compared to other shields, the Thousand Chance Umbrella was more convenient at blocking moves from above too.

“F*ck, what a despicable weapon!” Wei Chen cursed. Lord Grim had been forced into a position he wanted, but he didn’t think Lord Grim would just be able to walk out of it like that. He had a limited number of subordinates with him too. His opponent wasn’t someone who could be stopped by just one or two people.

“Team 3 come back. He won’t be going to your area. Head towards area 3958, 2564. Team 1 cut off his escape path. Team 2 circle to the left and converge with Team 4. Four players who have high movement speed come and see if you can circle in front of him.” Wei Chen was ordering everyone in the team chat.

Wei Chen gave orders, while circling to the right. His peak had passed already and he wasn’t as skilled as before. Of course, against normal players, he was an exceptional expert, but in the pro scenes, he wasn’t much anymore. He still had confidence in stalling for time against Lord Grim though. After all, he had a huge level advantage.

Wei Chen had his Warlock hide behind a line of collapsed stone walls, while looking forward. Before, he had been chattering nonstop with Ye Xiu, but now he remained silent. Right now, he didn’t want to expose his position. He heard Ye Xiu’s voice come closer and closer and prepared to attack at any moment.

He’s here!

Lord Grim directly jumped over the stone wall and landed not far away from Wei Chen's Warlock. Wei Chen was ready and immediately fired Curse Arrows to block his path ahead.

Bind!

Under Wei Chen's practiced hands, a curved ray of black light shot out from his Warlock towards Lord Grim.

Lord Grim hastily turned around in an attempt to dodge it, but the ray of black light seemed to come to life as it also turned.

"Oh! Hand control!" Ye Xiu shouted as he rolled forward. The ray of black light turned, but only hit air. Wei Chen once again had the ray of black light move downwards, while beginning to cast another spell.

Hexagram Prison!

From the sky to the ground, a purple and black prison of light began to form around Lord Grim. If Lord Grim touched the light prison, he would immediately be sealed inside the Hexagram Prison.

"There's someone behind you!!" Ye Xiu shouted.

"Only a little kid would fall for that!" Wei Chen ignored him.

“There really is someone.” Ye Xiu was still yelling at him.

“A ghost?” Wei Chen continued to look down on him.

“Ha ha, there really is a ghost. A ghostblade.” Ye Xiu grinned. A blue light flashed from beneath Wei Chen’s Warlock and an Ice Boundary formed.

At the same time, Chen Guo checked the system announcements and finally noticed something.

System Announcement: Tenth Server player One Inch Ash has completed the Heavenly Domain Challenge and has entered the Heavenly Domain.

Chapter 514 - You Were Already Prepared!

One Inch Ash, Qiao Yifan!

Despite having had very little association with the person, Chen Guo still knew who he was. Ye Xiu didn't hide anything from those who were around him everyday, including Chen Guo.

Although Qiao Yifan was still a nobody among pros, he was still one of the best of the best in the game. Chen Guo immediately checked his character; as of now, One Inch Ash was level 55.

After being left way behind during the Christmas event, One Inch Ash had not only made a comeback, but he was half a level higher than Lord Grim now. There was nothing Ye Xiu could do. Between levels 50 to 55, there was nothing he could do but kill monsters in the wilderness to level up, and there was no efficient way to do so. However, the regular servers had plenty of quest chains and an abundance of dungeons. As long as players were willing to spend enough time, they could level up pretty quickly during this period.

This not only applied to level 50, but 55, 60, 65 .....

All of these levels used to be the max level in the game. To make the game's content more diverse at the time, there were a large number of dungeons for players to enjoy for each max level. When the level limit was raised, those dungeons became treasure troves of experience points.

Qiao Yifan started his quests for Heavenly Domain while he was

still leveling up. After all, being a professional player, the skill tests required in the quest posed no problem for him at all. As for the Arena aspect, Qiao Yifan was not Tang Rou, and so keeping a winning streak against regular players was a piece of cake.

Nonetheless, with Ye Xiu as the leadoff, Qiao Yifan didn't spark off as much of a craze. His One Inch Ash was also unlike Lord Grim, who couldn’t gain any experience after reaching level 50 in the normal server and could only focus solely on the quest for Heavenly Domain. Lord Grim spent all of his time in the Arena, raking in victories, battle after battle. It was almost impossible for people not to notice him. Qiao Yifan, on the other hand, employed a much more gradual process. He saved up his victories one at a time, stretching it across a number of days, so no one noticed that he was another one who started the Heavenly Domain’s quests early.

Until he finished the quests, entered the Heavenly Domain and was announced by the system of his arrival did the tenth server explode in shock. Such announcements weren't that rare in Heavenly Domain, but it did surprise people for it had came from the tenth server. The highest level in the tenth server was level 58. This proved to everyone that whoever just entered the Heavenly Domain was undoubtedly a brilliant expert.

The moment One Inch Ash had stepped into the Heavenly Domain, a curious crowd had gathered. Chen Guo and Ye Xiu were too busy at the moment to notice the system announcement. Ye Xiu noticed through a different way soon though, because Qiao Yifan sent the news to Ye Xiu along with his greetings right after he had entered the Heavenly Domain. Ye Xiu immediately called him over to help.

“F*ck! You actually called helper!” Wei Chen, who had 19 helpers with him, roared righteously. Chen Guo was losing more respect for god-level players by the minute.

The Ice Boundary’s constant freeze damage immediately interrupted Wei Chen’s Warlock’s Hexagram Prison. Unfortunately, One Inch Ash’s level was still too low. Under such extreme level suppression, the Ice Boundary’s freezing effect was rendered completely ineffective.

Wei Chen didn’t know One Inch Ash, and so he thought that the ineffective freezing effect was nothing more than a stroke of luck for himself. After all, the chances weren’t 100% to start with. He jumped out of the Ice Boundary frantically, swung himself around, and saw One Inch Ash’s equipment. One look, he knew that he had been tricked.

He was no longer a pro player who had to put all of his focus on professional matches. Indulging his days in the game, he knew all kinds of items by heart, so it was no surprise that he recognized the weapon in One Inch Ash’s hand was a level 55 katana, Sword of Carnot. It used to be a very popular weapon, but its fame had faded away with the level 55 level limit. Even nostalgists wouldn’t bring such a weapon to an important PK match.

As the thought raced through his mind, Wei Chen clicked on One Inch Ash, whose level of 55 displayed truthfully in in front of him. With such as low level, Wei Chen knew the limit of the character’s performance even without checking out the character’s equipment.

“This is your long-awaited helper?” Wei Chen laughed. Suddenly, a glimmering flash shot into his view. The sword of Carnot was glinting right in front of him. Coming from a Ghostblade, the flash gleamed with a haunting wickedness.

“Woah! Not bad!” Wei Chen exclaimed, stumbling to dodge the blow. His Warlock raised his staff the following second, trying to cast another spell. Unfortunately, it was interrupted by the following strike from One Inch Ash.

Ghostblade and Warlocks both used cloth armor, but they had completely different attack power when it came to close-range combat. Even with weak armor, Ghostblades were still considered swordsmen. As for Warlocks, they were the same as Elementalists, possessing no martial skills whatsoever.

Trapped in such a tiny space by One Inch Ash, Wei Chen was actually in a pretty dire situation.

“Ah! Slow down!”

Under One Inch Ash’s constant slashing assault, Wei Chen’s Warlock’s left and right dodging was rather unsightly. Undignified words rolled out of his mouth ceaselessly. Even if Wei Chen started begging for mercy, no one would find it strange.

However, Wei Chen was not undignified to such extreme degrees. When he deemed his endless stream of useless words was unable to ease the ferocity of his enemy's attacks, his final cry was:

“Help me!!!”

“Yifan! Don’t let your guard down! This guy will do anything to achieve his goal. He doesn’t have any sense of shame. Hurry up and chop him down! The faster the better!” Ye Xiu called out to stop Wei Chen’s distracting noise. He didn’t go over to help One Inch Ash out because some of Wei Chen’s guys had just arrived.

Killing Wei Chen was of utmost importance. Unfortunately, Ye Xiu and Qiao Yifan’s characters’ levels were too low to kill a level 70 character in such a short span of time. Consequently, the priority became stopping Wei Chen’s people from regrouping with their leader. Ye Xiu had no idea where this group of people came from, but he did know that they were just a group of nobodies. Without Wei Chen’s commands, despite Lord Grim’s low level, Ye Xiu was confident that he could defeat each one of them one by one.

“Sh*t! Ye Qiu, you shameless scum! I left the scene a long time ago, so I’m not going to talk about my past glory, but speaking of no sense of shame, why don’t you introduce yourself?! Stop framing good people!” Ye Xiu didn’t pay a single shred of attention to Wei Chen’s honorable speech. More importantly, the Ghostblade in front of him wasn’t distracted by his speech neither. Instead, his attacks only became more fierce because of Ye Xiu’s “Hurry up”.

“Little brother, pretty nice moves you got there. Which team are you from?” Although Wei Chen retired many years before, he still played Glory and his judgement was still very sharp. Qiao Yifan’s cautious and organized style exposed his professional background

clearly in Wei Chen's eyes.

No matter how fierce a regular player's performance was, some wild habits would always be mixed in. This style was unavoidable for the older generation of professional players like Wei Chen and Ye Xiu. After all, they all entered the professional scene after playing the game on their own for a very long time. Some of the latecomers were able to learn from the earlier generation's experience, and thus avoided a lot of mistakes and wiped away some of the bad habits from the chaotic gaming styles back in the day. Qiao Yifan's performance bared such marks. This was how Wei Chen was able to recognize the boy in front of him was not only professional, but of a younger generation as well, hence the source of the title, "little brother".

Qiao Yifan was an honest child. In addition, he figured the person knew Ye Xiu well from the way the two's conversed, even though he didn't quite understand their relationship. In the end, he replied truthfully, "Tiny Herb."

"Oh! Tiny Herb! It's a good team. Speaking of Tiny Herb, I have some personal connections with your team leader. Your skills are pretty good. I can talk to him later and see if he'll let you play a starting position. It's the end of the season anyways. Tiny Herb's general situation is already set. It's such a small chance to let the youngsters shine. I am pretty sure I can do at least that much." Wei Chen gave a reasonable response, "You're not bad. All you need is an opportunity to shine."

Opportunity!

Starting position!

To a pro player, these were no words more attractive than those.

If it were the Qiao Yifan from a week before the All Star, if someone promised such things to him, he would probably be on the floor, thanking them for the offer with excitement.

But after he screwed up that Rookie Challenge and thought everything over, with Ye Xiu's help, he finally came to a realization.

Talking about opportunities, wasn't the Rookie Challenge an opportunity?

Yet he was unable to seize that opportunity.

No opportunity could be understood as bad luck. Being unable to seize an opportunity, should this be counted as bad luck as well? At least Qiao Yifan knew that he wouldn't do that. He couldn't use that opportunity because his level of skill wasn't good enough, that's all.

During recent times, he was no longer restless. He would not try his hand at another opportunity before he knew that he was skilled enough for another one.

Qiao Yifan could now laugh off the offer that was able to move him greatly in the past. He could even tell Wei Chen sincerely,

“Sorry, I’m not ready to take that opportunity.”

“No!” Wei Chen sounded much more certain than Qiao Yifan, “The you from the past might not be ready, but you’re different now. You’re completely prepared now.”

Delivering such a passionate speech, Wei Chen even forgot to move his character. His poor Warlock just stood there stupidly like a sandbag as One Inch Ash splashed him twice in a roll.

Such honesty and compassion made Qiao Yifan slight embarassed. Right then Wei Chen cried out, “Your time has come! Fight for it, Zhou Yebai!”

Qiao Yifan was puzzled, “I’m not Zhou Yebai.”

“What are you talking about? If you’re not Zhou Yebai, who could you possibly be?”

“Hahahaha!” Ye Xiu’s laughter resounded from the other side, “Very impressive. To be more convincing, you even abandoned moving. You used two strikes just to get a name out. RIP. You’ve got the person wrong, bro!”

“Really? Who are you then?” Wei Chen asked.

“I’m Qiao Yifan.”

“Qiao Yifan?” Wei Chen mumbled. He stole a glance at the list of Tiny Herb’s members that he had just pulled up and added, “Isn’t Qiao Yifan an assassin?”

“Enough already. Are you still trying to trick him? Yifan, don’t listen to his nonsense. He has no connection with your team leader. He doesn't even know that Tiny Herb’s gate now opens from the South side.” Ye Xiu retorted.

“D*mmit! Who says I don’t know that?! I just met with your team leader for a meal just a few days ago.” Wei Chen protested.

“Our Tiny Herb’s has gate never opened on the south side.” Qiao Yifan added weakly.

“F*ck you! I told you that scum is worse than I am! I’m done with you!” Wei Chen roared and charged towards Lord Grim recklessly. A spell manifested in the Warlock’s hand.

Qiao Yifan was pretty confused by the exchange. He rushed forward, trying to stop Wei Chen, but only heard a warning cry from Ye Xiu, “Watch out!” With a flicker of his hand, the Warlock threw a binding spell behind himself.

Chapter 515 - This Is An Ultimate

All of this happened in under a minute.

The guy, who just said “Your time has come!” in a very serious voice, might have gotten his name wrong, but Qiao Yifan still felt gratitude for his words. However, in the next instant, a dirty sneak attack suddenly came at him. Even though Ye Xiu shouted for him to be careful, it was too late for Qiao Yifan.

The two were only inches apart from each other. Qiao Yifan hadn’t seen Wei Chen mutter any spells. By the time he saw the spell coming at him, a black of ray light shot out from the Warlock’s hands and instantly wrapped around One Inch Ash.

“Sigh, young people!”

Ye Xiu and Wei Chen both spoke in unison.

“Shameless, too shameless!!” Chen Guo nearly jumped up in anger. On the other hand, Qia Yifan felt very embarrassed upon hearing the two sigh at him. He was usually a cautious and suspecting person. Whenever something bad happened, he would never denounce the opponent and instead look for how he could improve.

As a result, he regretted how he hadn’t been careful enough. He felt like the two sighing wasn’t wrong. He was too young and too inexperienced.....

At this point, struggling was useless. The Bind Spell didn't do any damage, but it stopped the target from moving. It stopped the affected target's movement for five seconds, which was enough to do many things.

Wei Chen seized this opportunity and he quickly cast another spell. Another ray of black light shot out from his hands and bored into One Inch Ash's body. This ray of black light didn't do any damage, but when the Warlock lifted his hands, One Inch Ash also lifted his hands and floated into the air.

Control Spell!

Control Spell was a Warlock skill, which allowed the user to control whatever the black light hit, but continually consumed the mana of the user. The heavier the target was, the greater the mana consumption. If the target was a living thing, like a player, mana would be consumed even faster.

It sounded like a fun skill to use that allowed the user to make a fool out of the target, but in reality, the skill was very easy to break out of. You wanted to control the target for a few minutes? Impossible. You might not even be able to for a few seconds because the spell could be broken with an attack.

As a result, this skill was mainly used to put the target in an unfavorable position or stop the target from moving.

Wei Chen used this opportunity to send One Inch Ash into the air

and then prepared to throw him into a wall.

While in midair, Qiao Yifan could already see the crowd of enemies waiting by the wall. Being tossed into them would be like a lamb entering a tiger's den.

"Do you think I don't exist!" Ye Xiu shouted. Lord Grim raised his sword and slashed downwards.

"Ha ha, I know you're there!" Wei Che laughed. He hastily retracted the ray of black of light and One Inch Ash fell to the ground. He immediately moved his Warlock out of Lord Grim's attack range.

But during this small amount of time, he was able to give his allies enough time to arrive.

A Blade Master and Striker leapt up together and jumped over the short wall.

Lord Grim immediately turned around after completing the slash. He shot out a sword wind using Sword Draw and sent the Striker tumbling back over.

However, Ye Xiu couldn't reach the Blade Master. These two hadn't jumped over together. The two had some distance between them, one after the other. The gap between them made it so that Ye Xiu had no way of handling both at once. On the other side, One Inch Ash landed on the ground at around the same time as the

Blade Master.

“Ice Boundary!” Ye Xiu shouted. Qiao Yifan didn’t dare to be slow and immediately cast an Ice Boundary.

“Interrupt him!” Wei Chen didn’t react slowly either and immediately gave an order. The Blade Master listened and sent a sword wind at One Inch Ash using Sword Draw.

Qiao Yifan saw how fast the attack was coming at him and knew he wouldn’t have enough time to finish casting. Helplessly, he cancelled the spell and dodged the attack. Even so, the light of a boundary appeared. It was a Sword Boundary.

“Slash!”

Ye Xiu ordered. One Inch Ash immediately countered with a Moonlight Slash after dodging the Sword Draw. The timing was perfect. The Blade Master was still in the middle of the Sword Draw animation and couldn’t dodge the Moonlight Slash.

Full Moonlight Slash!

Ghost Slash!

In one breath, One Inch Ash had completed two slashes, sending the Blade Master directly at Lord Grim. Lord Grim stepped forward. He grabbed the Blade Master and threw him towards Wei Chen’s Warlock. Wei Chen was in the middle of casting a spell

similar to when Qiao Yifan had attempted to cast an Ice Boundary. He had no choice but to cancel his spell in order to dodge.

"Cast every single boundary!" Ye Xiu yelled and shot through the air, throwing another guy who was jumping over the wall back to the other side. Wei Chen roared in anger: "Why are you all lining up one by one to get over? Just get over all at once!"

It hadn't been easy getting a Blade Master to help him, so his opponents wouldn't be able to gang up on him one versus two, but after so long, a second helper hadn't been able to get over the wall.

The two sides were only separated by a wall, so the players on the other side of Wei Chen could hear his voice loud and clear. They gathered below the wall and jumped up together all at once. Then, a blue light appeared from below the wall. A circle was drawn on the ground. The blue light rose into the air and the incoming players were thrown into the sky via the Rising Emblem.

"F*ck……" Wei Chen cursed, but he couldn't do anything about it. Under Lord Grim's protection, One Inch Ash had already successfully cast a Flame Boundary. Wei Chen was in the middle of it. It was already impressive for him to be able to avoid the damage from the flames. Where would he find time to cast a spell? The Blade Master didn't need to be talked about. In front of pro players, the only thing he could do was attract damage. Under an AoE Flame Boundary, the Blade Master didn't even have the ability to dodge the flames rising from the ground and was burned from head to toe. Luckily, the enemy was under leveled and the damage taken wasn't too heavy.

All of their helpers were launched into the air by Lord Grim's Rising Emblem. They looked like a complete mess in the air, making Wei Chen want to cry.

When they fell, some of them successfully Quick Recovered, while some of them failed. Some of the ones who succeeded were knocked to the ground by those who had failed. Lord Grim swept them away by using an Earthquake Sword. The ones who had managed to stand were knocked to the ground, while everyone else was sent into the ghost boundary.

Falling Light Blade, Back Throw……

The damage wasn't scary, but the most annoying part was the effects. Wei Chen's subordinates were stacked on top of each other and couldn't escape from it. It made Wei Chen want to scratch Lord Grim to death. Meanwhile, One Inch Ash continued to pile ghost boundaries one on top of the other. Even though the boundaries were low leveled, with so many boundaries layered over each other, they would certainly have an effect.

"How interesting. With your levels, trying to kill us is too hard." Wei Chen's group was in a sorry state, but he wasn't worried. Lord Grim's and One Inch Ash's level disadvantage could be fatal. Even though they had controlled the situation, their damage output wouldn't be enough to turn the tides of battle to victory. If they had been two Level 70 characters, Wei Chen would have surrendered long ago.

Right when he finished saying this, he heard a loud female voice shout: "Eat a bullet, you immoral b*stard!"

Boom!

How was that a bullet! It was a gigantic pillar of light!

A Launcher's Satellite Beam descended from the skies and crashed directly at them. In that instant, the crowd was completely immersed in deadly light. When the pillars of light split, those who hadn't been immersed in the light were swept into it. Between the two walls was a small alley, leaving them nowhere to run.

This skill didn't come from a Level 50 character. This time, it was from a true Level 70 character. There wasn't any level suppression due to the gap in levels. In addition, Satellite Beam was an ultimate.

"F*ck, why did this b*tch also come!" Wei Chen heard the female voice and responded in a very impolite manner because he knew that this time, the situation had turned bad. Don't look at how the enemies only had three players. Lord Grim and One Inch Ash had strong control over the situation. They grouped them up like NPC mobs. Now, a Level 70 character had arrived. The character was a high burst Launcher too with a Sword Boundary increasing her strength. In addition, the enemy's Plague Boundary decreased their defense. When the Satellite Beam descended, their health bars dropped like waterfalls.

When the Satellite Beam finished, she followed up with a grenade. Another explosion took another chunk off their health bars. She fired a Stinger, showering them with missiles for another

AoE attack. This was all with the persistent damage from the ghost boundaries and Lord Grim adding to the fire. Wei Chen focused on avoiding the attacks, while watching the names on his team list turn gray. There was nothing he could do.

"Where'd that shameless one go!?" Chen Guo's Chasing Haze stood on top of a wall looking down mightily. Right now, she was a killing machine. She swept across the bloody field, but didn't see any signs of that Warlock..

"Did he die already?" Chen Guo asked. She had Chasing Haze shoot at the ground. With One Inch Ash and Lord Grim blocking the paths of the normal players, the players had no way of escaping. The field had turned into an execution ground. There was nowhere to run or hide. They could only wait for their deaths.

"He didn't die. He got over the wall and ran." Ye Xiu noticed Wei Chen's movements and even shot at him. Unfortunately, he hadn't been able to stop him.

"He has no loyalty! He really feels no shame!!" Chen Guo was dumbstruck. Could the guy have actually left his comrades to die, just so he could escape?

Chapter 516 - In Close Pursuit

The space between the walls had already become hell. It hadn't been easy for Wei Chen's Warlock to escape from it. He hadn't left yet though and was on the side sneaking around like a cat.

What did it mean to have your troops defeated in a landslide of a battle? He was currently witnessing it. Two thirds of his team of 18 were instantly obliterated. Of the remaining six, two of them were close to death, while the other four were still fairly healthy. Wei Chen didn't know why, so he asked them immediately!

When he asked, he found out that they were behind the wall on the other side and were sneaking about as well! These four heard Wei Chen's orders and went over the wall together. However, they weren't close enough and jumped a tad bit later than the others. Before the four had jumped, the rest had already been sent tumbling through the air by the enemy's Rising Emblem. Thus, they didn't dare be too careless and circled around to find a different area to enter from. Then, they witnessed their comrades slam into the ground and get blasted to smithereens.

At that moment, they weren't sure if they should still rush over and help! Suddenly, they saw Wei Chen's Warlock roll over and flip over the wall. The enemies even shot at his butt, so they immediately abandoned their original thought and retreated too.

"How sad! Be careful. Make sure you don't get discovered." Wei Chen said.

“You should be the one who should be careful! They’re heading towards you.” The remaining four reminded him.

“F*ck, then hurry up and come out so you can distract them!” Wei Chen threw his previous thoughts of concern out the window.

“Sh*t! You’ve got no sense of shame!!!” Even his own allies couldn’t bear it anymore.

The sounds of gunfire and explosions echoed throughout Milo Ancient Ruins. Amidst the noise, Ye Xiu shouted: “Old Wei, there’s no point hiding. Coming out and waiting for your death is your only route. Give me five hundred and I might consider letting you live.”

“Ye Qiu, go kill yourself! This senior vows to fight to his death!” Wei Chen replied.

“Don’t stop attacking! Don’t stop attacking!” Ye Xiu reminded Chen Guo, “As soon as this guy is out of combat, he’ll log off immediately. Don’t forget he has no morals.”

Boom!

A missile exploded near Wei Chen’s Warlock. Even though it didn’t injure him, this type of attack would keep him locked in combat. These guys just fired randomly, making it so he couldn’t escape from combat. Ye Xiu was right. As soon as his combat status cleared, he would definitely have log off without any delay.

“Think of your brothers. They sacrificed their lives for you. How can you be alright with being the only one to survive!” Ye Xiu continued to shout.

“Quiet down. You killed them all.” Wei Chen said.

“If you hadn’t ordered them to come back and save you, they might have survived. They’ve already lost faith in you.” Ye Xiu said.

“Shut up. They’re already on their way here.” Wei Chen responded.

“Your bluff won’t work on me. Even if you called all of Blue Brook Guild, you will still die today.” Ye Xiu said.

“You really have incredible foresight! Blue Brook Guild’s troops are about to arrive. Not just them either. Look at the world!” Wei Chen shouted. An announcement came up on the global chat.

Windward Formation: Lord Grim in Milo Ancient Ruins. Hurry and come!

“Ha ha ha, you think they can save you?” Ye Xiu looked down in disdain. Windward Formation was the name of Wei Chen’s Warlock.

“You’ve got guts not running.” Wei Chen said.

“I’ll leave right after I kill you.” Ye Xiu said.

“Say it when you find me.”

“Did you really think that our attacks were randomly aimed? I already know your position. You haven’t escaped from combat yet, right? So it’s not hard to figure out your position. Do you hear our footsteps? Probably not. We’re crouching as we walk. Watch your back!” Ye Xiu suddenly raised his voice.

“You’re going to die!!!!” Chen Guo was the one who got scared.

“It’s to scare him.” Ye Xiu said, while gestured to Chen Guo to look at his screen.

“Here?” Chen Guo whispered.

Ye Xiu nodded his head.

“Shouldn’t we get closer?” Chen Guo asked.

“No need. If we get closer, he’ll notice us. That spot is a good position and has good range of vision, so here is the limit.” Ye Xiu explained.

“But even if we hit him, the distance is too far. He can still run.” Chen Guo lamented.

“We’ll take it a step at a time!” Ye Xiu wasn’t in a hurry.

As a result, Chen Guo positioned her Satellite Beam towards the spot Ye Xiu indicated: a place covered in straw.

The Satellite Beam descended from the skies. However, any player with a bit of reaction speed would easily dodge an attack like this without any setup. The three saw Wei Chen’s Windward Formation come out from behind the pile of straw and quickly escape from Satellite Beam’s range.

“Cancel your attack. Gatling Gun!” Ye Xiu called. His Lord Grim was already after him.

“Ah……” Chen Guo felt a bit unwilling to cancel her ultimate, but she still followed his orders. She took out a Gatling Gun and fired at Windward Formation.

Windward Formation’s movements didn’t look natural at all, perhaps it could even be considered a bit ugly. However, his erratic movements were effective and he dodged the bullets. This type of movements would be much slower than Lord Grim, who was running in a straight line, and the distance was quickly closed. As soon as Chasing Haze’s firing ended, Lord Grim immediately used his own Gatling Gun. Ye Xiu’s technique was much better than Chen Guo’s. Windward Formation’s movements suddenly became even uglier and wasn’t able to completely dodge all the bullets. A

few of the bullets connected.

These stray bullets wouldn't do much damage, but they still affected his running speed. Wei Chen was very gloomy and shouted: "Ye Qiu, do you have the guts to fight with this senior 1v1!"

"Okay, stand still. I'll fight you 1v1." Ye Xiu replied, but didn't stop shooting.

"Pei, who would believe you." Wei Chen spat and continued to run.

"Same to you." Ye Xiu laughed.

Qiao Yifan's One Inch Ash never stopped attacking. Right now, he was at the forefront and had closed in on Windward Formation. Chen Guo's Chasing Haze was chasing him now too. Gatling Gun was a Level 20 and under skill, so it didn't have a long cooldown. If they kept on doing this, it was only a matter of time before Windward Formation was caught.

"We're about to catch him!" Chen Guo was very excited. She was looking forward to obliterating this immoral guy.

"Hard to say." Ye Xiu frowned.

"What do you mean?" Chen Guo said.

“There’s a dungeon ahead.” Ye Xiu sighed.

“Dungeon?” Chen Guo was startled and then looked ahead. Sure enough, ahead was Milo Ancient City’s dungeon entrance. Dungeons only had a lower bound, but no upper bound. Thus, Windward Formation could enter it. If he entered it, they wouldn’t be able to chase him.

“Isn’t entering this dungeon the same as dying?” Chen Guo was puzzled. Even though Milo Ancient City was a Level 55 dungeon, it was a hundred player dungeon. It wasn’t something that a solo player could clear, not even a pro player. Progress could be saved in hundred player dungeons, but saving progress didn’t mean one could leave the dungeon. It was similar to a pause, so one could come back when one had more time to continue progressing further.

“If you die in a dungeon, at least you can’t drop your equipment.” Ye Xiu said, “Did you not notice? His weapon is a Silver weapon!”

‘Really? I really didn’t notice! Where did he get it from? Did Blue Rain give it to him?”

“I don’t think so. He probably made it himself. He’s been playing for so many years, so it isn’t a surprise that he has his own Silver weapon.” Ye Xiu said.

“Do you think he wanted to kill you for your Silver weapon?” Chen Guo guessed. She still couldn’t accept that a former God that would actually stoop so low as to get five hundred yuan from a

bounty.

“Probably not. Five hundred yuan is just a cherry on top. He’s mainly playing to have fun.” Ye XIu said.

“……” Chen Guo was somewhat speechless, but she could feel it. Wei Chen was cursing and fighting Ye Xiu, but he wasn’t actually angry. It was like sparring with an old friend. The two mocked each other and trash talked for fun.

However, their trash talking went beyond what Chen Guo could bear. Wei Chen was truly too immoral. Even Ye Xiu had his limits. In any case, Chen Guo didn’t dare be certain. Ye Xiu making her cough blood in anger over and over again was already enough.

“Senior, I don’t think we’ll be able to catch him.” Qiao Yifan had good judgement. After hearing Ye Xiu’s intent, he calculated their speed and Wei Chen’s speed and made a guess.

If they had reached this conclusion, Wei Chen naturally would have too and laughed in glee: “If you want to kill this senior, you’re still too green.”

“Give your mouse to me!” At this moment, Ye Xiu suddenly spoke to Chen Guo.

Chen Guo was slightly startled, but having experienced this before, she quickly handed the mouse over to Ye Xiu. Ye Xiu took it and began controlling Chasing Haze to use Gatling Gun.

The bullets flew out and Wei Chen hastily tried to dodge them. A few of the bullets hit and caused Windward Formation to stumble a few steps.

Wei Chen was alarmed. There were still more bullets coming at him. He tried dodging again, but got hit by another bullet.

If he were a normal person, he wouldn't have been able to react so quickly. However, Wei Chen immediately understood what was going on and cursed: "Ye Qiu, you shameless b*stard. You're even using such methods! Where's your spirit of fairness?"

"Then stand still. I'll fight you one one one." Ye Xiu said.

"Ptui!" Wei Chen spat. He clearly didn't trust Ye Xiu at all. However, with Ye Xiu helping Chen Guo, the Gatling Gun's effects were extremely different. In addition, her level was higher, so the effects from Chasing Haze's Gatling Gun were much greater than Lord Grim's. Qiao Yifan's eyes lit up and he recalculated it. He wouldn't have thought of doing such a thing.

One Inch Ash grew closer and closer and Chasing Haze's firing became more and more dense. Lord Grim began firing with Chasing Haze.

'Okay, hit him with anything you want!" With this done, Ye Xiu handed the mouse back to Chen Guo and immediately began controlling Lord Grim again. Lord Grim followed up with the suppressing fire. They finally caught up to Windward Formation.

“Slash!” Ye Xiu shouted and pounced on Windward Formation along with One Inch Ash.

Chapter 517 - Death's Hand

Wei Chen had experience with chasing, so he anticipated One Inch Ash's slash. With a sigh, Windward Formation leaned to the side, wishing he could dodge and keep running. If it were any other ordinary player, Wei Chen's move would be sufficient enough, but how could Qiao Yifan be considered an ordinary player? Even the most insignificant pro player was still an expert. They couldn't be compared to normal players.

The sword light followed Windward Formation's twisted body, Wei Chen saw it coming. He couldn't do anything about it except attempt to dodge more drastically. If it were a 1v1 battle, it would have been better. Wei Chen would've been able to handle it, but Lord Grim wasn't far away. By the time he escaped from One Inch Ash's sword, Lord Grim would be there to take his place.

He now realized this was a dead end. His plans to enter the dungeon were hopeless.

Wei Chen immediately changed his mind, Windward Formation turned around and said to One Inch Ash: "Little brother, I can see that you're a good man. If you pick up any of my equipment, you have to return it to me!"

Qiao Yifan was surprised. After a short pause, he answered "Okay". As he was answering, he didn't dare to move carelessly again. The previous experience remained fresh in his memory. Qiao Yifan was very good at learning from experience.

Right after he answered, Windward Formation quickly stripped off all of his equipment and pushed his chest forward: “Quick, kill me now!”

Qiao Yifan’s hand shook once again. He suddenly realized that his state of mind was still far from that of a top pro-player. He didn’t know who the person in front of him was, but he could at least tell that he wasn’t a normal player. Even among pro-players, there weren’t many geniuses like this guy.

“Quick, attack faster! Use more boundaries! Hey hey hey, you shouldn’t be this slow even if you’re level 55. Are you deliberately holding back? No no no, you should seize every possible opportunity to attack your enemy with the fastest speed. This is the only efficient way to reduce accidents, avoid mistakes, and decrease the effect of luck!” Wei Chen even started lecturing Qiao Yifan.

Qiao Yifan remained silent. Everything this man said sounded reasonable, but these words at this moment felt very weird and out of place.

“Boy, you did it on purpose!”

Finally, when he saw that Lord Grim had arrived and he still wasn’t dead yet, Wei Chen grunted in dissatisfaction and sent an angry face.

“Hahaha, he’s an honest man, but he isn’t stupid. Step aside Little Qiao and watch how I tidy up this old man.” Ye Xiu smiled.

Lord Grim stabbed directly towards the naked Windward Formation extremely quickly.

"F*ck! You want to tidy me up by yourself?" Windward Formation re-equipped all of his equipment immediately, downed a huge potion, and said: "Little fellow, step aside, I don't want to hurt you."

Qiao Yifan's One Inch Ash actually listened and stepped back two steps. Ye Xiu stopped him in a hurry: "Qiao, why do you still listen to him! Get behind him and cut off his escape path."

"Ye Xiu, you son of a b*tch!" Wei Chen's trick was once again seen through and he cursed out rage. Windward Formation released a Curse Arrow shortly after.

It wasn't focused towards anywhere. The light ball twisted and arrows flew out in all directions.

Wei Chen wanted Windward Formation to escape during the chaos, but Ye Xiu had already seen through his plan. Lord Grim used a Z-Shake to charge through the gap between the arrows and lunged at Windward Formation's head with his spear.

Windward Formation had to dodge. Warlocks didn't have many options in close range battles. All the strong skills had cast times, but when the enemy was close, who had that sort of time? Elementalists could teleport into a better position, but Warlocks couldn't.

When a Warlock was attacked at close range, their only option was to dodge. They could also use moves like parries, but their physical damage was too weak. Even Dual Sword Style wouldn't work. The result would be a knocked back by a powerful skill like Lord Grim's Wild Blood Strike.

Bind Spell!

Cut Spell!

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Wei Chen cast a few instant skills in an attempt to fight back, but his opponent wasn't any ordinary player. He had the level advantage, but the effects of the advantage were all within Ye Xiu's calculations. After considering these factors, Ye Xiu attacked Wei Chen. As a result, it was only Ye Xiu's damage output that was a bit lower. Their ability to control the flow of battle were at about the same level.

If Wei Chen were a melee class, he could try to confront Ye Xiu head on and suppress his opponent, but as a Warlock, his level advantage was worthless in close combat situations.

A few moments later, Chen Guo's Chasing Haze arrived. Seeing the black cannon aiming at him, he wouldn't be Wei Chen if he didn't have any words to say.

"Fine, today I recognize my defeat! You outnumber me, so I

surrender!” Wei Chen said.

“Whether you’re outnumber or not is an entirely different matter. I can’t believe you’re still boasting when you’re about to die.” Ye Xiu wasn’t Qiao Yifan, so his hands weren’t shaking at all. In fact, he continued to attack fiercely.

“We have to make an arrangement! This silver weapon is the result of my painstaking labor. If I lose it, you have to give it back!”

“Sure, I will return anything as long as it’s not the silver weapon.” Ye Xiu said.

“Sh*t, don’t pretend that you don’t understand what I’m saying!” Wei Chen said in a great rage.

“If I don’t make you suffer, you won’t remember how powerful I am.” Ye Xiu said in return.

Wei Chen was originally going to stop, but he started operating madly again. However, if his madness could have helped, he would have done it earlier. Now, he was only trying to sting Ye Xiu a little before he died, but how could Ye Xiu give him the chance? Ye Xiu beat him up in a frenzy. Windward Formation’s life came to an end. A Circle Swing stabbed him and smashed him into the ground.

“Come out, silver weapon!” Ye Xiu shouted.

“Ye Qiu, go to hell!” Wei Chen cried. Windward Formation landed on his head and died.

“F*CK, Ye Qiu, are you a f*cking summoner?! GO TO HELL!” At the exact moment of his death, Wei Chen opened his equipment window. He immediately started cursing again. Ye Qiu was like a summoner and called out his silver weapon.

“Hahahaha, Old Wei, go cry!”

Ghosts couldn’t make a sound nor could they hear any sound. When Wei Chen saw these words and a laughing emoji floating above Lord Grim’s character, who was circling around his dead body, he almost died due to shock and rage. He opened his friend list and tried to add Lord Grim as a friend, but he got rejected immediately. Ye Qiu had turned the option to receive friend requests off.

“Ye Qiu screw you screw you screw you!” Wei Chen cursed angrily, even though he knew the person he was cursing would never hear it. Several people close to him in the Internet Cafe stood up: “F*ck, which sh*t eating dog is cursing at Ye Qiu!!!”

“This senior here! You got something to say?!” Wei Chen slammed the table and stood up. A dozen or so people also stood up with him.

The arguers saw that he had a dozen or so hoodlums by his side and suddenly lost confidence. Even though they felt offended on their idol’s behalf, their own safety was more important. As a

result, one of them nodded: “Good man! Cursing Ye Qiu? We’ll join you!”

This shameless man was among the minority. Most of them slinked back into their seats when they saw the other side was more aggressive.

“Go play your game!” Wei Chen gave this person a dirty look. He didn’t even have the heart to curse. He knew full well that these tricks were useless against Ye Qiu, absolutely useless.

“What happened, Brother Wei?” One of his bros came up to him and asked.

“D*mnit, I lost my weapon.” Wei Chen said bitterly.

“Fuck!” All of his fellows shouted and looked to Wei Chen with the same murderous look, “What should we do?”

“Do what? Go play your games.” Wei Chen shook his hand. He saw Lord Grim was still showing off and chose to revive at the city. What the eyes didn’t see wouldn’t grieve him.

“Ah, he’s gone.” Ye Xiu felt that it was a bit of a pity when he saw the body was gone. He had a strong opinion against the fact that he couldn’t communicate with the dead. It’s a game, why does it have to be so serious? Wouldn’t it be great to hear the complaints of those who lost their weapon?

“Check the weapon, hurry!” Chen Guo couldn’t wait. She has been rattling and raring to see the silver weapon since Ye Xiu picked it up.

“Okay, okay!” Ye Xiu opened his inventory as he spoke. Before he had the silver weapon, he couldn’t see the weapon’s stats, only the color of the Windward Formation’s weapon. Only now could he see the weapon’s stats in detail.

This silver weapon was a Warlock’s Scepter.

Death’s Hand, Level 60

Weight 3kg, Attack Speed 2

Physical Damage 530, Magic Damage 777

Intelligence +45

Dark Element Strengthen +20

Dark Element Resistance +20

Magic Critical Attack Chance +10%

Magic cast speed +10

Cast Distance +2

“Amazing!” Chen Guo could tell if a weapon was good or not. It was a true silver weapon just by looking at the base stats. The attributes were higher than an orange weapon. The intelligence, dark element strengthen, magic critical attack, magic cast, cast distance…These were all very useful additional attributes for Warlocks. This was the embodiment of a silver weapon’s value.

Other than the stats being better than that of an orange weapon, the additional attributes of the silver weapon were customized according to the player’s need. You could create whatever you liked, whatever you needed if you just put in the effort.

Just by looking at the attack attribute alone, Death’s Hand was equivalent to a Level 70 Purple weapon. The value of Death Hand’s was way above a Level 70 Purple weapon with all the additional properties. Even a Level 70 Orange weapon wouldn’t have all these useful stats together, let alone a Level 70 Purple weapon.

“It’s not even Level 70 and it doesn’t increase any skill levels!” Ye Xiu could still find faults in it.

As he was speaking, someone messaged him on QQ, Ye Xiu opened it and laughed. It was Wei Chen. He couldn’t find Ye Xiu in the game, so he looked for him on QQ.

“Son of a b*tch! Give me back my silver weapon!” Wei Chen cursed.

“Don’t disturb me, old Wei. You just threw me under the bus on global chat, Now I have to concentrate on dealing with people you sent after me. If by any chance I died, and your Death Hand’s dropped…what do you think would happen?” Ye Xiu asked.

“F*ck, then why are you still online? Are you waiting to die?!”

Chapter 518 - Old Wei

“Ha, I need more time to study your silver weapon. How is it? Do you have a plan for future upgrades? Ye Xiu asked casually.

“If you’re not going to log off, then you’d better store it somewhere safe for this senior!” Wei Chen shouted out of rage.

“Relax, relax. Hey, do you have any extra materials?” Ye Xiu asked.

“F*ck off, I don’t even have enough for myself.” Wei Chen said.

“What do you need materials for? You don’t even have a silver weapon anymore.” Ye Xiu said.

“F*ck you, f*ck your mom, f*ck your dad!” Wei Chen cursed furiously

“To be honest, you’re only playing the game, so you don’t really need high-end equipment! Keeping it is just a burden for you. You have to worry about it all the time. Why don’t you let this brother help you sell it? We can split the money. You can easily get a set of weapons and equipment good enough for you to play like a king and I can upgrade my silver weapon. I need to hurry up and continue upgrading my Silver weapon. This is something that truly needs to be done urgently.” Ye Xiu said with ease and sincerity.

“Screw you... Mine is also a priority. Do you know how much effort I put into this just to upgrade it to level 60?” Wei Chen roared.

“Do you have the plans for future upgrades? If you do, we can increase the starting price.” Ye Xiu was considering the value of Death’s Hand to himself as if he did not see Wei Chen’s message.

“What price?! That’s my life and blood! It’s priceless!” Wei Chen said.

“Your life and blood work is quite different from the one you had before!”

“Dark Element strengthen, magic critical attack, Casting speed, cast distance...” Ye Xiu went over the additional attributes as he typed, “These are all strengthening personal attributes!

The style is very different from Swoksaar’s Curse of Destruction.”

“The style of my weapon is none of your f*cking business.” Wei Chen cursed.

“You must be very lonely, Old Wei?” Ye Xiu asked all of a sudden.

“What are you talking about? I don’t even understand what you’re saying.” Wei Chen frowned.

“Why didn’t you stay in Blue Rain? I heard that Blue Rain tried to keep you as a coach.” Ye Xiu said.

“This senior isn’t interested in that sort of thing.” Wei Chen said.

“You’d rather stand on stage!” Ye Xiu replied.

Wei Chen suddenly fell into silence. His hands were on the keyboard, but he didn’t know what to say.

“Can you find that feeling in the game? Ye Xiu asked.

“Do you really need me to tell you? ” Wei Chen replied faintly.

“Have you ever thought about returning?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Returning? Me? Don’t joke with me, God!” Wei Chen laughed bitterly.

“Don’t tell me you’re satisfied?” Ye Xiu said.

“Even if I’m not, so what?” Wei Chen asked.

“You can try again!” Ye Xiu said.

“Try again? Like this, at level 70, using a level 60 high-end silver weapon? Taking 19 brothers who follow me every day, but failed to handle two level 50s like you guys? Go back like this? Go back and do what?” Wei Chen’s words were mixed with pain. The helplessness brought by time had left a deep scar on him long time ago.

Ye Xiu asked him if he was satisfied.

He could answer without thinking.

Of course not!

He too carried hopes and dreams when he entered the pro scene, but his career had only lasted two short years.

Within two years, the Alliance grew rapidly from inexperienced to mature, but as for him, he was constantly on the decline. He desperately tried to prolong his career, trying to stay for even a single moment longer in the growing Alliance, but all of his efforts were useless. He could clearly feel his deterioration. Game after game, he soon reached the point where his ability fell short of his ambition.

What if I were born a few years later!

Wei Chen had imagined it countless times before.

But regretfully, there were no what if’s in reality. He could only

admire and envy those lively youngsters. He had tried to lay his dreams and ambitions on these young people so that maybe he wouldn't feel so lonely. He failed. He realized that he yearned for a chance to stand on the stage again. The feeling of existence that he wanted couldn't be satisfied by entrusting his hopes to someone else.

When Blue Rain tactfully asked him to take on the role of a coach for the next season, he immediately knew that everything had come to an end.

He thanked them, but rejected the invitation. He also rejected invitations from other clubs, even though some were invitations for him to be a player.

He had dreams. He had hopes. He didn't want to be like a piece of seaweed spread on the beach, getting beaten by waves over and over again. Therefore, that season, the second season of the Pro Alliance, he decisively announced his retirement. He ignored all the persuasions for him to stay and cleanly left the professional scene.

For a time, he wanted to give up Glory as well, but he couldn't let it go. Thus, Windward Formation was created. He even developed a silver weapon for himself. There were countless times that he dreamed that he went back with Windward Formation and his silver weapon Death's Hand, to the time when the Alliance had just begun. He too was like these youngsters, full of energy. He could play for two years, three years, five years, eight years, forever...

Wei Chen was laden with grief as these thoughts rushed through

until he suddenly realized that all his friends around him were looking at him as if he were mad. He quickly pulled himself back together, and become his ruffian self again. He looked at the screen, Ye Xiu had already replied: “If you truly wish for it, there is no such thing as impossible.”

“Sh*t, do you still believe in the power of will?” Wei Chen quickly hid his regrets. He was Wei Chen! The same Wei Chen who didn’t know shame. The Wei Chen who could fight dirty. His hand speed may be gone, his skills may have declined, but his personality still remained. In this aspect, he remained true to himself. He was still the one who amazed Glory eight years ago, who got invited to build a team immediately after the Professional Alliance was formed, and became team captain as a top pro-player. He was the former captain of Team Blue Rain. The shameless Old Wei, although he didn’t like this nickname…..

“That’s right, will can determine victory or defeat. Just think of that fellow on your team.” Ye Xiu said.

“He’s a weirdo…” Wei Chen knew who Ye Xiu was talking about, “I have to admit, I made a mistake, a very serious one too.”

“I heard you lost to him. Was it that embarrassing defeat that determined your retirement?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Tch. Do you think this senior’s decision could be affected by such a trivial matter?” Wei Chen scorned.

“No?” Ye Xiu asked in return

“Of course not.”

“Not even just a little?” Ye Xiu asked again.

“Fine, a little…” Wei Chen said.

“How much is little?”

“A little is a little. Completely insignificant, negligible, little!” Wei Chen answered.

“No way, right?” Ye Xiu said.

“Sh*t, what do you mean?” Wei Chen shouted in rage.

“I can imagine the trauma of being defeated by someone whose hands were deemed as handicapped and would never be able to make it to the pro scene. I can imagine it……” Ye Xiu said.

“F*ck your imagination…..!” Even though Wei Chen said so, he couldn’t help but recollect the bitter blow of his defeat.

That’s right… The person they were talking about was Yu Wenzhou, the present team captain of Blue Rain, Alliance’s number one Warlock, Swoksaar’s controller.

At the beginning of the Alliance, he was just a young lad who signed up for the club's team training camp. He wasn't even close to having the qualification to enter a pro team.

From the beginning, the pros on the team, including Wei Chen, saw this youth as a passing guest. His hand speed could be considered decent amongst average players. But in the training camp for future professionals, his hand speed was considered unimaginably slow.

All of them thought he would be eliminated in the first round of selection. No one ever thought that he would manage to stay until the end.

He remained in the team by barely surviving every round of selection. Even though he stayed, he was only thought to be lucky. No ever thought about his growth because nobody expected anything from him. At that time, everyone's attention was focused on another one, someone Wei Chen had brought back from the game.

According to Wei Chen, the precise eyes and techniques of the youth when killing steal showed much promise. However, most people believed that Wei Chen related to the youth because of their shared shamelessness.

This youth was truly talented. He quickly became the rising hope of the club. The Club began building up his his Blade Master carefully. At that time, the ace player of Blue Rain had been the Warlock Swoksaar at the time. Warlocks had strong crowd control, but the ace player of a Club usually had the burden of being the

attacker to boost the morale of the team.

As a result, many Blue Rain fans named this part of history “The beginnings of the legends of the Sword Saint.”

Correct, this person was Huang Shaotian. The hopeful star who bore the weight of Blue Rain’s future. As for Yu Wenzhou, he was constantly being forgotten.

Until one day, during a training session when the trainees were being tested, Wei Chen lost to this opponent whose name he didn’t even remember.

“He was lucky.” Wei Chen repeated the comment he had said when Yu Wenzhou remained with the club after passing numerous selections. After all, there would always be winning and losing in a competitions. At that time, Wei Chen’s condition was already declining. He thought that he had just been too careless when he was competing against the youngsters of the training camp.

The second round…

The third round…

After being defeated by this irritatingly slow fellow for the third time, Wei Chen finally realized something. Everyone in the Club realized something.

“Thank you senior for your teachings.” He didn’t get proud

because of his victory, nor did he lose heart because of his defeat. He was neither shy nor arrogant. This young man was like an immovable iceberg. Wei Chen immediately knew that he lost to this young boy in spirit as well. He suddenly felt that Blue Rain didn't need him anymore.

This youth would become Blue Rain's foundation and Huang Shaotian would become the blade that cut through any enemies in their path.

Chapter 519 - A Reason For You

Wei Chen's thoughts slipped back to the beginning of the Alliance unintentionally. There was happiness and excitement, but that era eventually left him with boundless regrets.

Wei Chen had to admit in his heart that losing to Yu Wenzhou was not the sole reason why had stepped down, but it had been a large part of it. Otherwise, with his level of skill, even if he lost his status in Blue Rain at the time, he could still have easily drifted along in another place for a year or two. However, in Wei Chen's eyes, drifting along was not an extension of his professional career, so he decided to end it.

He couldn't tell his past feelings to the friends that surrounded him now. He always made himself look like a big shot in front of them. Ye Xiu was not as close as those friends were to him, but he was one of the people in the circle who understood Wei Chen's situation back then.

"What about you? What are you doing? Returning right after retiring and all of the ruckus. Just what are trying to achieve?" Wei Chen retaliated at Ye XIu after much melancholy.

"Hey, after some consideration, I decided to stir up some noise again. I don't want to end up like someone, all lonely and blue after just a few years." Ye Xiu returned.

"F*ck off f*ck off f*ck off f*ck off f*ck off!" Wei Chen shouted out five "f*ck off"s in row.

“How about it? Let me bring you along for the ride. You can go back to those old times, too.” Ye Xiu offered.

Wei Chen maintained his silence. The other had the intention, and he was not at all without such desires. Recently, he often dreamt of returning to the Alliance. Honestly, it wasn’t like he had never given the idea any serious thought before. Nevertheless, the decisiveness of him leaving became the biggest obstacle of return. He had left so smoothly that he could not bring it to slap himself in the face in front of everyone now. Just like this, as time moved on, the distance between him and the Alliance grew and he found it harder and harder to gather enough courage to go back. Fortunately, today, there was a force pushing him to do so. In Wei Chen’s heart, the desire of returning has never being as strong.

“Don’t lose this opportunity. You even have the perfect reason this time!” Ye Xiu urged.

“What’s that reason?”

“Your silver weapon is being held hostage by me! In order to get it back, you have to return. For someone as shameless as you are, that’s a good enough reason, right?” Ye Xiu explained.

“F*ck off!” Wei Chen cursed.

“You can do it!” Ye Xiu replied.

This short phrase became another wall for Wei Chen. He was like a hesitating wanderer, insecure about his own strength.

“What do you think of me right now, compared to the me of the past?” Wei Chen asked.

“Your technical skill and speed can’t be compared to the past, but your shamelessness hasn’t changed. I’m really happy to see someone so familiar.” Ye Xiu answered.

“A few years ago, it was Yu Wenzhou who was learning from you in secret. Now you can reverse it. You can crush him by surprise. What about it? Doesn’t it sound great?” Ye Xiu added.

“Mm, it sounds good…” As Wei Chen thought about it, his heart was filled with yearning.

“Then what are you waiting for?” Ye Xiu questioned.

“What I suddenly thought of is that according to the regulations, you dirty b*stard still has to wait for at least an entire year, which means you will definitely miss the next season and will have to join the following season after that. Do you expect me to return at the old age of 32? Am I supposed to be grandpa to everyone?” Wei Chen spoke.

“32? You’re that young? Aren’t you like 40+ now?” Ye Xiu doubted.

“You f*cker!”

“We need time to get used to each other anyways. I’m assuming you don’t want return and just run back like a clown, right? Speaking of which, did you win any championships back then?” Ye Xiu continued.

Wei Chen was speechless. For the first three years, all of the championships in the Professional Alliance were snatched away by this guy’s Excellent Era. Who didn’t know that? And now this guy was pretending to be ignorant? So who was truly the most shameless person in the Alliance?

“You mean to say that the goal of your return is to be the champion?” Wei Chen asked.

“Besides that, what other goal would a pro player have?” Ye Xiu retorted.

“Good! This is a nice goal. Hahahaha, children of the Alliance, quiver in fear! This senior is coming back!” Wei Chen sent the message with a laughing emoji.

“You’ve decided? Are you sure?” Ye Xiu checked.

“Stop blabbing!’ Wei Chen snapped.

“Then we will have to face a real and important issue.” Ye XIu stated.

“What?”

“With your shamelessness, how can I believe that you aren’t lying to me just so you can get your silver weapon back?” Ye Xiu clarified.

“Ah... That really is an issue.” Even Wei Chen himself had to agree.

“Let him come to our place. Once we have the real person, there wouldn't be any more problems, would there?” Chen Guo, who had been watching the two’s conversation the entire time, added. She didn’t expect Ye Xiu to attempt to drag someone who had been away from the pro scene for so many years into his team. Still, after seeing Ye Xiu actually succeed, she immediately started to brainstorm ideas to help them out. If they were going to end up on the same team, then they would have to gather in one place eventually.

“Where are you?” Ye Xiu asked consequently.

“Siqi City.” Wei Chen replied.

“I’m asking about you in real life, not your character...” Ye Xiu was speechless. Siqi City is one of the major cities in the Heavenly Domain.

“Oh, I’m at City X.” Wei Chen replied.

“Come to our place. We can talk things out here.” Ye Xiu said.

“That will happen sooner or later, but I can’t leave just yet. That's what irresponsible youngsters do. I have a few things to settle before I come.” Wei Chen was already educating others.

“Well then, you can attend to your business first, but until then your Death’s Hand stays with me.” Ye Xiu agreed.

“If you f*cking lose it, kill yourself and wait for me to bury your rotting corpse. “ Wei Chen threatened.

“Okay. If you have some materials, you can offer them up now.” Ye Xiu went on.

“Ai. With the situation right now, it’s so hard to find some for yourself. I truly don’t have a lot. There are some low level and dungeon ones, but I’m really short on the rare materials too.” Wei Chen explained.

Ye Xiu knew that this was the truth. The current times were vastly different from the time when the Thousand Chance Umbrella had been invented. There hadn’t been any professional clubs back then, and there was no large-scale research done on silver class weapons. It was unlike current times, when every big club had a large demand of rare materials. Each club kept a close eye on the market and bosses that produced these materials. In the present environment, it was truly very hard to obtain rare materials.

“What do you have? Let me see if there are any that I can use. I am stilling trying to reach level 50.” Ye Xiu added.

They were chatting on QQ, outside of the game. In a moment, Wei Chen sent over a few screenshots of his own storage. Ye Xiu glanced over them and realized that, just like Wei Chen said, there were some common materials, but the rare ones could be counted on one hand. As for the three super rare materials that Thousand Chance Umbrella needed to reach level 50, Wei Chen had none.

Ye Xiu gave Mo Qiang money for the materials, but from Mo Qiang’s tone, it appeared that even with a few thousand yuan, they might not even be able to secure them. There was nothing they could do. Rare materials like this didn’t even have a market, so there was no set price. The prices were set when the buyer bumped into a seller, who actually had to sell it.

“Obsidian, aquamarine, and silk paulownia, can you get these three?” Ye Xiu asked Wei Chen helplessly.

“These are all from normal server’s wild bosses! These things are really hard to obtain, you should know this yourself.” Wei Chen knew what those were. After all, he worked on his own silver weapon for many years now.

“These are the three that I am having trouble finding. I can’t advance to level 50 without them.” Ye Xiu lamented.

“F*ck. It’s only level 50, yet you already need three super rare

ones? That's some expensive silver weapon you got there. Truthfully speaking, that thing is a bit unworthy. It's true that I put a lot of time and effort into making my Death's Hand, but I could treat it all as an investment. When I don't need it anymore, I can find a team and sell it to them, but for your strange weapon, regular teams have no use for it. Unspecialized…talking about long term, there is no future for it. I am pretty sure that more developed teams would never invest too much into it, so your weapon is basically a dead end…" Wei Chen said.

"En, that's true speaking of long term. However, if we look now, the power of an unspecialized with this weapon is unmatched, you see…"

The two began chatting about Glory in all seriousness surprisingly. Chen Guo, on the other side, felt a bit uncomfortable. However, her discomfort did not last for long. Soon, the two's opinions disagreed and trash talking started right away.

"Trash!"

"Garbage!"

"Nonsense!"

"Is there anything other than sh*t in your brain?"

In that crazed trash talking, Wei Chen's language was incredibly inappropriate. If this was in a competition, there would be red

lights everywhere. He would be killed by the rules in moments. Chen Guo watched the two's argument for a while, knowing that she couldn’t interrupt in any way, so she could only put on her headphones silently and log into the game.

In the game, the three of them had already left the Milo Ancient Ruins. They didn’t see with their own eyes if Wei Chen’s message actually summoned a lot of players. Chen Guo asked her friends in the guild. According to them, some people said they wanted to come and see. No matter what, the three of them were no longer there.

In a level 55 wilderness, Ye Xiu was either cursing or discussing with Wei Chen while leveling up. Qiao Yifan’s One Inch Ash needed to level up as well and Qiao Yifan played dedicatedly. Chen Guo’s Chasing Haze was more like a mercenary because her character had more attack power.

Qiao Yifan... would that child be a part of the team? Watching him setting boundaries, placing them, and killing monsters, Chen Guo wondered. She knew that he was still part of Tiny Herb, a member of a champion team. It was just his position on the team that was unremarkable. After this season, his contract would end and he would probably have some difficulty maintaining his position.

The professional scene was pretty harsh, Chen Guo thought quietly. However, watching her own team taking shape little by little filled her heart with hope.

Chapter 520 - Qualification Tournament

Seeing the team taking shape, Chen Guo was full of hope and felt very glad. She had a smile on her face the entire time at lunch.

“What’s making you so happy?” Tang Rou soon saw Chen Guo’s abnormal behavior. She wasn't there that morning, since she had been working downstairs at the front desk.

“The team is growing so smoothly.” Chen Guo commented on the recruitment of the old God.

“Think about it, we already have enough people to build a team. Our goal is the championship!” Chen Guo said excitingly.

“We’re still extremely far from that goal!” Ye Xiu laughed bitterly, pouring cold water all over Chen Guo’s excitement. “You already know Little Qiao. He’s a nobody in the champion team, but in our team, he’s our number two player. Don’t you think we’re still far away from being champions?”

“It was you who said it, so you must have some solution!” Chen Guo said.

“We’ll have to take things slowly for now!” Ye Xiu said.

“What about you, Little Tang?” Chen Guo turned to Tang Rou eagerly, “If you’ve truly decided to become a pro player, then stop working! Just focus on the game. I’ll still pay you your salary.”

“I..... Alright.....” Tang Rou was going to say something, and then she saw the expression of expectation from Chen Guo, so she nodded.

“Ha ha, that’s great. Work on leveling. Soon you can enter the Heavenly Domain as well.” Chen Guo said.

“How is Steamed Bun doing?” Ye Xiu asked Tang Rou.

“He’s usually there when I get online. Whenever I level up, he will send an “AHHHHHHH” to scream at me. He’s level 51 or 52.” Tang Rou smiled and answered.

Qiao Yifan’s One Inch Ash was leveled by someone else. Even though his speed of leveling couldn’t compare to those new server accounts in the big guilds, it was much faster than a normal player’s levelling speed. Steamed Bun Invasion did the leveling by himself. He and One Inch Ash had started at the same level, but with the same amount of time, he had fallen behind a few levels.

“And Concealed Light?” Ye Xiu also asked about Concealed Light.

“He’s about the same level as Steamed Bun.” Tang Rou said.

“Oh.” Ye Xiu nodded without saying anything more.

“So, Concealed Light will join in too?” Chen Guo was quite

familiar with these people. Concealed Light wasn't like Tang Rou or Steamed Bun Invasion. These two people had incredible technical skill. Don't underestimate them because they're noobs. In a 1v1, if the opponent wasn't exceptionally experienced, the opponent would get massacred. Tang Rou even had the glorious history of killing a pro player. That isn't something that can be done through pure luck.

As for Concealed Light, he was somehow deficient in this aspect. His technical skill was completely obsolete and he had even chosen to play a Summoner. If it were just for fun, the technical skill required for a Summoner was extremely simple, but if one wanted to play it at a high level, the requirements for technical skill were extremely high. The thought of expecting a rookie summoner play at a pro level made Chen Guo shiver.

"Take it slowly, we'll all have opportunities." Ye Xiu replied in a comforting manner, "Why don't you practice too? Maybe you can even be used as a sub or something."

I'm only a sub...Chen Guo really wanted to smash him dead with a chair, but objectively compared to other people on the team, she fell short of everyone, except Concealed Light. What a tragedy!

After the meal, Tang Rou continued to work the front desk. Even though she had decided to play the game professionally, the schedule of the Internet Cafe was already set. Chen Guo couldn't remove one person all of a sudden. She needed time to make adjustments. She might even have to employ a new attendant. This small investment was nothing to her. In theory, Ye Xiu and Tang Rou were already pro players. Paying pro players the salary of an

Internet Cafe employee was something Chen Guo should gloat on in secret.

They were all leveling in the afternoon, except for Qiao Yifan.

This kid was well-behaved. Even though there wasn't a future for him in Tiny Herb, he still took his training seriously and completed it on time. It's just his heart was now focused on his Ghostblade. He had the Assassin account at Tiny Herb, but he did not do much training for assassin related skills. His mind was occupied with how to use an Assassin to practice Ghostblade skills.

Chen Guo still helped them level. However, this afternoon she seemed to be busy. No one knew who she was talking to. They just heard the sound of typing. As time went by, her facial expression became heavier and heavier. By dinner time, she was completely different from the gleaming person she had been at lunch.

"What's wrong?" Tang Rou was scared for her. She looked at Ye Xiu with an inquiring expression. She was smart. She knew that those two were together every day, so she would tell happy stuff to Chen Guo and ask Ye Xiu for troubling stuff.

"I don't know!" Ye Xiu knew that something might have happened when she was chatting with another person that afternoon, but he hadn't peeped on their conversation, so he didn't know who Chen Guo was talking to.

"Err, there's something..." Chen Guo looked as if she was afraid to look at them and was too embarrassed to speak.

“Yes?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Well…I was talking to Loulan Slash this afternoon.” Chen Guo said.

“Loulan Slash?” Ye Xiu was lost for a moment. What did she need to talk about with Loulan Slash that made her act this way?

“I asked him to give me some information on joining the Alliance. It seems like there are a few compulsory requirements.” Chen Guo said.

“Oh…” Ye Xiu started to understand the situation, but he did not reveal his thoughts. He smiled and asked: “And?”

“I’m afraid…I can’t meet some of the requirements …” Chen Guo finally said it. She wanted to cry. After Loulan Slash gave her an explanation in the afternoon, she felt her heart turn to ice. It wasn’t that she was afraid she wouldn’t be able to meet some of the requirements for applying to the Alliance. It was that she couldn’t meet even a single one of the requirements, not even if she were to sell the Internet Cafe. The requirement for a stadium with a certain amount of seats alone had sealed her hopes. She was even more desperate after Loulan Slash disclosed inside information to her. The next season, the live game would employ visual projection technology. All hosting clubs must satisfy the technological requirements.

“I’m sorry…” Chen Guo lowered her head. She had been the one

excited for the formation of a team, but she failed at the crucial moment. She really regretted it. Why didn't she learn about these things before!

"Don't worry, I wasn't going to apply for the Alliance like Loulan Slash did anyway." Ye Xiu said.

"What?" Chen Guo lifted her head.

"You don't know?" Ye Xiu looked at Chen Guo. " Every year two teams drop out of the Alliance, so there are two places for new teams. One of them enters the Alliance like Loulan Slash. They apply for the Alliance,and the Alliance will examine them and approve the qualified team to enter. The other team is decided through a qualification tournament."

"Qualification tournament...You mean, the revival tournament?" Chen Guo asked.

"Exactly...Due to a special reason, the qualification tournament is often called a revival tournament." Ye Xiu smiled.

"For what reason?" Tang Rou wasn't happy. It seemed like both of them knew the reason and had stopped there, but she was just a newbie who didn't know anything, so she hurriedly asked.

"For this qualification tournament, there are only two simple requirements: enough team members and a participation fee. There are no other requirements, which means, the two pro teams

that were relegated can still compete in the qualification tournament. Pro teams are much more competitive than any random team. Even though there are some strong teams that can cause problems for the pro teams in the qualification tournament every year, in all of the previous seasons, the teams that came through the qualification tournament were pro teams. That is to say, of the two teams that got relegated, one of them has always returned to the Alliance through the qualification tournament one year later. That's why people call it the revival tournament, because it feels like an intended opportunity for the two eliminated teams to re-enter. Well, sometimes there aren't two, there might be three or four previously relegated teams. The teams that failed to revive in the past will sometimes try again the next year." Ye Xiu explained.

"Oh, now I see!" Tang Rou nodded.

"So all we need to do is participate in the qualification competition and win all the way to the end! The Alliance will figure out some way and help you complete the necessary compulsory requirements. But speaking of this, the Alliance has never troubled by an amateur team before through the revival tournament. It seems like I'll have to make history." Ye Xiu laughed.

"That's not the point!" Chen Guo was frustrated, " The revival tournament is a knockout tournament! Losing one game results in immediate elimination, a year wasted! What if..."

"There are risks in everything. Even if you apply for the Alliance, the risk still exists. There is probably more than one team applying

for the Alliance. It's not enough to barely reach the requirements if you want to be approved. The Alliance will inspect your investment. A team will never be taken seriously if they barely meets the minimum requirements. " Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo was stunned. She couldn't even fulfill the minimum requirements. Now she knew that even if she were able to satisfy those standards, she would most likely get beaten by other more competitive opponents. The competition here was simply money.

Chen Guo was only the owner of an internet cafe! What financial strength did she have to compete with?

"The qualification tournament is our only way. Instead of thinking what could happen, concentrate on preventing those things from happening. We can make good use of this year to break in our team members and perfect our teamwork." Ye Xiu said.

"Yes, that's right!" Tang Rou nodded, she already looked full of hope.

"The qualification tournament for this season is happening right now. You can look into it. The qualification tournament and the league games take place at the same time. By the end of the season, the qualification tournament will produce its final result. That's when twenty teams for the next season comes out. There are many teams participating in the qualification tournament. If it continues to develop, it should develop into a secondary league. Well, well, the Alliance is growing so very fast isn't it." Ye Xiu sighed.

Chapter 521 - Where Dreams Start

Chen Guo didn't even want to eat after she heard what Ye Xiu had said. She quickly finished her dinner and went about learning the requirements for the qualification tournament.

On the official website of the Glory Alliance, Chen Guo soon found a complete introduction and advertisements for the qualification tournament. As soon as she opened the site, she saw the slogan for the qualification tournament: the place where dreams begin.

Cheesy! Chen Guo thought to herself and hastily went digging for information. As she learned more and more, she found that it was exactly as Ye Xiu had described to her. The only difference was that the official publication had a more of an advertisement tone to it. It said that every participating team "had a chance to fulfill their dreams". Teams with outstanding performances were said to be "living their dreams". The pro teams that re-entered the Alliance were said to have their dreams "saved".

But the most appealing ones were the players who were discovered through the qualification tournament and were selected by professional teams. For these people, the qualification tournament was truly what the slogan had promised, a place where dreams began.

After Chen Guo read through everything, she became so excited and so eager that she wished that the qualification tournament would start tomorrow. They would first "have a chance to fulfill their dreams" and then "live their dreams". Finally, the

qualification tournament would “save someone’s dream”, while the others would “begin their dreams”.

How do we sign up?

Chen Guo couldn’t wait to find out. Then she found out that that signing up was extremely simple. The sign-up page would open at the end of the season. All she needed to do was follow the instructions provided by the website.

Why weren’t the pro games over yet?

Chen Guo immediately became anxious. She went to check the regular season’s timetable. There were eight games left in the regular season, which meant that there were still about two more months until the end of the season.

“Don’t be so hasty! The later the competition, the better it will be for us.” Ye Xiu was behind Chen Guo for a while. He saw she was checking this and that, and guessed her thoughts.

“True. We still need a lot of preparations. At least, you guys have to be max level first.” Chen Guo said.

“Obviously. The other equipment will come along later on in the process.” Ye Xiu said.

“Right now, you and Wei Chen are the only ones with silver weapons, so we are far behind on equipment! What if we meet god

level character fully armed with silver equipment?" Chen Guo said. Ye Xiu's Lord Grim had already fought against top players like Wang Jiexi, Han Wenqing, and Huang Shaotian in the game, but he hadn't met any God level character yet. The time when he had fought against Troubling Rain was in the Fixed Field.

Why were God level characters worshipped? There were three main reasons. First, the player had excellent skills that gained them fame through battle. Secondly, their skill points were high. The higher the skill points, the better the skill levels. It would enhance both attack damage and crowd control effects. The third was equipment. Equipment directly enhanced the character's stats. If characters like One Autumn Leaf, Troubling Rain, Vaccaria, and Desert Dust were stripped of their equipment, they would be no different from any other max-level character in the game.

Ye Xiu was trying to create a new team. From a player's aspect, at least, they would have to have a top player like Ye Xiu. All the others could improve their level through practicing, but from the equipment aspect, they were far behind. Even though Ye Xiu and Wei Chen character had silver weapons, they couldn't compare to a character fully armed with silver equipment. The gap between two full set of equipment was obviously not the same with the differences between two pieces of equipment. As for skill points, that was something one cannot ask for. If one was extremely out of luck, one might still only have four thousand points after playing for ten years. There was nothing one could do about it, so Chen Guo did not even mention it.

"Yes, equipment is a huge problem. As you can see, there is a lot that we need to do this year. Winning the qualification tournament is only a small part of it." Ye Xiu said.

“We can work it out!” Chen Guo said to Ye Xiu, she was also saying it to herself.

“We have to!” Ye Xiu said. He returned to his seat and started working immediately.

The second day, Chen Guo started rearranging the work schedule in the internet cafe to free Tang Rou from the front desk. She then posted an advertisement for employment and headed back to the reserved room. Her main task was still leveling with Ye Xiu. She wished she could be a pro player, but her age wouldn’t allow her to. She was too late to be trained. She didn’t possess Wei Chen’s talent, nor his experience.

Experience needed time to accumulate, that was for sure, but it didn’t necessarily mean that with the accumulation of time one could definitely gain experience. The forming of experience needed studying, thinking, and processing.

One had to actively work their brain to accumulate experience.

That was the exact reason why many old gamers might be playing longer than new pro players, but were less experienced than pro players.

Was it because pro players went through more battles? Of course not. The attitude was key. If the gamers played for fun, they were passively accumulating experience. What about professional players? They actively accumulated experiences, one battle, one

game, one recording...They were constantly reflecting on these things.

Therefore even though Chen Guo had played Glory for many years, and had a lot of experience, the experience was divided into levels as well, and her experience level was honestly quite low.

She had to help everyone else in her own way under her circumstances.

Ye Xiu was leveling in the game. Outside the game, he received a QQ message from Mo Qiang.

“I’m here, what’s up?” Ye Xiu replied to Mo Qiang.

“I have two bad news, which one would you like to hear first?” Mo Qiang asked.

“Just tell me...”

“All your money is spent, but I don’t have everything you want.” Mo Qiang said.

“What’s missing?”

“Aquamarine. It’s not because there isn’t enough money. I’ve asked everywhere, and there is no stock of it anywhere. If there were, I would definitely have bought it for you.” Mo Qiang said.

“Well, thanks! It looks like I’ll have to figure that one out on my own.” Ye Xiu said.

“I’ll keep on the lookout for it as well.” Mo Qiang said.

“Okay. What about the others, do you have those?” Ye Xiu asked.

“I got them. You can come over and grab them. Damn, I’m too afraid to even go out of the city with these precious materials. What if I were killed and lost them, that’s one hundred thousand yuan right there! Even I want to hire a killer to kill myself, just to get these materials.” Mo Qiang said.

“I got it. I’ll come get it soon, but can you teleport somewhere close to where I am?” Ye Xiu replied.

“Sure. Where are you? I’ll head over.” Mo Qiang said.

In the Heavenly Domain, there were teleport portals between large cities. Otherwise, if gamers had to travel everywhere on foot in the vast lands of the Heavenly Domain, the Glory game company would have been bombed.

In some level 55 bordering cities, there were as few people as the level 55 levelling area. Within the Heavenly Domain, except for a few level 55, 60, and 65 characters who were abandoned from the time when these levels were the level caps, most characters were level 70. Gamers were active mostly in the Level 70 areas. The

lower levelling areas were lonely, and the cities seemed desolate.

Arriving at the agreed place, Ye Xiu saw Mo Qiang's character. Its name was Run Cockroach. The class of the character had a dirty style, it was a Thief.

Seeing Ye Xiu's Lord Grim arrive, Mo Qiang clicked his tongue in wonder at his mix and matched equipment. He then traded every material he had bought.

"How are you going to get your hands on the Aquamarine?" Mo Qiang asked.

"I'll go back to the normal server and ask around, see if I can steal a boss!" Ye Xiu said. He used the word "steal". In Glory, it was almost impossible to kill a map boss in harmony.

"Oh, the new server. Your level shouldn't be too disgusting there, right?" Mo Qiang said.

"Yes, but at your level, that would really be disgusting." Ye Xiu said.

"Hahahahaha, with this level, I couldn't do it even I hacked the system." Mo Qiang laughed.

"Well, I've got to go. I'll talk to you if I need anything." Ye Xiu said.

“Okay. Come find me when you have big deals!” Mo Qiang said.

“Of course, of course.” Ye Xiu sent Mo Qiang’s Run Cockroach away and saved the materials he had received. Even though the rare materials weren’t complete, it could upgrade some forms of the Thousand Chance Umbrella, but because he was in the Heavenly Domain, if he were to upgrade the Thousand Chance Umbrella now, according to the irreversible rule, the Thousand Chance Umbrella would not be able to return to the tenth server. Therefore Ye Xiu didn’t do it at the moment. He notified Chen Guo and teleported Lord Grim back to the tenth server.

The tenth server.

A normal system notification showed up. It would be common for anyone, but the tenth server exploded in an instant.

“F*ck, Lord Grim! Why is he back!!!”

Numerous Guild leaders received this notification because they all had this top expert as a friend. The expert had gone to the Heavenly Domain, and none of them had deleted him. It was nice to keep him as a distant memory. In the end, it worked in an unexpected way. Last time Lord Grim had returned, everyone was melancholy. They saw him break a few records and then leave. What did he want this time?

The tenth server hadn’t seen Lord Grim for a long time. The guilds were finally developing in their expected direction. They

had dungeon records under control. Players gradually realized the strength of the big guilds. Happy was popular in the beginning, but with Lord Grim gone, there were no new records to excite the player, so right now it was out of the big guild's line of sight.

But now, Lord Grim returned! Did he want to break more records and leave? The tenth servers were finally forgetting about him, why did he have to return at such times? Was it planned?

The core members of the big guilds were coughing blood after they learned of this news. They really wanted to throw a protest in the streets.

Chapter 522 - Managing The Guild Storage

Despite having added Lord Grim as a friend, the only guild leader who dared to talk to him at this time was Blue River.

“What are you doing back here again!” said Blue River, emphasising the “again”. With Lord Grim gone, his workload had been reduced by a lot. Competition with the other guilds was something he was used to no matter the situation, but against this God, he repeatedly suffered setback after setback to the point where he would cough up blood in helplessness. In Blue River’s opinion, against such an opponent, if he could hide, it would be better to hide. This was a thought he had even before the guilds had allied together against Lord Grim.

“I’m here for a boss.” Ye Xiu replied.

“Which boss?” Blue River asked.

“Topaz Knight. That’s the name right? The one that drops Aquamarine.” Ye Xiu said.

“What are you going to kill him for!” Blue River continued to be astonished.

“Didn’t I already say it?” Ye Xiu said.

“You want an Aquamarine?”

“Yeah, does your guild have any of it?”

“No.” Blue River replied bluntly.

“How many times have you guys hunted for the Topaz Knight? Which guilds have killed it?” asked Ye Xiu.

“……”

“Why aren’t you speaking?”

“I’m not your spy……” Blue River replied.

“You’ve already told me about your guild’s situation…… I’m asking about the other guilds.” Ye Xiu said.

“Of course I wouldn’t know about the other guilds.” Blue River replied.

“Ha ha.” Ye Xiu laughed.

Blue River was depressed, but when he thought about it, the lies that he came up with could only fool noobs. Even if his side hadn’t killed the boss, he should at least know something as simple as which other guilds had killed it, no?

“The Topaz Knight has been killed three times so far by

Tyrannical Ambition, Herb Garden, and Excellent Dynasty.” Blue River said.

“How could your guild be so weak!” Ye Xiu commented.

Blue River kept quiet. Our guild killed most of the other bosses. Do you think I would tell you that? Blue River thought.

“Have you helped manage Happy recently?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Once in awhile……” Blue River felt embarrassed talking about this. The guild leader ran over to the Heavenly Domain, but he was still managing Happy quite meticulously. But speaking of this, this opened up a new world for Blue River as a spy. He felt like spies didn’t necessarily have to sell out information. They could also work on improving relationships between two sides and prosper together. This was also a good way of developing his guild.

“How is Happy doing?” asked Ye Xiu.

The question made Blue River feel somewhat confused. The leader of the guild was asking the spy how the guild was doing. What the f*ck was this? Blue River really wanted to remind the other side that he was a spy. However, the phrase “I’m a spy” wasn’t something he should be saying, yet it now turned into a phrase he could casually throw out. Blue River really didn’t have the courage to say it.

“The guild is quite stable and it’s growing quite well.” Blue River

said.

“It’s about time to establish the storage system for the guild, no?” Ye Xiu replied.

“Ah…..” Blue River was surprised again.

“Don’t tell me that you thought that I wouldn’t know about that?” Ye Xiu asked.

Blue River remained silent. He wouldn’t dare to think that the God would not know such things. It was just that a person of importance often forgot many things and he hoped that he wouldn’t have remembered this.

“If we don’t set up the storage system, the guild will disperse sooner or later, don’t you think?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Yes……” Blue River replied reluctantly.

“Hey, does your storagehouse have any excess equipment? How lending us a few?” Ye Xiu continued.

“No!” Blue River rejected it firmly.

“Stingy.” Ye Xiu replied.

“Go figure it out on your own!” Blue River replied. At this stage of development for a guild, the guild storage system was very important. It directly affected the continuity of a guild’s growth. For Happy, it was no longer a matter of growth, but rather, it was a matter of its survival. This guild was always a thorn in the side to the other Club guilds. Using the guild storage system was a method that would allow them to eliminate Happy without bloodshed.

A guild storage system was a system that helped to maintain the stability of a guild as well as something that could show its strength.

A guild’s storage has a much higher capacity than a personal storage and its capacity would increase along with the guild’s level. In a guild, the guild leader possessed the highest authority over the guild’s storage, which meant that a guild’s storage was no different from the guild leader’s personal storage.

But just having a large storage was nothing to be impressed by. The core of the guild storage system were the items stored inside.

How to allocate these items was the most important part of the guild storage system. Currently, all of the big guilds had different ways of setting up the guild storage, but the theory behind them were all quite similar.

Each guild stored a lot of equipment and materials in their storages. The guild leader had absolute authority over the distribution, which meant that they could be considered the guild leader’s personal property. These equipments weren’t just for show. They were to used by guild members. However, each guild

managed the distribution of their stored equipment with their own sets of rules. This is the so-called guild storage system.

Usually, guilds gave each equipment a certain requirement for guild contribution points. When guild members reached a corresponding level, they could freely use equipment within that level. However, these items didn't belong to the players. They only had the right to use them. The guild leader reserved the right to recall any equipment to the guild storage. This condition was only exempted if the guild leader officially gave a certain equipment to a certain player. The equipment would become his or her property if this condition was met.

If equipment was lost or damaged by a guild member, they would usually be punished by a deduction to their guild contribution points. Guild contribution points would also be deducted by the usage of consumables such as potions and materials. In a sense, guild contribution points could be said to be a form of currency.

How could guild contribution points be earned? Each guild had their own way, but the guild leader also held unlimited power over this. The guild leader could give a guild member unlimited guild contribution points and could also deduct the guild contribution points of any member.

With this, a guild leader would no longer simply be a servant for the guild members. A guild leader with rights to distribute benefits to the members was a guild leader that could command respect.

But this depended heavily on a guild leader's ability. Guild leaders who handed out rewards and punishments based on

impulse wouldn't win the hearts of the masses and a guild like this wouldn't last long.

A guild could only maintain a healthy growth with a complete system that had a clear guideline regarding rewards and punishments.

The Club guilds had an advantage in this matter. The could use their immense wealth to build up their storage. For a normal player, to achieve such a large scale with only his or her own effort would be extremely hard. The starting equipment in the storage couldn't be bad. It had to be rare items that could make people drool and that would be the drive for guild members to grind for guild contribution points to get the equipment. To obtain guild contribution points, they could hand in materials and equipment to the guild. With this, the wealth of the guild's storage would increase. The more items and materials owned by the guild, the more player-dependent it became.

Benefits seeable with their own eyes were the main reason why players were willing to stay in a guild. Loulan Slash's ability to form Heavenly Justice, a guild with a scale as grand as the Club guilds was closely related to his status as a money warrior.

Money warriors enjoyed the same advantage as Club guilds in the early stages of developing a guild. They could pour money in, helping them build up a wealthy guild storage. Despite not having the charisma of Club guilds in terms of attracting fans, they could still depend on their wealth to attract players.

Happy at its current stage could only be considered an ordinary

guild. Its rapid growth in the tenth server was mainly due to Lord Grim breaking dungeon records. The players in the new server were noobs who had no knowledge of the guild storage system. Once they learned about it, would their expectations and admiration towards the expert that they idolized be able to stand against the temptation of good equipment?

Players in the tenth server were already nearing the level 60 stage. At this point, Club guilds were already creating their own guild storage systems. They didn't do so in the early stages as players levelled up too quickly. Equipments that were low leveled were meaningless even though they had very good quality. At this rate, players that finally had enough points to earn the rights to use the equipment would find themselves no longer in need of the equipments as their levels far exceeded the level of said equipment.

A lot of dungeons were available once players reached level 50, which meant that players could level up more quickly. This greatly diminished the worth of level 50 equipment. People were more tempted by the allure of equipment that were level 55 and above. Core members of the big guilds that were rushing for the level 60 stage were starting to be more conscious of the guild's storage. The rare Orange Equipments that they came across would no longer be made personal property and they would donate all of them to the guild storage. The equipment that was still rare on the market at this stage became the core of the guild's storage. Next, obtaining and assigning different contribution points to Purple, Blue, and items of other grades would cause guild members to realize the difference between having a high amount contribution points and having little to no contribution points.

If Happy didn't implement such a system, they would never be

able to contend with the Club guilds. The sheer temptation of such benefits would be enough to cause Happy to fall. Towards Happy, these Club guilds definitely wouldn't give up the change to topple it.

Deep down, Blue River hoped that Ye Xiu would forget about it as he was quite expectant of making Happy disintegrate without the use of force. In his eyes, Happy was a strong competitor.

Chapter 523 - True Goal

Lord Grim returned to the tenth server. In a competitor's perspective, only Blue River came to pry around. After Blue River finished his prying, he was caught in a dilemma. The other side said he was there to steal the Topaz Knight, but he said it in such a straightforward fashion. Was it true or false? If it was true, would he want all the equipment? If it's false..... then what on earth is he planning to do?

Blue Rain felt very stupid, why did he even ask this?

In reality, he had just blurted out what was on his mind. He hadn't thought the other side would directly answer him. As a result, he was now wondering whether Lord Grim was telling the truth or not.

Putting these conflicts as competitors aside, the main subject would be Guild Happy's welcome back party. The guild leader went to the Heavenly Domain! After understanding the concept of the Heavenly Domain, the players of Happy Guild all felt proud. However, after feeling proud for a period of time, they slowly came to realise something. Frankly speaking, it was only the guild leader's personal glory, in terms of themselves, what benefits did they have?

None, absolutely none.

Apart from having no benefits, there were even disadvantages. After Lord Grim entered the Heavenly Domain, he had only

returned once. After not returning for a long time, many of the records in the tenth server were taken by other guilds. Guild Happy completely lost their imposing manner from before and now looked as if it would gradually fall to becoming just an average guild.

The people's will had begun to waver, but not much yet. This was because in comparison to a normal guild, Happy was still quite incredible. However, compared to the surging rise of those Club guilds, they couldn't help but feel jealous. Those who had joined Happy admired Lord Grim's fame and power. They had thrown themselves under this expert hoping to bask in his light. Their current situation and the situation they imagined were very different though.

Suddenly, their guild leader returned. Quite a few immediately surrounded him in excitement. Last time Lord Grim returned, he swept through several records and raised their guild's fame to greater heights. What would he do this time? Happy's players hoped to participate.

"Guild leader, you came back!"

"Guild leader, what are you planning to do this time?"

"Guild leader! Are you going to challenge the records?"

Ye Xiu laughed heartily towards their excitement. He didn't hide his intention and said, "I've come back to do great things!"

Why else other than to create a stir did the players of Guild Happy join the guild? The players who found joy in their own way wouldn't rely on someone else's power to do things. As a result, when the guild members heard that they would be doing great things, many of them enthusiastically asked to join. "Guild leader, what great things? We'll do it with you!!!"

"To steal a boss!" Ye Xiu replied.

"Wow!" Everyone was in admiration.

Their guild leader was indeed extraordinary. Boss stealing was a phrase specifically for stealing wild bosses. Normally, a guild wouldn't gather together for a random elite or rare boss. However, wild bosses would appear on TV every time they were killed. Until now, regardless of which wild boss was taken down, it was almost always the big guilds that made their names onto TV. Now, Guild Happy could finally fight for a chance to come into the limelight.

"I'll go, I'll go!!!" None of them bothered to ask which boss they would be stealing. All of them signed up excitedly.

"Everyone will go, everyone will go." Ye Xiu replied, which made the whole guild bubble up in excitement. Many players with lower levels were worried that they wouldn't be able to participate in such an important task, but it turned out that everyone could go. It was as if they had received an amazing prize.

"Which boss are we going to steal?" Only now did someone ask, eager to fight.

“Topaz Knight, a Level 50 boss. Do you know of it?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Uh, not really……” Many of the people replied. The majority of them had only heard of wild bosses from online databases. These bosses were all monopolized by the Club guilds.

“Those who don’t know about it, go search it up and do a bit of research. Those who know about it, go to the Western Wilderness to level up! Spread out. Message me immediately if you discover anything!” Ye Xiu spoke.

“Understood!” Many people replied with passion. The guild leader had yet to stay for five minutes, but he was already working hard.. This type of leading were very refreshing.

Players of Happy Guild set off towards the Western Wilderness. Even the players who needed to know about the boss online also moved out. They were only doing some reading, so they could multitask.

At the same time, every guild leader from the Club guilds received a message.

“What? He plans on stealing the Topaz Knight?”

Cold Night, Plantago Seed, Lonely Drink, Backlight Bomb, Hazy Mist…… they received this information only slightly later than Blue River. Moreover, the information came too easily. It came

straight from Happy's guild chat. Only a blind spy would miss it.

None of the guilds was willing to challenge Lord Grim alone. Thus, Cold Night contacted Plantago Seed, Plantago Seed contacted Lonely Drink, Lonely Drink contacted Backlight Bomb, and so on until another tenth server guild leader discussion group sprouted up again. The discussion was once again the same old issue: what to do with Lord Grim.

Lord Grim was going to steal the Topaz Knight!

Oh, you have spies right?

The discussion group started off with this line, making everyone stare at the screen in thought. Every time they fought against Lord Grim, there would always be a moment of silence.

"Isn't this an issue?" The information came way too easily. It made everyone feel a bit puzzled. Plantago Seed raised the issue and then waited for everyone else to analyze it.

"I've never heard of anyone starting an operation in the guild chat." Hazy Mist said.

"And there's no way he doesn't know we have spies in his guild, no?" Cold Night said.

"It must have been intentional!" Someone else agreed with this point.

“It was definitely intentional, but why?” Blue River asked.

“To make a declaration for the east and strike west? Cross the river Wei?”

“Perhaps he wants us to believe his goal is the Topaz Knight by sending a majority of his forces to the Western Wilderness, but his real goal might in fact be something else.”

“It’s certainly a possibility.”

“Then what is his true objective?”

“Wait one second. What if his objective really is the Topaz Knight and he’s making us believe it’s a misdirection in order to split our forces?” Someone else pointed out.

“Then why would he even say anything in the first place?” Another person said, “Our forces are split up in the first place. Who would spend the entire day watching a single boss?”

“True.” Cold Night expressed his agreement.

“So it’s a misdirection?” Plantago Seed said.

“His guild has already begun to move.” Hazy Mist said, “Everyone!”

“How?” Everyone was a bit dumbstruck. When they fought against a boss, they always send their elite and core teams. They rarely moved their entire guild. This was because they knew there would be competition for every boss. If every fight became a world war. Everyone’s strength would be greatly damaged, especially in a server that hadn’t stabilized yet. No one dared to act so rashly, which was why everyone restricted the strength used carefully. After all, these weren’t necessary items.

This was a normal server. The extremely rare items of the normal servers and the extremely rare items of the Heavenly Domain weren’t on the same level. The main reason was because there were ten normal servers, but only one Heavenly Domain.

But now, Happy wasn’t following the tacit agreement between the Clubs. He had dispatched his entire guild, making the Club guilds unsure what to do. If they dispatched their elite teams like usual, they would be wiped out simply due to the other side having superior numbers.

“F*ck, we should also send everyone out and completely turn over Happy!” Lonely Drink shouted.

“Wait a second.” A thought suddenly appeared in Cold Night’s head: “What if this is his real objective? Because he knows very well how we do things. What if he’s intentionally dispatching his

guild to lure away our elites in order to do something else?”

“That’s extremely likely! If his real objective is at somewhere very far away, then by the time we receive the message, it’s too late to hurry back.” Plantago Seed agreed.

“You guys wait a moment. This is a wild boss. It doesn’t spawn at a specific time. If he uses the Topaz Knight as a distraction, what if the Topaz Knight spawns but his real objective doesn’t? Wouldn’t he have done everything for nothing?” Hazy Mist argued.

“No, no. He probably isn’t thinking like this. He’s gathering his forces at the Western Wilderness, so we have to send our forces to resist. If that’s the case, then as long as his true objective spawns earlier than the Topaz Knight, then his scheme will succeed. If the Topaz Knight really does spawn first, then he can just switch bosses and try again. It’s a 50/50 chance. No one knows which boss will spawn first, so he can’t completely grasp it no?” Cold Night was quite detailed.

“Which wild bosses can still spawn this week? Do you think we’ll be able to find anything by thinking about this?” Backlight Bomb suddenly spoke.

The top guilds had this sort of information. Soon afterwards, they looked at the map and looked for a leveling area far away from the Western Wilderness.

“Wait!” Plantago Seed suddenly said, “I just received a bit of information from my side. I don’t know if any of you have

noticed.”

“What?” Someone immediately asked.

“If Lord Grim is misdirecting us, he must have his main force at his true objective, so I specially had my people pay attention to the movements of a few of these characters and my people have noticed something.” Plantago Seed discovered important information and told them of it.

“Are you saying your people have been paying attention to Soft Mist’s and Steamed Bun Invasion’s movements?” Cold Night immediately reacted.

“It seems like you’ve been doing the same.” Plantago Seed said.

“Where are they heading towards?” Cold Night asked.

“I don’t know right now, but they’re definitely not heading towards the Western Wilderness. I’ll have my people continue following them.” Plantago Seed said.

“Okay, you have to watch them carefully!!” Everyone cried excitedly as if they had discovered the new world.

Chapter 524 - Complete Chaos

The discussion group went into a period of silence once again. Everyone was anxiously waiting for a final detailed report. At the same time, they sent several players to pay attention to the movements of Lord Grim as well as the few capable subordinates under him. These capable subordinates had been exposed cleanly already and the big guilds saw their names everywhere.

The scouting went smoothly. Soon, all of the guild leaders present in the discussion group sent out expressions of delight. They looked as if they had schemes prepared.

“It seems like everyone knows?” Plantago Seed, who knew about this intelligence awhile ago, spoke.

“Almarshan.” Cold Night said.

“Correct, the Setting Sun Hunter. So this is his target.” Lonely Drink said.

“It looks like we can present him with a little surprise.” Plantago Seed smiled.

“This time, we’ve got to kill his spirit.”

“Yes, not only do we need to steal away his boss, we’re going to have him experience a total wipeout!”

The guilds began their preparations in excitement. They didn't dare be negligent of Lord Grim's elite team, so they dispatched all of their elites. How many people was enough? They had failed so many times that they could no longer make an estimate. It wasn't like they could go wrong with having too many.

"When does the Setting Sun Hunter spawn? I'm looking forward to it!!" These guys were already imagining the beautiful scene in front of them. Getting Lord Grim to eat sh*t would be such an amazing feeling.

"If..... his true target really is only the Topaz Knight, then what?" Seeing everyone's appearances, Blue River couldn't help but feel uneasy.

"Hmm..... that's true." Cold Night, who had crossed paths with Ye Xiu many times before, also had a sort of premonition, "We'll go elites against elites, a sea of people against a sea of people. We should also send some people over to Western Wilderness. It's only one guild, after all. They don't have that many people, so if each of us send a few people, it'll be enough. There aren't any strong characters there anyways. If we have the safe number of troops as them, we have the advantage."

"Right, right. This way we won't have any holes." Lonely Drink praised.

Western Wilderness, Level 50 leveling area.

In the tenth server, Level 50-55 was the prevalent level range.

The players in Club guilds, whether they were normal members or elites, weren't in this range; they were at the top in terms of leveling speed. All of them were above Level 55 with the elites having already reached Level 60.

As a result, the arrival of an army of high-leveled players suddenly appearing in Western Wilderness quickly attracted the attention of many. Everyone in the army had tags from top guilds beside their name. Any player with a bit of keenness could tell that something had happened.

These high-leveled players had already received orders from the guilds. They were to scatter across the Western Wilderness, look out for the spawning of the wild boss, and pay attention to the movements of Guild Happy players.

On the other end of the map, the situation was exactly the same for Almarshan, just with more people.

The waiting continued, but the boss never came. The Club guild players were already getting impatient, but they couldn't act irrationally, especially in a leveling area with so many people watching.

The wind sweeping through the tower heralds a rising storm in the mountains. However, this wind was taking a bit too long. Moreover, the spawn time for a boss was far less accurate than a weather report. The Club guild players quickly began to get bored.

In comparison, the Guild Happy players were extremely busy

because they weren't high-leveled players. The Western Wilderness was a very suitable leveling for them, so they could kill monsters, while wandering around.

The morning passed.

The eyes of the guild leaders had already turned red from staring at the computer for so long. There was nothing they could have done. All of them were nighttime workers and usually slept in the morning. Who could thought that the devil Lord Grim returning would force them to work overtime and struggle to the afternoon. They were completely exhausted. Seeing that the boss still hadn't spawned, the guild leaders told the others they were going to rest and to wake them up if anything happened.

At 3:07 PM, the guild leaders were brutally awoken from their deep sleep.

The suddenly awoken guild leaders immediately asked what the situation was, while struggling towards their computers. Before reaching their computers, they already learned of the news: the Topaz Knight had spawned.

"What are Happy's players doing?" The guild leaders practically asked at the same time.

"There doesn't seem to be any movements from them." Their subordinates reported.

“Ha ha ha ha, as expected.” The guild leaders were delighted and they immediately to discuss it in the discussion group. But not long after, they came across a very contradictory issue. Shouldn’t they try and steal the Topaz Knight from each other? However, they had invested a bit too many troops into the operation, so they couldn’t act blindly without thinking. According to a report, a randomly put together team was currently fighting the Topaz Knight and was getting absolutely crushed.

A wild boss couldn’t be taken down by some random team, let alone randoms from this leveling area. As a result, none of the guild leaders were shaken by this. Their main opponents were the ones in the discussion group.

“Cough cough……. There’s quite a lot of people over there. If everyone starts attacking, it’ll be messy……” Plantago Seed spoke.

Afterwards, no one gave a response. Plantago Seed saw this and knew these b*stards had already come up with an evil scheme. None of them were going to talk about it. Thus, the discussion group immediately fell into silence. The guild leaders went to contact the people at the Western Wilderness to further understand the situation.

Thirteen guild leaders each with at least a hundred troops gathered together at the Western Wilderness.

The Topaz Knight and his cavalry weren’t far from them. The enemy boss had just killed off another random team. Another group of players took their place. The thirteen guilds didn’t bat an eye towards them and only paid attention to their real opponents.

The deadlock couldn't last forever. They couldn't just stand there staring at each other for the entire weekend. The first side to move might not necessarily lose because no one knew each other's cards or plans. Every side had to adapt to the situation every time a battle for a boss took place. Strength, strategy, luck. Any one of these could determine the result.

At the Western Wilderness, the small scale conflicts gradually began to spread out. Soon afterwards, even those who wished to join the fray until all others were exhausted first were wrapped into the chaos. Killing a boss entailed killing each other. One moment, two sides might be attacking and defending together. The next moment, the two sides might be at each other's throats.

The boss's health went down as players fell. As for those random teams, the smart ones had already fled. The dirty ones remained as scrap pickers. However, the scrap picking business wasn't as developed in normal servers because the drop rate couldn't be compared to the Heavenly Domain.

Amidst this chaos, the guild leaders suddenly received an intelligence report from spies. Lord Grim had ordered his guild to set out for the Topaz Knight.

"What? At this time??" Everyone stared in astonishment.

"The mantis stalks the cicada, unaware of the oriole behind?"

Guild Happy players saw Lord Grim's message and began

gathering towards that direction. Outside of the chaotic battle, players with the Guild Happy tag on top of their heads began to appear. One, two, ten, twenty, a hundred, two hundred……

They weren't high-leveled. Some weren't even Level 50. They couldn't compare at all to the players from the big guilds. However, they had more players on their side and happened to appear just when the thirteen guilds were fighting amongst each other.

"Stop stop stop, stop over there. Don't give Lord Grim easy pickings." Someone in the discussion group immediately shouted.

'Could this guy's real target actually be the Topaz Knight?"

"F*ck, get Almarshan's people to hurry over."

"They won't get here in time. And what if this is just a trick of his?"

They were all pulling out their hairs in conflict! However, at least they understood one thing. If this chaotic battle continued, Guild Happy might become the oriole.

"We're stealing a boss anyways. There's no need to be nice. Let's all kill the players from Happy first!" Someone suggested.

"It looks like that's our only choice!"

Everyone unanimously agreed and made the command. In the blink of an eye, the thirteen guilds went from fighting each other to standing shoulder to shoulder with each other. They turned to look at Happy and suddenly charged at them.

“RUN!” At this moment, an order came out from Happy.

Happy’s players suddenly turned tail and ran. The big guild players were still far away and wouldn’t be able to attack them.

“F*ck, what is this sh*t?” The guilds were pulling at their hair. In this moment of confusion, the Topaz Knight suddenly led his cavalry towards an aggroed target.

The target couldn’t just stand there and do nothing. He hastily attacked back. The other guilds saw this. Not good! If this continued, the Topaz Knight would be killed by him. Thus, they immediately went to stop him. With the guilds fighting amongst each other again, Guild Happy’s players came back.

Guild Happy didn’t try to conceal their actions either. Lord Grim gave his order in the public chat, so the guild leaders received the message at the same time too.

What should they do this time? Should they turn and attack? If they attack and the other side runs, the boss will attack and nothing will change!

“Split our troops into two!” Someone suggested.

“Right!” Everyone nodded their heads. If they sent half of their troops to chase after Happy’s players and had half their players continued to attack the boss, wouldn’t that work?

The order came out. Half of the troops from each guild chased after Happy’s players. Happy’s players ran away again, but this time the pursuit didn’t stop. The big guild players continued to chase them. Even if they couldn’t kill them, they could at least push them far away.

Not long afterwards, Happy’s players were pushed to one area. The guild leaders received a message saying Lord Grim had called for everyone to group together.

“Not good! If we chase them randomly, our troops will be scattered……” The guild leaders suddenly realized the situation wasn’t good.

“Don’t chase them impatiently. Stay in formation. Don’t scatter!” The guild leaders immediately warned the pursuit team.

A response from the pursuit team hadn’t even come yet, when the boss team sent a message: “We can’t hold on!”

“What can’t you hold on?” The guild leaders were confused.

“Boss! We can’t hold the boss.”

Chapter 525 - Can't Hold The Boss

"You guys can't hold the boss? F*ck, who has the boss's aggro? Can you get the last hit in??" After receiving the report, the guild leaders hastily asked in surprise.

Simply speaking, the monster belonged to whomever the monster had aggro on. The items dropped would be protected by the system for that player. Within 30 seconds, no one else besides that player would be able to pick up the items.

It all sounds very simple, but calculating aggro is actually quite complicated. Normally, the last hit counts for a lot. It's worth several times a normal hit. This is easy to understand. After all, the last hit is the hit which takes away the other side's life. The other side would obviously have enmity towards the killer.

Apart from this, the first hit is also significant. The amount of aggro for the first hit depends on the situation. There is a difference in aggro between the first hit by a player taking the initiative to attack the monster and the first hit by player counterattacking a monster's attack.

In short, the general rules are very simple, but the details aren't simple at all.

Especially against a boss. Bosses have names, background stories, and personalities. These types of details make how the aggro is calculated for each boss different. For example, if you take the last hit, some bosses would have five times the aggro for it, but other

bosses might have ten or twenty times the aggro for it.

Some bosses have increased aggro after falling to a red blood state. Some bosses are very sensitive to the first hit……

Thus, understanding the rules behind a boss's aggro was very important part of stealing a boss. Usually, the last hit never disappointed, which was why all of the guild leaders asked their subordinates about it. When two teams accumulated similar amounts of aggro, the last hit would often be the deciding factor.

However, the reply made them even more flabbergasted: "No, it's not that we can't steal the boss."

"Then what is it?"

"We can't hold the boss off!"

"What? Whose scheme is this?"

"This isn't a scheme. None of us can hold on!"

"What type of stupid joke is this? You guys……." At this moment, the guild leader suddenly stopped. He realized why this had happened. And at the same time, the discussion group exploded into a commotion. Clearly, the "can't hold on" wasn't pointing towards any one guild, but every single guild there.

They actually couldn’t hold the boss.

Why?

The guild leaders originally found it hard to believe. They were about to call it nonsense, but while typing their response halfway through, the suddenly realized what had happened!

Why?

It was because the ones killing the boss were new!

These players might be relatively high leveled compared to the mainstream, but they were still normal players. Usually, the core elites hunted the wild bosses. These elites were from the Heavenly Domain with many years of Glory and had a good understanding of the normal servers.

They could clear dungeons and kill bosses.

But these normal players? This was their first time doing it.

The Aquamarine Knight had only been killed three times so far in the tenth server and had been killed by the guild elites every time. How could these normal guild members have experience in killing these types of bosses?

When trying to kill a boss for the first time, even if your team

read a guide beforehand, wiping out several times wouldn't be strange at all.

The reason the Club guilds could bring their normal guild members to level higher than the norm wasn't because these guild members were crazy levelers. More importantly, the Club guilds had experts and veterans watching over them. What did this entail? When an expert or veteran led a party into a dungeon, there would be fewer losses.

As for five noobs, whenever a new dungeon came out, the noobs would die many times before clearing it. In Glory, dying would result in a loss of experience. Dying would reduce your leveling speed, no? As a result, there would obviously be a level difference between Club guild players and non-guild players.

And now, these normal players who had experts and veterans helping finally encountered a difficulty. Against the Aquamarine Knight, an existence far stronger than a dungeon boss, these normal players had no way to hold on.

In the beginning, the guilds all had a lot of players. The chaos made it difficult for them to see the struggling players near the boss. Afterwards, half of the people went to chase after Guild Happy's people. When information came about Guild Happy grouping together and the guild leaders became worried if something had happened on that side, the ones left facing the boss were already defeated.

The Aquamarine Knight and his cavalry had already summoned their war horses. They took formation and launched an assault.

Their iron hooves lifted the yellow sand into the air, creating a huge cloud of dust in the Western Desert. The cavalry and the yellow sand crashed into the players and enveloped them.

The players had never seen this sort of scene before. Glory didn't have any mounts. The Knight in the Knight class only symbolized a type of ideal. It didn't indicate a soldier on a horse.

The Aquamarine Knight and his entourage were huge and menacing cavalry. Should they attack the horse or the person? If they attack the horse, which part of the horse should they attack to have the greatest effect? If they attack the person, what if their weapons aren't long enough? While the players pondered over these questions, the cavalry knocked them onto the ground. The unlucky ones were even trampled on a few times. Those cut down by the knights on the horses took heavy damage. The ones charge down several times turned into corpses on the spot.

A few veterans led the teams, but they couldn't control the situation. Helpless, they asked their guild leaders for help, while hastily transferring the ones in pursuit of Guild Happy over to their side.

When the troops in pursuit heard the call for help, they were also confused. They had a hard time understanding why the other troops were being cut down by the boss. But when they went back to see, all of them froze.

What is this? What are we supposed to do? How do we hit the ones on top of the horses? It doesn't look like hitting the horses does anything. Ah, I fell! Ah, the horse stepped on me! Ah, where

did that sword come from? Ah, I'm dead!

Corpses everywhere described the battlefield well.

How strong was a wild boss? Against cloth armored character, some skills could even one shot them. The Aquamarine Knight's cavalry might not be as strong as the boss, but they were still comparable to elite monsters. Their strikes were enough to deal heavy damage to any player.

The discussion group had turned into chaos. Because they clearly knew about the Aquamarine Knight's strength. When they took a closer look, the dispatched troops weren't enough to deal with him. No matter how numerous the troops, without an effective strategy, the troops would only be cannon fodder in front of a wild boss. The boss could easily wipe them all out.

It was too late to ask for help. The rest of the guild had gone to Almarshan.

The guild leaders looked on with deathly pale expressions. They realized what Lord Grim had done. Lord Grim had lured away the elites with his elites and left everyone else to take care of this boss. Their sea of people wasn't enough to defeat the boss though. What about Happy?

"If our people can't do it, how can Happy do it?" Someone asked in puzzlement. Another person immediately answered back: "It's different."

“How is it different?”

“The commander is different……”

Everyone fell silent.

Commander……. It was truly different. Lord Grim was at the top in all of Glory. And their side? It would be too embarrassing to even make a comparison.

At the Western Desert, players from the thirteen guilds ran around the map in chaos. The Aquamarine Knight and his cavalry continued to chase and kill. Whoever they pursued, died. After all, the enemies had horses.

At this moment, Guild Happy had already gathered together and climbed up a sand dune. The troops were lined up neat and organized. They appeared from behind, welcoming the Club guild players running for their lives. These players saw the towering troops and were so frightened that they didn’t know which way to run. In an instant, the Aquamarine Knight and his cavalry wiped them clean.

The Aquamarine Knight’s aggro had already gone into disorder. It was now taking the initiative to attack instead of retaliating against enemy attacks. The Aquamarine Knight saw more targets in his line of sight and charged towards them without hesitation.

The yellow sand billowed under the cavalry's’ hooves. The

cavalry moved like the wind towards Happy's players. The sounds of horses running on the sand were only sound effects and didn't do any damage.

"Mages!" Ye Xiu ordered in the guild chat. Because he was commanding the entire guild, he used the guild chat. When he yelled "Mages!", all of the mages lifted their staffs into the air. The gems on their staffs glinted in the sun.

"Ice Wall!"

Ye Xiu gave an order. All of the mages immediately began casting the spell. Magic waves rippled and in an instant, nearly a hundred ice walls shot out of the ground like a mountain range, blocking the Aquamarine Knight's and his cavalry's assault.

Bang!

An enormous sound reverberated into the air. The Aquamarine Knight and his cavalry didn't waver in front of the ice walls and continued their charge.

Bang bang bang bang!

Ice walls shattered one after the other.

"Thieves, advance!" Ye Xiu gave another order. Twenty or thirty thieves hid within the cracks between the ice walls.

Chapter 526 - Killing Amidst The Chaos

The Aquamarine Knight and his cavalry pressed forward, but after crashing into several ice walls, their momentum finally slowed. Happy's Thief team closed in. They didn't ask for any single target or look for any route. They simply placed a trap wherever there was free space. Everyone put down as many traps as possible and then immediately ran far far away.

Peng peng peng peng!

Moments later, the sounds of ice walls breaking stopped. The charge made by the Aquamarine Knight and his cavalry had been stopped. Numerous ice walls still stood. Needless to say, after the cavalry was forced to a halt, the leading Aquamarine Knight brandished his sword and shattered the ice wall in front of him with a swing.

Advance! The Aquamarine Knight and his cavalry continued to head towards their intended target. Several ice walls were quickly smashed apart by them. The ice fragments sprinkled onto the ground. The scene didn't look like it belonged here in the desert. However, no one had any time to appreciate it. Everyone could already see the light glinting from the Aquamarine Knight's sword.

At this moment, the mage team fell back. The Knights moved forward to be the defensive line.

"Shields up!" Lord Grim ordered. The Knights in front lifted their shields and hid behind them.

“Cleric, get ready!” When Lord Grim gave his second order, the Aquamarine Knight and his cavalry arrived. Except this time, the short distance between them wasn’t enough for a full charge. The Aquamarine Knight and his cavalry strided over and raised their swords.

Dong dong dong dong!!

The sounds of metal colliding with metal repeatedly rang. The Knights didn’t care if there were even enemies in front of them. All of them raised their shields in front of them at a 45 degree angle. The Knights who were attacked could clearly feel their shields jumping back and forth. Blocking the fierce attacks affected their control over their characters. Their health also fell like waterfalls with every attack. In this type of situation, even if there were Clerics healing, the Knights were already worried if they would be able to properly block the second attack.

Fortunately, Lord Grim didn’t have them take the second attack. When the Aquamarine Knight and his cavalry made their first swing, Lord Grim gave another order.

“Ninjas!! Underground Tunneling Technique, Body Bind Technique!”

While the Aquamarine Knight had been breaking through the ice walls, the Ninjas had hidden themselves under the sand. Now, they popped out of the sand into the air and threw the rope attached to their ninja blades towards the knights on horseback.

They didn’t have any targets in mind and simply aimed at the most convenient target. There might be slip ups or repeats, but those weren’t important. It was more important they took the opportunity in front of them.

Ye Xiu knew very well how unskilled his Happy players were, so he didn’t set up anything complicated or difficult.

The mages cast ice walls, easy.

The thieves set traps, simple.

The knights block an attack, no need to talk about it.

The Ninjas had a slightly more difficult task because their Underground Tunneling Technique and Body Bind Technique were combos. Both of them had to be chained correctly and the Body Bind Technique had to used in the air. It was an easy task for any Heavenly Domain player, but it wasn’t so easy for these tenth server noobs. As a result, Ye Xiu didn’t have any requirements. All they needed to do was hit whatever target they could and not care about anyone else.

A few of the attacks might be repeated, but a single person’s mistake could be made up by someone else. A few attacks might miss, but even more mistakes would occur with anything more complicated anyways.

The thirty or so Ninjas launched their attacks against the nineteen Aquamarine Knight cavalry. It was nearly a two to one ratio. But because Ye Xiu didn't put any requirements for them, there might be a target hit by several attacks or there might be a target hit by none.

In any case, people went up and horses flipped.

The majority of the knights hit by the Tunnel Bind combo were dismounted. Some of them were hit but didn't fall and the Ninjas ended up on the horses.

This wasn't strange. After all, the Aquamarine Knight was a wild boss. All of his underlings were powerful elite monsters and had strong resistance towards many attacks. If the player didn't aim correctly, the intended effect might not occur.

"Battle Mages, Circle Swing!"

At this moment, another wave of attacks flew out. The Battle Mage team pincered from the left and right. After the Ninjas used the Tunnel Bind combo, the Battle Mages immediately stabbed at the knights who hadn't fallen off their horses.

Some of their attacks might miss or might be late, but in the end, the remaining mounted knights were thrown off. One wave after another wave came.

Moreover, when these knights fell, there was even a small

shockwave, knocking the ones lifted off by the Ninjas back down to the ground.

“Witches, Level 50 and up use Doll Shururu, under Level 50 use Lava Flask, Ice Rain!”

“Launchers, Stinger!”

“Spitfire, Incendiary Device!”

“Mechanics, Machine Drop!”

“Summoners, surround them with pets!”

“Berserkers……”

“Brawlers……”

“Qi Masters……”

Lord Grim gave out order after order. Ye Xiu had already set the chat up so that besides him, no one else could speak, so no one would be distracted by any messages other than the orders. Happy’s players continued doing their tasks.

Witches flew through the air, bombarding the cavalry with the items that Lord Grim had instructed them to throw down.

Bang bang bang bang!

The Launchers stood at the backlines and shot their Stingers into the air. The Stingers flew over everyone's heads and exploded above the cavalry. Each missile exploded into eight smaller missiles, which rained down onto the battlefield.

The Spitfire's Incendiary Devices worked together with the Lava Flasks thrown down by the Witches and covered the sand with a sea of fire.

The Mechanics' Air Drops filled the skies with winter melons. Their stomachs opened and poured down trash.

The summoned creatures advanced and filled up the little space left.

The other classes also attacked. In an instant, the Aquamarine Knight and his cavalry were submerged in attacks. In this area, the only thing that could be seen were struggling shadows. Nothing else could be seen clearly.

"Don't squeeze. Let me go through. I still haven't used my skill!!"

"You Berserker, you've already used your skill, right? If you're done, move aside!"

‘Who’s Goblin is this? Can’t you let me go through? Don’t make me kill it!!”

“Ah, who hit my butt???”

Amidst the noise from attacks, the constant yelling from Happy’s players could be heard too. The spies within Happy followed along, but couldn’t see anything properly.

As Glory veterans, Happy’s way of fighting the boss was unbearable to look at. Everyone was crammed together as if they were in a crowded train.

But they also discovered that their coordination might look unsightly, every person contributed to the fight. Everyone attacked and moved. Of the around six hundred people in the guild, not a single one was left doing nothing.

The spies were at a loss. They had already received orders to find some way to stop Happy from killing the Aquamarine Knight. But in this chaotic mess, there was nothing they could do because the battle had already reached an unimaginable step. It might be chaotic, but the attacks continued. How were they supposed to stop it? Make the battle organized?

Watching from inside the battle, Happy looked like a complete mess, but from afar, it looked like a war zone filled with fire, spells, sword light……

It looked like a highlight reel for skills. Currently, all of the Level 50 and under skills were flashing left and right. The surrounding players entered and exited kept this bustling movement going.

The remaining players of the thirteen guilds stared in complete astonishment. The feeling they got from the spies was completely different. They felt it was a next level boss battle. The Aquamarine Knight's cavalry had been surrounded by these players and were struggling helpless to do anything.

"Pay attention, don't harm your own allies!!!"

Ye Xiu repeatedly sent out this order.

There was nothing he could do about it. Apart from special events, a hundred man group was the largest unit in Glory. Those in the same group couldn't injure each other, but anyone outside of their group could be hurt. Happy had six or seven hundred players, so there were six or seven groups. In this type of situation, it was hard to avoid self-injury. These noobs weren't good at controlling their attacks!

"Ah! I think I killed one of them!!!" Someone suddenly shouted in surprise. The system had clearly notified him that he had killed off one of the Aquamarine Knight's subordinate.

"Ah! I killed one too!"

Even though there were around six hundred players, the system

could tell them apart and gave out system notifications accordingly.

“I killed one!!”

“I also killed one!!”

The Aquamarine Knight's underlings had the same stats. Against a relatively similar offense, they would fall around the same time.

Chapter 527 - Treasure

Around six hundred players were attacking. How long would it take to kill a boss? Very few knew the answer to this question. It was also difficult to find a precise answer to this type of question. Coordination, skill, equipment, levels, classes, target..... there were simply too many factors involved.

However, the speed at which the Aquamarine Knight and his cavalry were being destroyed by Guild Happy was extremely frightening. The Aquamarine Knight's underlings fell one after the other until only the Aquamarine Knight remained.

And the Aquamarine Knight? He was stronger than his subordinates, but his current situation was even worse than before.

Before, against the strong offense, his knights had taken a defensive formation around him. His eighteen knights formed a circle with him in the center; they even blocked the aerial attacks from above.

But now, all of his underlings had fallen. Surrounding him, a mob of summoned creatures now took their places.

"Okay, besides team one, everyone stop attacking!!" Ye Xiu immediately ordered.

The poor summoned creatures had previously been there in order to act as meat shields against the enemy attacks. If Ye Xiu

didn’t order everyone to stop, these creatures would die under their master's hands.

The benefit of the people was that they listened, even moreso for someone they admired like Lord Grim. Under Ye Xiu’s command, everyone else apart from team one stopped attacking and withdrew. When they looked back, they couldn’t even see the boss anymore; the summoned creatures had completely enveloped the Aquamarine Knight. The light shining from his sword could still be seen though. Every time the Aquamarine Knight slashed, several summoned creatures let out shrill shrieks and died.

When a summoned creature died, the creature could be summoned again, but the skill had a cooldown. The stronger the creature, the longer the cooldown and the greater the mana cost would be. Summoners frequently ran out of mana.

“Team one, advance. Team two, get ready. Team three, rest!” Ye Xiu had split the Summoners into three teams and controlled their pacing.

“Launchers, continue firing! Don’t stop!” Team one also had Launchers. Even though the summoned creatures were in their way, it didn’t affect them.

“Elementalists, keep firing too!” Ye Xiu ordered the Elementalists to attack.

“Too easy.” Ye Xiu sighed. The Aquamarine Knight could see his health falling rapidly. All of his attacks just ended up hitting the

summoned creatures. Even though he sometimes used a Whirlwind Slash to clear them away, he was facing a team of Summoners. Each summoner could summon several creatures. With three teams rotating, he could hack at the creatures all he wanted, but he would never kill them all. Ye Xiu had understood the Aquamarine Knight's patterns already. Killing it off like this wouldn't be a problem, even when the Knight entered its Enraged mode at 10% health. The Knight's fury wouldn't change the situation.

The only variable was the Club guilds. However, their elites were currently all the way at Almarshan.

The people from before..... Ye Xiu looked at them. They were scattered around the desert, observing from far away. They didn't even dare to come close. What could they do?

If back-up arrived..... But at this point, it was already too late for the back-up to do anything.

The traps he had the Thieves set up ended up being unnecessary.

Ye Xiu carefully calculated and finally relaxed: this Aquamarine Knight wouldn't be able to escape.

The Aquamarine Knight struggled....

The Aquamarine Knight went berserk.....

The Aquamarine Knight fell.....

Everything happened extremely quickly. The spies could only give this description in their reports to their guild leaders.

What type of boss battle was this? They thought about it deeply.

It looked like everyone was just randomly attacking, but they could clearly see the orders Lord Grim gave. With a commander leading everyone, how could it be called randomly attacking? It must be some sort of profound art!

The spies screenshotted the orders Ye Xiu gave and treated them like great achievements in their careers. Afterwards, they quickly sent them to their respective guild leaders, detailing Lord Grim's incredible feat.

Around six hundred people killed a boss by attacking randomly.

Whenever the spies chatted with others, they loved to talk about this experience. In their circle, this opening remark continued to stay popular for a long period of time.

In the Western Desert, cheers erupted, becoming the only noise that could be heard in this area.

Guild Happy's name appeared on TV!

This made every single member of Happy feel extremely proud. Happy's fame had previously entirely been brought up by their guild leader, Lord Grim. They had joined Happy, hoping to have their fame echo throughout the entire server just like Lord Grim. This time, they finally got what they desired. Even though the system had only announced their guild's name, they could see their own names within the two words Guild Happy. At this moment, they didn't even pay attention to see what the boss dropped. This was supposed to be the reward for killing a boss, but right now, Happy had completely forgotten about it.

It was only until half a minute later did someone finally think about the drops. In the guild chat, their guild leader Lord Grim had already announced what had dropped.

"Orange equipment!!" Everyone grew excited.

For normal players, there was no need to hold any expectation of getting a Silver weapon. Those didn't even drop anyways. Orange equipment was their end goal. In Glory, Orange equipment had the lowest drop rate. Many players could only admire the pictures of one online, especially for those only dropped by wild bosses. Wild bosses were monopolized by the big guilds, so how would a normal player ever get the chance to possess one?

Everyone was still admiring this Orange weapon, when Lord Grim sent another message.

"This Orange equip is the result of everyone's hard work, so this piece of equipment belongs to the guild! In a bit, I'm going to put it into the guild storage. When you go into the guild storage, you'll

be able to see the rules for borrowing it."

"Oh????"

Happy's players didn't really understand it yet. They were somewhat at a loss at what Ye Xiu meant by guild storage. Only the few experienced players understood what he meant and immediately became excited.

If the equipment was put into the guild storage, it meant that once one reached a certain level of guild contribution, one could use it!

Orange weapon! Even for old players, the majority of them had never possessed one before. Even though they might not be able to personally own one, they would still get the chance to use one if it was in the guild storage. These old players wanted to know what the necessary guild contribution was in order to use this weapon. An Orange weapon should require quite a high amount of guild contribution. If they spent too much time accumulating points, their levels might become too high. Using a Level 50 Orange equipment at higher levels would still have lower stats than other equipment at the suitable level, but the word "Orange" was too enticing. Some players didn't even care about stats and cared more about the rarity of an equipment. For them, equipment was more for showing off to others than the stats.

In terms of stats, the Orange equipment that dropped from the Aquamarine Knight was quite good.

Desert Badge, Level 50. Apart from basic magic resistance, it had +22 Stamina, +5 Movement Speed, +5 Jump, +5% Magic Resistance.

This was a suitable accessory for any class.

Magic Resistance was the basic component for an accessory, but the additional stats: stamina, movement speed, jump, percent magic resistance increase. All four of these were useful for any class. This dictated the value of Desert Badge compared to other accessories.

Even Ye Xiu was happy to see this item. The guild storage needed this type of treasure. An Orange weapon might be more valuable than this Desert Badge, but a weapon could only be used by one or two classes. In other words, only 4-8% of Happy's players would want to use this piece of equipment.

But a piece of equipment that could be used by any class was different. Everyone wanted it. This was exactly what he was hoping for.

Ye Xiu concluded the boss hunting activity and sent Blue River a message: "Let me take a look at your Blue Brook Guild's storage!"

Blue River was looking at the exploding discussion group, when he suddenly received a message from Lord Grim. He couldn't help but feel a bit diffident.

"What did you get?" Blue River asked.

Ye Xiu sent a picture of the Desert Badge.

“Wow!” Blue River was astonished. He was also considering it from a guild storage point of view. This equipment was extremely valuable.

“Are you selling it?” Blue River asked.

“In your dreams.” Ye Xiu said.

Blue River suddenly remembered Ye Xiu had asked to see his guild’s storage. Ye Xiu was clearly planning on setting up Happy’s storage system the same way as Blue Brook Guild’s.

“Should I give it to him? Blue River hesitated.

“Hurry up! There’s no point hiding it. Who in Blue Brook Guild can’t see it? I’m just too lazy to copy it down. It’d be more convenient if you just sent me a doc instead.” Ye Xiu said.

“You don’t have any spies in Blue Brook Guild?” Blue River was astonished.

“If I had a spy, why would I need to ask you!” Ye Xiu questioned Blue River’s intelligence.

Blue River swallowed his anger. There really wasn’t any point

hiding it though, so he sent Ye Xiu a list of items in Blue Brook Guild's storage.

Ye Xiu quickly found the important parts and adjusted the values for Happy. Then, he copied and pasted it into Happy's storage system.

Ye Xiu quickly received a message from Blue River: "God, could I trouble you to replace the guild's name? Thanks."

"Guild's name?"

"You're using my guild's system setup. It has my guild's name on it. Don't you think you should change it to something like Guild Happy or something?" Blue River was about to grind his own teeth into dust. As soon as Lord Grim setup the system, he immediately announced it to the guild. Happy's players went over to look and saw Blue Brook Guild's name everywhere in the rules. This information was quickly reported by Blue Brook Guild's spies. Blue River really wanted to smash his head into the wall.

Chapter 528 - Beginning To Take Shape

“Oh, so that’s what you meant. My bad!” Ye Xiu felt ashamed too. He really hadn’t noticed that Blue Brook Guild’s storage system rules had Blue Brook Guild’s name written all over the place.

“Send me another copy.” Ye Xiu messaged Blue River.

“Why do you need another copy?” Blue River was puzzled.

“I already deleted the first one.” Ye Xiu replied.

Deleting it after using it! Another way of saying it was burning the bridge after crossing it. Blue River really didn’t want to give him another copy, but he couldn’t let him just shamelessly copy Blue Brook Guild’s system word for word could he? He didn’t care about the plagiarism, he just didn’t want anyone from Blue Brook Guild bothering him!

Helpless, Blue River found the storage system document again, but he started having second thoughts. Once Ye Xiu took the document, he would, at most, replace Blue Brook Guild’s name with Guild Happy’s. The spies would immediately recognize it and bother Blue Brook Guild about it. Blue River didn’t want this information to stay stuck to him! He grinded his teeth and quickly deleted a bunch of parts in the document. Then, amidst Ye Xiu’s constant bothering, he sent it over.

“Hm? This document seems a bit different?” Ye Xiu replied.

“I changed it a bit.” Blue River coldly replied.

“Not bad. It’s even better than the previous one. You’re quite the literary talent! Who wrote the last one? It was way too long-winded. So many words and so effeminate too. Not even web novelists can cheat the word count like that!” Ye Xiu said.

“I wrote that too…..” Blue River looked up at the sky.

“Oh…… you’ve really got some literary talent. Do you have any interest in my Guild Happy? Our guild just happens to be missing a cultured person such as yourself.” Ye Xiu said.

Blue River closed the chat window.

Meanwhile, Ye Xiu quickly swapped out the old system rules with the new ones and then tossed the Desert Badge into the guild storage. This Level 50 Orange equipment was placed in the guild storage’s Orange equipment Stage 6. Players needed six thousand guild contribution points in order to have access to Orange equipment Stage 6.

Because the Desert Badge belonged to the guild, this badge couldn’t be traded or discarded. However, it could still be dropped when the owner died. When a guild member lost the item in this way, there would usually be penalties, often in the form of guild contribution points. Some guilds even required a down payment for very valuable equipment. Every guild had their own way of managing their own storage.

After Ye Xiu placed the treasure into the storage, there were still two other pieces of equipment dropped by the Aquamarine Knight, both Level 55 Blue equipment. He threw those into the guild storage as well. Level 55 Blue equipment had similar base stats to Level 45 Orange equipment. However, an equipment's value largely depended on the additional stats. As a result, a piece of equipment might not be high leveled, but because of its amazing additional stats, it could be kept, even at high levels.

These two Level 55 Blue equipment were fairly ordinary. It was easy to find equipment of this value from dungeons, so he put them into the storage's Blue equipment Stage 5, which only required 700 guild contribution points. The difference between Blue and Orange equipment could clearly be seen here. In reality, Orange equipment wasn't ten times stronger than Blue equipment, but it was certainly much rarer. Bosses in dungeons always dropped Blue equipment, so Blue equipment would naturally be more common.

After putting away the equipment, he explained how guild contribution worked to the guild members. He also gave Chen Guo's alternate account authority equivalent to the guild leader. The only power Chen Guo didn't have was removing the guild leader.....

"It's not convenient for me to keep returning to the tenth server, so I'm giving you authority over the guild." Ye Xiu said to Chen Guo.

"Don't give me the title of guild leader. Your name has to stay

there for everyone to see." Chen Guo advised.

"I know that." Ye Xiu nodded his head.

"We only have this one piece of Orange equip in the guild storage. It's far from being enough." Chen Guo had been in a big guild before and knew the importance of the guild's storage. In truth, not all of the players in Club guilds were loyal fans. Quite a few knew that the guild's storage for these Clubs were wealthy, so they pretended to be fans in order to get in. In any case, it wasn't easy to distinguish between an actual fan and an actor. Everyone liked playing Glory. There were only so many pro teams. Whether or not they were fans, they all knew about the same as other players.

"I have a few materials here. You can go ahead and sell the ones that aren't so rare and buy some high leveled equipment to help fill up our guild storage. Remember to buy high leveled ones. The higher the better. Ignore the low-leveled ones. When the guild members start contributing, they'll put in low-leveled ones." Ye Xiu said.

"You don't need the materials?"

"I'm already in the Heavenly Domain. These materials still aren't that cheap in the current tenth server, so if you can sell them, it's best to sell them here. Later, if I need them, I can buy them again. It'll be cheaper later." Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo immediately understood Ye Xiu's reasoning. Without

any delay, she followed Ye Xiu's Lord Grim and moved almost all of his tenth server personal storage to the guild's.

"You can sell some stuff from here too." Ye Xiu said.

"Okay!" Chen Guo nodded her head. Guild storages didn't only have equipment. They had materials, potions, anything. By providing all of these resources to the guild members, the guild could show the benefits of being in a guild.

"However, our high-leveled equipment can't only come from buying. We have to create an elite team and have them fill up the guild storage's upper levels." Ye Xiu said.

"I can do this stuff. We have a few veterans in the guild. I'll pick out a few and see if we can create a few elite teams." Chen Guo said.

Ye Xiu nodded his head. He looked around. For now, there wasn't anything else to do, so he closed the guild interface.

The Aquamarine Knight had dropped several material including the Aquamarine. Of course, Ye Xiu kept the Aquamarine for himself. After all, it was the reason he had come back to the tenth server. This type of special material was almost always dropped. Wild bosses only spawned once a week If the drop rate was too low, no one would be interested in the boss. As a result, wild bosses often dropped Orange equipment and rare materials. If none of them dropped, then something else dropped: luck.

After pocketing the Aquamarine, Ye Xiu didn't hurry back to the Heavenly Domain to upgrade his equipment. There were still a few things that he needed to do in the normal server before he returned.

Even though he didn't gain any experience here, there were still a few required quests that he had to complete. These quests rewarded bonus skill points or extra stats.

Ye Xiu had piled up quite a few Level 50-54 quests. He was already here, so he might as well clear them out. He searched up a guide and went to complete the quests.

These quests weren't difficult for Ye Xiu, but Chen Guo seemed excited, as if she were having even more fun than watching Ye Xiu battle in PvP.

Glory had such a large world. With a guide, Ye Xiu didn't even need to even move his hand sometimes, making it quite boring.

Finishing up all of the required quests took up most of his day. Ye Xiu was doing these quests for the end rewards, but Lord Grim wouldn't get any experience from any of the previous segments of the quests, making it was all very tedious.

Just when he finished all of these tedious quests, Steamed Bun Invasion kindly invited him to dungeon together. Ye Xiu felt like it had been a long time since he had last played with this little bro, so they partied up and dungeoned together for some equipment.

The majority of day in the tenth server had gone to contributing to the guild. The guild's storage had filled up quite a lot now. None of them wanted any of the equipment dropped from the dungeons, so the equipment all went to the guild instead. Even though they were only Blue equipments, Blue equipments still had their advantages! They required fewer guild contribution points and usually made for quite decent equipment too.

As for Chen Guo, after leaving some of the materials in the guild storage, she went to the market to sell the rest. She wasn't in a hurry and sold them off in small amounts. She didn't bother with the guilds or studios who bought materials in bulk at a low price.

The big guilds saw Chen Guo's Chasing Haze selling materials and grinded their teeth in frustration.

Who was Chasing Haze? All of them knew. Guild Happy had spies, after all. She wasn't high-leveled, but she had a lot of authority in the guild.

Where did she suddenly get all of those materials? The guilds immediately knew! Lord Grim had earned it from them!

He had earned it from them and now they had to buy them back! Just thinking about it made them flush with anger. However, materials were important to the Clubs. If there were materials available to buy, then they had to get them, but when they went over to buy it from her, the price was high! No matter how high their priorities were, the guilds couldn't help but hesitate. If they bought their own materials back at such a high price, their faces would explode from anger. They just couldn't accept it.

Helpless, they could only watch as these materials were sold off at a high price.

Chen Guo wasn't in a hurry at all. She sold, while looking around the marketplace and bought equipment either with materials or with money she earned from selling the materials.

Thus, the two sides busily worked for the entire day. When they checked up on the storage at night, they saw that the storage had changed greatly. The storage didn't only have the items they had put in initially. The guild members began understanding the benefits of the guild storage and made their own contributions to it.

Potions, food……

The guild storage was immediately filled with many subclass-created items. These items could be traded in for contribution points and taken out with contribution points. Once the items in the guild storage began circulating, it would gradually move onto the right track. Later on, no one would need to manage it anymore. It would operate smoothly on its own. The guild just had to make sure there were high-end goods inside. These items were difficult for normal players to get on their own. Only by putting in these types of goods into the guild storage would players make contributions. While earning guild contribution points, the player would be adding to the storage, which would circulate around.

A guild could only grow prosperous with a strong guild storage as

a foundation.

Chapter 529 - Spies' Contributions

"Comrades, work hard. I'll be waiting for you in the Heavenly Domain!" When he finished his one day visit to the tenth server, Ye Xiu encouraged the players of his guild.

The players laughed in response. None of them really took it too seriously. Only Steamed Bun Invasion, being such a strange person, answered sincerely, "Boss, rest easy! I've got the tenth server covered!"

"Good luck everyone...."

Ye Xiu logged out. His return to the tenth server for just one short day turned Guild Happy upside down.

The establishment of the guild storage is a symbol. Without a mature guild storage, then the guild would still be a regular guild just for fun. However, with a storage, the guild would become more attractive to the players and become more cohesive.

The change in Guild Happy was quickly reported back to the guild leaders by the spies. Still, nothing was as important as Lord Grim going back to Heavenly Domain. Upon hearing the news, the guild masters felt that their holiday was finally there....

Guild Happy's storage was too easy to deal with.. The guild masters were all snickering in the dark. Lord Grim, no matter how godly you are, you're too careless this time!

Next day, when Lord Grim logged back in, Ye Xiu was already back in Heavenly Domain. On the other hand, Chen Guo knew that building the storage was an important step for Guild Happy. There was some management required at the beginning, especially since she hadn't sold out the materials that Ye Xiu had given her. She sold them in small amounts instead of in bundles, so selling all of them out was going to take a few days.

Right after she logged in and opened up the management window of the storage, she received a system message. She jumped in surprise when she glanced at the message and called Ye Xiu.

"It's too fast! Some people already have 6000 contribution points! They're going to get the Desert Badge soon. What should I do?" Che Guo asked Ye Xiu.

Ye Xiu tilted his head, glanced at Chen Guo, and smiled, "As expected."

"To be able to get 6000 contribution point overnight, they must have donated a lot of things. " Chen Guo concluded while running to the guild management place in the city center to check on the guild storage. Unsurprisingly, the storage became much more filled. As for the donation records, expectedly, the players with 6000 contribution points each had a long list.

"Haha. All of these are spies." Ye Xiu explained.

"Hm?"

“To have 6000 contribution points in one night, they must have one of the big guild’s support. They’re trying to cheat away our treasure.” Ye Xiu continued.

“Oh!” Chen Guo immediately understood why Ye Xiu set the Desert Badge as a non-auto distributed award. She also realized that Ye Xiu had expected many to gain 6000 contribution points so quickly.

“Rotten b*stards! Let’s kick them all out!” Chen Guo was outraged yet excited. Their scheme had been seen through. If they get kicked out now, then it would mean that they donated items and helped Guild Happy to grow for nothing. Just thinking about theses people’s reactions after they got kicked out filled Chen Guo with happiness.

“Don’t. There are definitely spies, but there might be a few special cases. Kicking them all out might end up punishing the wrong people.” Ye Xiu replied.

“Then what do we do? We can’t drag it out forever! The system has a time limit!” If no player with the authority distributed the reward within the time frame, then the system would automatically distribute it.

“Who currently has the highest level in the guild?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Tang Rou’s Soft Mist.” Chen Guo answered.

“Give her some materials so that she can rack up 6000 contribution points. Let her take the Desert Badge. Then send out an announcement. Say that there were a lot people who sent in requests, so the guild gave the matter some consideration and awarded it to the player with the highest level, Soft Mist. This way, there shouldn’t be any objections.” Ye Xiu laid out the plan.

“Shameless.” Chen Guo exclaimed, then followed with a question, “What if someone says he or she was there first?”

“Nonsense. If order mattered in the first place, why would we set the distribution system as mandatory? If someone asked you with this nonsense, then educate him properly.” Ye Xiu replied.

Chen Guo was speechless after that. She found Tang Rou and explained the plan. Tang Rou had no objections against it whatsoever, making Chen Guo feel that the girl had truly found the wrong teacher. She didn’t learn anything honorable!

Chen Guo asked Tang Rou how many points she still needed, and answer shocked her.

“You only need this tiny amount?” Chen Guo asked again.

Tang Rou suddenly understood, “No wonder he asked me to donate all of the items from yesterday’s dungeon.”

“So you had this all planned out.” Chen Guo turned her gaze onto

Ye Xiu.

“It’s only to be expected. If it was a well-developed big guild, then this kind of trick is totally useless. There are a lot of things in the storage, so it wouldn’t hurt the guild too much. However, we just started. If they took the Desert Badge like this, then it would really be a loss of us, so I took some precautions. “ Ye Xiu elaborated.

While he was talking, Chen Guo met up with Tang Rou in the game. After she got the materials, Tang Rou soon also had 6000 contribution points. She then proceeded to take the Desert Badge.

Whether the award was distributed by the system or a player wasn’t shown unless someone with authority willed it. To Tang Rou, who had 6000 contribution points, the emblem was already unlocked. It was only when she tried to take it did the system notify her that a request had been submitted and there would be a reply within 48 hours no matter what.

Chen Guo received the message and acted right away. The Desert Badge was given to Tang Rou without any delay. Chen Guo also sent out an announcement in the guild. Just like Ye Xiu said, it reasoned that due to the numerous requests, the badge was given to the player of the highest level.

“You should also urge everyone to learn from these people. Don’t forget to encourage people to level up. There are benefits to having a high level. Soft Mist is a perfect example.” Ye Xiu instructed Chen Guo to add more content to the announcement.

When the announcement was posted, a lot of people among the request list found themselves choking. After waiting restlessly for an entire night, they couldn't have dreamed of this result.

These people were,naturally the spies from other guilds. If they were the regular players, level priority would have been a perfectly sensible reason. In addition, the contribution points they gained were still useful, so they didn't lose anything in donating items. It was only the spies who were dying in bitterness because they had helped Guild Happy grow for utterly nothing in return.

When the news travelled back to the guild masters, all that changed was an increased number of bitter people. Was Lord Grim careless? Apparently not. It was them who were careless.

A mandatory distribution and a level priority were all it took to cheat more items out of them.

"How about we let our guys hurry up on leveling so we can surpass that Soft Mist. Then we can get that Desert Badge easily." Someone was still trying, unwilling to give up.

"What kind of idiot are you?! This situation is proof that they were prepared for these types of tricks! Trying more schemes is simply a waste of time !" The man who proposed the idea got scolded right away.

"Why don't I take equipment out? Then you guys can kill steal it." A spy suggested.

“Wouldn’t that expose your identity?”

“Boss, based on the current situation, do I look like I’m not exposed?” The spy lamented.

A long silence settled upon the participating guild leaders and spies. They realized that, no matter what they do, they wouldn't be able to do any harm to Guild Happy.

As for Guild Happy, besides the bitter group, other people had no disagreement against giving the Desert Badge to the highest-leveled Soft Mist. Instead, they were very curious about the people who got 6000 contribution points at this extraordinary speed and went to visit these people.

The poor spies were still worrying with their own guilds like idiots when the crowd from Guld Happy came, praising them like heroes. There were no words that could describe their conflicted hearts in that moment.

Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim had long returned to Heavenly Domain. He didn’t pay any more attention to the matter after instructing Chen Guo on how to fix the mess.

He put Aquamarine and the other materials that Mo Qian helped to gather all into the Equipment Editor. Ye Xiu was ready to upgrade the level 50 of Thousand Chance Umbrella.

For this upgrade, even the window of the Editor was different

from before. The parts are no longer just the simple parts like the sword, spear, rifle, and the umbrella. The tedious blueprint separated Thousand Chance Umbrella into tiny individual components to be reassembled later.

These parts all had templates from the earlier trials. Ye Xiu checked every materials carefully, replicating them one by one. However, when the only material left was the Aquamarine, Ye Xiu had ran out of templates. There wasn't one for the component that the aquamarine was supposed to be molded into.

Ye Xiu sighed softly. In fact, Thousand Chance Umbrella wasn't a completely successful weapon in the first place. Otherwise, instead of a level 5 prototype, what should have being left from the research years ago would be a level 50 Thousand Chance Umbrella.

The reason behind that year's failure was the problem with the last material. Trials after trials failed on the last component. Still, every failure means one step closer to success. This is because they had already determined all of the possible materials. With every failure, they could eliminate a possibility. Aquamarine was the only material left that they hadn't tried. Regretfully, before they could carry out the final trial, Glory killed the brilliance behind the Thousand Chance Umbrella's existence.

Now, so many years after that, Ye Xiu was finally here to complete this unfinished step from that time. Unable to calm himself, he went through three cigarette before he returned to the room. After taking a deep breathe, Ye Xiu settled himself in front of the computer.

Without a template, he needed to forge the component himself. The performance required wasn't as complicated as combat in the game, but it had no tolerance for the slightest mistake. Even the smallest error would destroy the material completely. Otherwise, why would people call the Equipment Editor an bottomless void for money?

So it begins!

Ye Xiu noted in his heart, clicked open the polishing window for materials and put the Aquamarine into the slot.

Chapter 530 - Level 50 Thousand Chance Umbrella

Chen Guo saw what Ye Xiu was going to do.

Equipment Editor! All Glory players had access to it, but very few knew how to actually use it. Chen Guo had obviously tried it before, but she just didn't get it. In the end, her attempts only resulted in wasted materials and equipment.

The Equipment Editor really wasn't complicated. It's just a tool like a pen. Everyone knows how to use a pen. However, some people could use it to write novels and some could use it to draw pictures. The key is what one could do with the tool.

Chen Guo had stopped at the using-the-pen stage. As for creating literature or drawings, she was just going in blind.

In the beginning, Ye Xiu simply used a template and placed the materials accordingly. As long as he had the correct materials, everything else was simple. But now, after using the polisher, Chen Guo's eyes lit up. This time, Ye Xiu would truly be using the Equipment Editor to polish a material.

Even though Chen Guo couldn't use the Equipment Editor, she at least knew that he couldn't be careless here, so she didn't say anything and only gave furtive glances to see the situation.

Ye Xiu put in the Aquamarine into the polisher and immediately

began working.

Cut, drill, string, smooth……

Chen Guo had played around with these functions before, but she had just been doing it randomly to a piece of material. On the other hand, Ye Xiu clearly had a plan and goal.

He gradually shaped the Aquamarine. It couldn’t be shaped using a simple circle or rectangle function. It would be shaped according to the operator’s desires until it became a completed component.

It had a core for structural stability and places to link together with other components.

Movable area, immovable areas, areas with limited movements.

The structure of the Aquamarine became more and more complex and delicate. All of this was done by Ye Xiu through the polisher.

Simple techniques produced miraculous results. So miraculous that Chen Guo even had a hard time believing it.

Half an hour.

The polishing for the Aquamarine took a full half an hour. When Ye Xiu suddenly stopped, Chen Guo snapped out of her daze. She

had been watching out of the corner of her eye for the full half an hour. When she came out of her daze, her eyes felt a bit sore. Watching out of the corner of one's eyes for a long time is very tiring.

When she saw Ye Xiu stop operating the polisher, she waited a moment before asking: "Is it done?"

Ye Xiu nodded his head: "It's done."

Then, he took out the polished Aquamarine and put it with the other materials.

He opened up the interface for adding the materials into the weapon. The Thousand Chance Umbrella's many parts as well as the dazzling line-up of materials lay there. Ye Xiu didn't hurry up and begin. He took a rest, while opening up a document from his email. Chen Guo looked and saw it was the blueprints for the Thousand Chance Umbrella. She immediately turned her head back to her screen.

This sort of thing was very secretive in the Glory scene. It was like a secret martial arts book. It wasn't right to look at it without the owner's permission.

"It doesn't matter. If you want to look, you can look." Ye Xiu smiled.

"Can I really?"

“When I was polishing the materials, you didn’t avoid looking at them either. What’s so different about this?” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo stared blankly and immediately felt very embarrassed.

“I forgot. I’m sorry…….” Chen Guo sincerely apologized. If she couldn’t look at the blueprint, then it meant she couldn’t look at the upgrade process either. Chen Guo had forgotten about this, but it was also because she didn’t have any intentions of stealing his knowledge or anything like that.

“I said it doesn’t matter!” Ye Xiu said.

“You’re going to assemble the Thousand Chance Umbrella?” Chen Guo felt too ashamed to sneakily watch, so she changed the subject.

“Yeah, I’m going to take a look at the blueprint again.” Ye Xiu said.

“Good luck.” Chen Guo said. She had already turned her head back. This time, she wouldn’t glance at him working at all.

Ye Xiu smiled and didn’t say anything. He didn’t care if she looked and he obviously didn’t care if she didn’t look. He carefully studied the Thousand Chance Umbrella’s Level 50 blueprint again.

With the Thousand Chance Umbrella's complexity, learning the flowchart for it was impossible. Ye Xiu branded the theory and its applications to the umbrella into his mind. Remembering the fundamentals would save time and lead to better results.

After reviewing the flowchart, Ye Xiu didn't take out a cigarette to relax and quickly began assembling the Level 50 umbrella.

The room became extremely quiet. There would be usually be some noise from Chen Guo and Tang Rou playing the game, but at this moment, no sound could be heard from them.

They weren't trying not to make any noise. They deliberately gave Ye Xiu an environment where he could fully focus.

Ka ka, ka ka.....

In the room, only Ye Xiu's mouse could be heard. One step at a time without any margin for error.

After a short moment, it was time to put the Aquamarine into it. Unsuitable materials could be polished into the correct shape, but when placed into the desired equipment, the equipment would fail. If one were unlucky, the equipment would be damaged in the process. If one were lucky, the equipment could still maintain its form. However, the equipment would soon break after a few uses.

With the Thousand Chance Umbrella's complex parts, if a single component failed, everything would fail. The creator had analyzed

the structure of each part separately. The results of the analysis appeared in the previous forms of the Thousand Chance Umbrella. This saved a lot of effort in manufacturing it. However, this couldn't be done for the completed form.

"Ka!"

Ye Xiu didn't hesitate when putting in the Aquamarine and accurately planted it into the weapon. A light comfortable sound rang in his ears. It was a signal for a successful placement.

Ye Xiu didn't stop to take a pause. The Aquamarine was only one part and not the end. He continued according to the flowchart.

He spent another half an hour on assembling it all together.

After hearing Ye Xiu let out a sigh of relief, Chen Guo stopped herself from turning her head to look until she heard Ye Xiu personally say "It's done."

"Was it a success?" Chen Guo turned her head over. Even Tang Rou stole a glance.

"I'll have to try it out to see!" Ye Xiu said. He exited the Equipment Editor and returned to the game.

Chen Guo anxiously looked. At the same time, she was somewhat curious about the wonders of this Level 50 Thousand Chance Umbrella. Who knew that when Ye Xiu went back to the game and

picked up his Thousand Chance Umbrella, he didn't look for any monsters. He just swiped at the air a few times and the nodded his head: "It's a success."

"That's..... done?"

"It's done!" Ye Xiu exclaimed.

"Just a few swipes? You're certain there's no problem?" Chen Guo doubted.

"It sounds like you were hoping there were problems?" Ye Xiu asked.

"No..... it's just isn't your inspection too careless?" Chen Guo questioned.

"Ah that's what you mean. What did you think I would do?" Ye Xiu swiped at the air some more, "See, there aren't any loose parts. It's a big success!"

No loose parts....

Chen Guo was considering whether she should go into her Heavenly Domain account and run over to admire the Thousand Chance Umbrella's might. But if the end result was just "no loose parts", where was there to admire?

“Let me see the stats.” Chen Guo said.

Ye Xiu opened up his weapon’s profile. Chen Guo looked and saw a lot of words.

If she recalled correctly, in the beginning, the Thousand Chance Umbrella didn’t have anything except for the basic stats. Even though the stats surpassed an Orange weapon at the same level, without any additional stats, this weapon wouldn’t be very good. It would be at the same level as the lowest ranked White equipment, which had no additional stats.

But this Thousand Chance Umbrella had quite a few additional stats.

The Thousand Chance Umbrella was currently in its umbrella form. It had 535 Physical Attack and 535 Magic Attack. It also added 10 to Stamina, Strength, Intelligence, and Spirit.

The same magic and physical attack and +10 to all four main stats.

With just this, Chen Guo could tell that this Thousand Chance Umbrella could be considered as a pro level weapon.

This was a feature of the scepter, which Knights often used.

Apart from the +10 to the four main stats, Chen Guo continued to look down and thought of another issue: “Do all of the Thousand

Chance Umbrella forms have different stats?”

“Yeah!” Ye Xiu said and had the Thousand Chance Umbrella switch to the spear form. It added +41 to Strength.

“Then what are your overall stats?” Chen Guo cried out in alarm.

Ye Xiu was a bit startled, but quickly figured out why Chen Guo was so alarmed. He opened up his character profile.

“It seems pretty normal…….” Chen Guo hesitated. After all, when facing a God, she was afraid she misinterpreted something because her skill level wasn’t good enough.

Right when she finished, Lord Grim’s stats suddenly changed. His Strength decreased and his Intelligence increased.

“This…..” Chen Guo looked. Lord Grim’s Thousand Chance Umbrella had changed forms. She immediately understood: “It’s not that every weapon gives you permanent stats?”

‘Of course not.” Ye Xiu said, “The stats depends on the form of the weapon being used.”

“You can’t have all of the forms’ additional stats add together?” Chen Guo felt like if that could happen, then it would be incredible. Wasn’t it a single weapon? All the stats were there, so perhaps there was a way to sum them all up?

‘If that was possible, then why would I need any additional stats? My base attack would be ridiculous.” Ye Xiu said.

“Oh.....” Chen Guo didn’t say anything. Sure enough, her imagination had gone too far.

Chapter 531 - What Are We Here For?

Chen Guo dreamed about the unrealistic possibility, then looked at Thousand Chance Umbrella's stats, finding it to be rather ordinary. No matter what, Thousand Chance Umbrella was only a level 50 weapon. It could not shock a player who had seen a level 70 weapon too greatly. Still, the brilliance of it was not in its stats, but in its unpredictable nature. Chen Guo knew this well.

“Okay. Let’s hurry up on leveling now!” Ye Xiu said.

Lord Grim was currently level 54. Once he reaches 55, the dungeons would be open to him. There are countless level 55 dungeons in Heavenly Domain. On top of that, these dungeons have more experience points than the dungeons from the regular servers. Once he reaches level 55 and starting to use the dungeons, his level was bound to skyrocket.

“Okay. Hurry up!” Chen Guo said and turned to manage things in Guild Happy in the tenth server.

Ye Xiu resupplied Lord Grim a little in the main city. Just as he was leaving for the wilderness, a stream of messages came rushing down. The alert kept blinking endlessly as the sender continued sending messages. It was none other than Wei Chen, whose Windward Formation just joined Ye Xiu’s friend list two days ago.

“Where are you?”

“What do you want?”

“Come here!”

“Hurry up!”

“Talk to me!”

Wei Chen burned his cosmo and a storm of messages came crashing down. Ye Xiu read the text one by one and asked, “What do you want?”

“Poison Fang Swamp, location 27586, 45866. Hurry up!” Wei Chen answered immediately.

“Level 65 leveling area? Why should I go there? I can’t get any experience points.” Ye Xiu spoke.

“Stop being stupid! Hurry up!” Wei Chen yelled out.

Ye Xiu was helpless. Lord Grim teleported to a main city near Poison Fang Swamp. Right as he set foot outside of the the teleportation circle, a group of players from Herb Garden came running past. Lord Grim hid to the side hurriedly. In the Heavenly Domain, the main cities weren’t safe areas. It depended on whether the character had any fame in that city. Lord Grim came to Heavenly Domain when he was only level 50, so he couldn’t take any quests. Even killing monsters for him meant overcoming a big level gap. He had no fame to speak of in the main city of level 55 area, let alone the city of level 56 area. A character gains fame

through quests. Without a sufficient level, where could Lord Grim possibly find quests?

Therefore, to Lord Grim, the current Heavenly Domain didn't have a safe area. Thus, a sudden encounter with people of any guild was not to be taken lightly for Ye Xiu.

Apparently, this group of Herb Garden was too busy rushing to pay attention to their surroundings. They sped off out of the city the moment they were out of the teleportation circle. Ye Xiu knew that the teleportation circle was too dangerous for him, so he let his character stay far away from it. Lord Grim quickly took another route, even though he and the people from Herb Garden were essentially going to the same place. Seeing how rushed the club's people were, Ye Xiu was more confident about Wei Chen's purpose for calling him over. Undoubtedly, the field boss in Poison Fang Swamp refreshed. At the same time, Wei Chen's Death's Hand was currently level 60. To advance, he needed level 65 materials. It looked like one of them came from Poison Fang Swamp.

Unlike the normal servers, Ye Xiu had a clearer memory of the Heavenly Domain. Even after he became a professional player, Ye Xiu still visited Heavenly Domain for fun from time to time. On top of that, when he became a professional player, the max level wasn't level 70 yet. During his career so far, Glory changed the level cap a couple of times, so the professional players had to level up their characters in the Heavenly Domain.

Poison Fang Swamp's field boss, Swamp Hunter Leipu, is a mix between assassin and thief who lurked unpredictably around

Poison Fang Swamp.

Of course, “unpredictable” was an adjective given to the character by the system setting. To the players, every field boss was unpredictable because their spawn was too random. However, the bosses were always found not long after spawning. Even as Wei Chen was texting Ye Xiu, Herb Garden's people were heading towards the scene.

Herb Garden wasn’t the only one. Just as Lord Grim was rushing over, the guilds that had arrived already numbered four. Herb Garden, Misty Castle, Tyrannical Ambition, and Samsara all belonged to Clubs.

This was truly a close one. Ye Xiu have no idea what kind of schemes Wei Chen used this time to gain an advantage on the big guilds. How rare! Looks like Wei Chen really spent a lot of effort on Swamp Hunter Leipu.

Ye Xiu thought to himself, not daring to lower his guard just yet. He ran towards the location Wei Chen had provided with incredible speed. He expected the place to be a storm of blades and spells, locked in a fierce battle with the boss as Wei Chen tries to kill the boss before the guilds arrive. Ye Xiu did not expect to find the ominous silence when he arrived at 27586, 45866.

Just as he was planning to ask Wei Chen through a message, the mud splashed in a puddle near him. A dirty poisonous fly jumped up, lunging toward Lord Grim with its sting.

What extraordinary reflexes Ye Xiu had! Without even closing the chat window, he tapped out the command. With a silvery flash, Thousand Chance Umbrella folded into a sword. With a Sword Draw, the fly was smacked down in midair.

Without any hesitation, the fly flapped its wings, flying towards Ye Xiu right after it landed. These kinds of monsters in Poison Fang Swamp held the top place on the list of “least favorite monsters in Glory”. Its small size and quick movements as well as its tendency to hide in the swamp, made it hard to kill for any class. Because of this, Poison Fang Swamp was one of the most extremely disliked leveling areas.

Still, in front of a god like Ye Xiu, what could a lowly monster do? Although the fly got back into the air pretty quickly, Lord Grim’s sword was faster. Ye Xiu didn’t even bother using Thousand Chance Umbrella’s stats enhancement. With his bare hands, he smacked the fly into a corpse.

“Excellent skills.” A voice rang out nearby. The owner of the voice was none other than Wei Chen himself. Based on his muddy equipments, Wei Chen lookd like he just appeared out of a mud puddle.

“Where’s the boss?” Ye Xiu asked.

“There, be careful.” Wei Chen warned.

“How can I be careful?” Ye Xiu retorted. They were already deep inside Poison Fang Swamp. Mud puddles of all sizes were

everywhere. Even if one knew which puddle hid poisonous flies, avoiding encounters were still impossible.

“Tch, and you call yourself a god? Useless!” Wei Chen’s Windward Formation led the way. He fished something out of his pocket, lit it, and threw it onto the ground. A thin blue smoke rippled out into the surroundings. Everywhere it went, poisonous flies jumped out of the mud like frightened birds and flew away.

Ye Xiu wanted to use an insect repelling smoke, but that was a level 70 item. This is where Wei Chen had lost his standards: using such an avoidable thing to label Ye Xiu as useless.

They didn’t walk far from the location provided by Wei Chen. When Ye Xiu saw that Wei Chen had actually bothered to come personally, an ominous feeling rose in Ye Xiu’s heart.

“How could you walk away from the boss? You’re not going to tell me you don’t have any plans in mind?” Ye Xiu questioned.

“As expected of a god! Looks like you are crafty enough to foresee my clever scheme.” Wei Chen praised.

“What’s the situation now?” Ye Xiu asked.

“There are five guilds already. No one dares to move yet. They’re all still scheming.” Wei Chen said.

“What’s your plan?” Ye Xiu continued.

“My plan was waiting for you to come over. That was all. Now you’re here, we can start to plan the next step. Come on, don’t be shy.” Wei Chen’s Windward Formation stepped around a few trees, finally stopped, and called Ye Xiu over. Lord Grim walked over and saw a group of people with familiar IDs. They appeared to be the group that fought with him just days before.

Ye Xiu greeted the group causally and the group returned the greetings. There were no noteworthy feelings involved. Everyone was facing forward.

What was happening in the front then? Ye Xiu turned Lord Grim’s camera and found himself immediately outraged. There were the players from all the big guilds in the front. Swamp Hunter Leipu wasn’t even in sight. What was in sight was the wall of people built by the guilds that surrounded Swamp Hunter Leipu. They were so far out that it would be completely logically to call themselves spectators.

Yet here Ye Xiu thought Wei Chen had grasped some advantages. Based on the current situation, they would call themselves lucky if the guilds didn’t start attacking them as kill stealers.

“Are you here to kill the boss, or are you here just as a killstealer?” Ye Xiu was starting to doubt Wei Chen’s motivation. He felt he had need to clarify this question.

“Killsteal? Shameless! As a god, do you still have any standard? How could you possible think of kill stealing? Of course we’re here

for the boss. Unless we truly can't kill the boss, then maybe we'll resort to kill stealing." Wei Chen retorted.

"With this situation? Please, teach me how to kill the boss." Ye Xiu ridiculed.

"No. You should teach me. Let your despicableness help me!" Wei Chen answered sincerely.

"How about all of you go out and run around naked? That should get everyone's' attention. Then I sneak in and kill the boss with one strike. What do you think about it?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Running around with no equipment is no problem. The problem is how are you going to insta-kill the boss?" Wei Chen replied with a question.

"I have my ways. You can lead your people to run around naked now." Ye Xiu answered.

"Hmm. Wait a moment. Let's check on the other's status first." Wei Chen agreed.

"You've been here for awhile now. Are you done yet?" Ye Xiu was starting to feel a little exasperated.

"The situation is constantly changing. Look, look! There's a new guild now." Wei Chen continued.

“I saw four on my way here.” Ye Xiu added.

“Are they same as the ones before us?” Wei Chen asked.

“Two of them aren’t.” Ye Xiu replied.

“So, eight guilds are already here. Awesome. I say why don’t we go back first?” Wei Chen suggested.

“You should have done that a long while ago.”

In the end, despite what they said, their characters didn’t move backwards half an inch. As a matter of fact, they even stepped forward a little to see the situation more clearly.

“F*ck! Can’t you lower yourself a little? Don’t expose your ID. Your name is like sh*t these days. It attracts flies!” Wei Chen cursed.

“Hello, fly.” Ye Xiu said to Wei Chen.

Chapter 532 - A Peaceful Way

In Poison Fang Swamp, players from Herb Garden, Misty Castle, Tyrannical Ambition, Samsara, Excellent Dynasty, Blue Brook Guild, Blossom Valley, and Void Walk wandered around on the lookout.

The guilds discovered the boss at different times. The first guild to see the boss weren't stupid, but they couldn't kill the boss in time. After the other guilds noticed the boss, the first guild immediately gave up on attacking the boss and the situation resulted in a deadlock.

None of the eight guilds dared to act rashly. They were naturally waiting for their guild leaders to make a decision. A Level 65 wild boss wasn't a small matter. The guild leaders personally set out to handle it.

When the eight guild leaders gathered together, they felt somewhat awkward. Even though they were still competitors, everyone had gotten closer due to recent events. The guild leaders had even assembled the day before to curse at Lord Grim's activities in the tenth server. Now, they had assembled again, but this time, instead of fighting shoulder to shoulder, they would be at each other's throats.

Although the guild leaders knew this would happen, it still felt a bit uncomfortable. In the end, allying together to deal with Lord Grim was a different matter. A friend in need is a friend indeed. They had suffered whenever they countered Lord Grim. This shared suffering cultivated a feeling similar to working together to

take advantage of another.

“That b*stard Lord Grim isn’t going to come over and make a mess is he?”

Someone saw a familiar crowd gather around and couldn’t help but turn the subject to Lord Grim.

When he said this, the others gave expressions of approval.

“I just looked. Lord Grim is online. We have to defend against him!”

“That guy just returned from snatching the Aquamarine Knight in the tenth server. It seems like today, it’s very likely he’s fixed his attention on our Swamp Hunter Leipu.

“In the tenth server, he has a guild! Over here.....”

“Loulan Slash!” Someone suggested.

“Even if he doesn’t try and steal the boss, he might go scrap picking with his comrade Deception!” Another person guessed.

“We must take precautions!” After discussing it, everyone nodded their heads. They had reached a consensus in regards to Lord Grim. However, their friendly and peaceful discussion had come to an end. Once they reached an agreement with the Lord

Grim issue, everyone was in an awkward situation again.

"Should we scout around the perimeters to see if Lord Grim is here?" Someone proposed.

This proposal was unanimously agreed upon and the mood became harmonious again. At this moment, Blue Brook Guild's leader Changing Spring couldn't hold it back anymore and stood out: "Everyone, is there any point in lying to ourselves?"

The discussion immediately fell silent. Indeed, they were talking and talking, avoiding the issue of stealing the boss and using Lord Grim to keep the peace. It was certainly somewhat deceitful. Even if they allied together to face Lord Grim, they had to face the boss eventually. Not just today either. Fighting bosses was one way for the guilds to compete against each other.

Now that Changing Spring had directly burst the bubble, the other guild leaders felt somewhat embarrassed. Tyrannical Ambition's Jiang You stood out: "Everyone, Changing Spring is correct. We can't deceive ourselves, but I think everyone understands our current feelings. With such a strong opponent, disputes between each other will give our opponent an opportunity. I have a proposal. For this boss, how about we find a peaceful way of resolving the situation?"

"A peaceful way". After these words came out, many of them objected. Because in the history of fighting for bosses, "a peaceful way" was a phrase used too many times. Whenever it was proposed, people would use it as a coverup for darker schemes. Nowadays, everyone had developed a resistance to these words. To

everyone, the words “a peaceful way” was the same as “I’m about to take a go at it.”

An experience guild leader like Jiang You understood this. He immediately followed up: “A peaceful way sounds like a joke no? Ha ha, but I believe everyone understands logic. Today, the reason we’re able to take this step is because of a pre-requisite. Lord Grim, Heavenly Justice. I doubt anyone wants to see these two grow. Right now, if we go into another large battle over a boss, we’ll only be giving them more and more opportunities. In particular, we don’t know if they already have the strength to infiltrate into our ranks. When we compete, we don’t know if their people will turn around and stab us in the backs.”

“Then tell us, what peaceful way do we have?” Blossom Valley’s guild leader Blooming Blossom asked.

Jiang You smiled: “Fight. We’ll still have to fight, but we won’t have to fight such a large battle. We’ll go to the Arena, fight a few rounds, and determine who the boss belongs to. How about it?”

“Not a bad idea. I agree.” Changing Spring said.

“It’s not like we haven’t heard of this method before, but who can guarantee that the losers won’t go back on their words and use this tactic to get rid of an opponent?” Misty Castle’s Misty Lock said in an unhappy manner. It seems like he had fallen for this type of plan before.

“At worst, we can record our agreement and post it online. We

can have the people on the Internet supervise it. I don't think anyone will feel wronged doing that?" Jiang You said.

These Club guilds placed a great amount of importance on their reputation. If everyone could see the agreement, no one would go back on their word. Once Jiang You said this, no one else spoke up. In the end, Jiang You added: "In order to stop anyone harboring ill intentions, the guilds who lose in the Arena will protect the winner to prevent anyone from disturbing them. How about it?"

Everyone listened. This was to stop anyone from sending out open accounts to cause a disturbance. If everyone supervised the whole thing, that plan wouldn't work.

"Does anyone have any objections?" Jiang You asked.

"I accept." Misty Lock said, "If this really works, then I suggest we do the same every time. That way, we can walk towards a positive competition. We won't need to keep plotting schemes all day and simply compete with strength."

"Mm, I also accept." Blooming Blossom nodded his head.

"I also accepted." Void Walk's West Riding Wind said.

It wasn't without reason that these three happily accepted because compared to the Three Great Guilds and even the recently declining Excellent Dynasty, their strength was somewhat lacking. In a competition for bosses, they rarely won, usually because they

noticed the boss first and killed it before others found out. As soon as another guild contested for it, they had little confidence in winning.

However, with Jiang You's suggestion, it would be a PvP between elite teams. Their overall strength couldn't compare to those guilds, but their elite teams weren't any weaker. Compared to a contest of overall strength, they had a greater chance of winning. Moreover, if this became the norm, everyone would only need to focus on strengthening their elite teams, which would require less resources.

After all, to get strong equipment for a few characters, whether they had 1000 resources or 5000 resources didn't matter too much because they wouldn't even need to use 100 resources.

Those three guilds didn't object. At this moment, Samsara's guild leader Three Worlds Six Paths questioned: "How are we going to determine the winners in the Arena? Individual competition? Group arena? Team competition? Or..... war?"

There were several modes in PvP that the players could freely choose between. Unlike in pro competitions, the group arena didn't necessarily have to be 3v3 nor did the team competition have to be 5v5 with one sub. In Glory, the numbers could be decided by the players. When one side had more than ten players, it wouldn't be called a team competition anymore, but a battlefield. A 100v100 battle would be a war.

The pro scene definitely couldn't play these modes. Have a team train 100 pro players? That would be insane.

“Okay, like Three World’s said, what mode should we use?” Jiang You asked.

“We’re all under the Clubs, so we should just do it according to the pro rules.” Three Worlds Six Paths answered immediately. He wouldn’t agree to a war. If the scale became larger, then overall strength would be more important. He was afraid Jiang You had thought of this, which was why he had intentionally proposed the idea.

Misty Lock, West Riding Wind, and Blooming Blossom naturally stood with Three Worlds Six Paths. They hadn’t asked about it before because they hadn’t thought of it. As soon as Three Worlds made a suggestion, they immediately supported his idea.

“I have no objections. What about everyone else?” Jiang You didn’t hesitate to reply.

Herb Garden, Blue Brook Guild, and Excellent Dynasty remained. This type of method forced them to give up their advantage. It would put them on the same footing as the other guilds. Tyrannical Ambition might agree, but the others might not.

Among these three, Changing Spring was the first to accept Jiang You’s proposal and didn’t immediately expressed his approval.

The other two saw this and also approved, seeing the general trend. However, the two guilds only said “Then I guess I’ll go with it for now.” Their words implied they would do it this time, but

whether or not they continued doing it in the future would depend on the situation.

Chapter 533 - If There Aren't Any Opportunities, Create Your Own

This time, the guild leaders personally led the teams to fight for the boss, so they didn't need to go to the trouble and open up a discussion group outside of the game. Everyone gathered together in the middle of the circle and quickly came to an agreement.

It was too bad for Ye Xiu and Wei Chen said. The two pro level players couldn't see or hear anything. They shamelessly snuck into the circle and tried to eavesdrop, but the guilds suddenly stopped moving. They clearly weren't going to fight the boss and were still negotiating with each other.

"How boring! What's there to talk about? In the end, they'll each have their own plans. Such a waste of time." Wei Chen spoke in an unhappy voice.

"It seems a bit different this time." Ye Xiu said.

"How?"

"Normally, the negotiations are a part of their plan. They should have already begun dispatching their troops by now. However, look at their troops. No one is moving. There haven't been any ambushes or any reinforcements coming. Doesn't this look like a real negotiation?" Ye Xiu said.

"No way. They've been fighting for so many years. Why would

they suddenly have a change in heart?” Wei Chen didn’t believe it.

The two continued guessing. The discussion between the eight guild leaders finally concluded. In the end, they went with Jiang You’s suggestion. The top guilds like Herb Garden and Excellent Dynasty left room for discussion in the future though. The slightly less powerful guilds like Misty Castle and Blossom Valley hoped this plan would stay forever.

After drawing up the plan, the eight guilds immediately signed an agreement and had the public be the judges. Then, they made an announcement in their respective guild forums as well as their guild’s web page as proof. After making the arrangements, everyone returned to the game and prepared to enter the Arena to decide who the boss belonged to.

Chen Guo had her materials displayed out on the streets. She didn’t even need to be at her keyboard to do this, so she wasn’t busy right now. From time to time, she would go back to the game and take a look, but most of the time, she was browsing the forums. A post suddenly caught her eye. Something about eight guilds and proof. It all seemed very grand. Chen Guo clicked on it and suddenly felt like she was in a dream.

It can’t be a coincidence, right?

Chen Guo mumbled. She didn’t have much to do and Ye Xiu was no longer on the Equipment Editor, so she would see what Ye Xiu was up to from time to time. Ye Xiu had received a call to go to Poison Fang Swamp and went to check out the wild boss with Wei Chen’s gang. She didn’t have any urgent matters to take care of, so

she had even hesitated on whether or not she should join them. Before she could make a decision, she noticed the post.

"Hey, look at this." Chen Guo called for Ye Xiu.

"Hm?" Ye Xiu turned his head in a bored manner, but when his gaze hit Chen Guo's screen, he immediately stared blankly for a moment, before quickly reading the content of the post more carefully.

At the same time, the eight guilds had already begun to move. Ye Xiu heard Wei Chen say: "Huh? What's going on? Why are they leaving?"

Ye Xiu's gaze returned to his computer and saw the eight guilds begin to move. The guilds had made an agreement and began to disperse.

"We have to go back too." Ye Xiu saw their movements and knew it would be difficult for them to hide, especially with Wei Chen's bros. Their skill level was only average and they definitely weren't good enough to deal with this situation.

"You just worry about yourself!" Ye Xiu heard Wei Chen say in delight. Ye Xiu turned his camera around to look and was left completely speechless.

Wei Chen's Windward Formation led two team of players. At this moment, they had put on their guild tags, all from big guilds. Wei

Chen's Windward Formation was from Blue Brook Guild as well as three others. Apart from them, there were tags from Herb Garden, Tyrannical Ambition, Excellent Dynasty..... All twenty of them had tags from the eight guilds.

"He's in the mountain there. Deep in the clouds somewhere." Wei Chen recited lines from a poem and chuckled. Clearly, nothing could serve as better protection than a guild tag in their situation. Let alone different guilds, no one knew everyone in their own guilds.

"Stop acting as if you're cultured. If you're so good at reading, hurry up and check the forums!" Ye Xiu said and then had Lord Grim retreat.

"The forums? Why?" Wei Chen saw Lord Grim had already run away, so he typed it out.

"These guilds actually came to an agreement on something this time." Ye Xiu said.

"What type of agreement?" Wei Chen asked.

"A peaceful solution." Ye Xiu said.

"F*ck, no way." Wei Chen doubted. He had wanted to steal a boss from the big guilds' mouths and there was only one way to do it: to take advantage of a crisis. The more chaotic the battle, the more numerous the opportunities. But if they decided on a peaceful

solution, then how was he supposed to cause a ruckus?

Wei Chen told his bros to hurry and hide. At the same time, he reminded them to avoid players from their guilds. A word bubble appeared above his head and then he left the game to look at the forums.

The post had a lot of stickies on it, so Wei Chen easily noticed it. He opened it and skimmed through the contents. He quickly returned to the game and let out a few curses in his private chat window with Lord Grim: "****, you're plain bad luck!"

"Brother, why do you say that?" Ye Xiu replied.

"Stop pretending!" Wei Chen was furious. The eight guilds made a post as proof and didn't say much about it, but Ye Xiu and Wei Chen could figure out the reason. If he could figure it out, Ye Xiu must have figured it out too. He might be older than Ye Xiu by a few years, but they had the same experience in terms of Glory.

Why did these eight guilds suddenly come up with a "peaceful way" after so many years of fighting and scheming with each other? All because of the pressure from Ye Xiu!

Even though they always felt like Ye Xiu should be powerless as a single individual, but this single individual made them suffer losses who knew how many times. So what if he was just an individual? He was constantly a source of their misfortune. How could they ignore him as an opponent simply because he was a single individual?

Against such a strong foe, the guilds didn't dare expose any openings, especially after the Wilderness Town fiasco. This individual had picked up a few friends. Deception, Heavenly Justice, with such powerful helpers, how could he be considered powerless?

Wei Chen was just about to loot a burning house, but because of Ye Xiu's existence, the fire disappeared. What could that be called other than a robbery? Wei Chen wasn't some powerful manager. For him, let alone killing a wild boss, just seeing one wasn't easy. If not, why would he not have any materials? Why else would his Death's Hand still only be Level 60 after all these years?

This time, a rare opportunity came, but because of a reason like this, the opportunity vanished like thin air. Wei Chen wanted to murder Ye Xiu right now.

"Don't be anxious. Seeing how dirty your two teams are playing, let me think of something." Ye Xiu said.

"Don't tell me to attack them directly and stir up trouble! We're too low-leveled. Everyone here is a core elite. To tell you the truth, I'm afraid they've already seen through our guild tags. If you do that type of method, we'll easily be spotted." Wei Chen said.

"Timing and method are important in stirring up trouble. You're method is too direct. We can be a bit more clever. For example, they'll be organizing their experts to fight in the Arena. They'll definitely be taking the top players from their guilds, so we can act

while they're not there. Moreover, we don't have to directly attack them. We can send in a poisonous worm or take the chance to attack the boss. In any case, they'll have a lot to deal with." Ye Xiu said.

"Maybe we can announce the boss to the world." Wei Chen said.

"We can do that too. However, if the eight guilds have already publicly announced it, the eight guilds will have allied together. Who has the strength to compete with them?" Ye Xiu said.

"Don't say it like that! We're going to have to do it!" Wei Chen said.

"Right right right, I forgot." Ye Xiu replied.

"The things you talked about are possible……" Wei Chen began thinking, "If they've made the post, then they must have welcome people to come watch as proof. It should be obvious when they fight the boss. We can begin then."

"We can make our arrangements now." Ye Xiu said.

"Yes, I'll get busy. This senior will gather a bunch of poisonous worms to receive these young masters!" Wei Chen cackled.

"Do you see the boss? If the opportunity comes, aggro it even if it costs you your life." Ye Xiu said.

“That must be done.” Wei Chen replied.

“That’s good then.”

“Now that I think about it, isn’t your existence worthless right now?” Wei Chen said.

“How uncultured. When the time comes, I can come out and make a stand. Just my head and name will gather lots of attention.” Ye Xiu said.

Wei Chen went silent for a long time. He couldn’t help but admit it was true and sighed: “D*mn, you really are sh*t!”

Everything went as they predicted. The eight guilds made a post for proof. The more witnesses the better. They quickly announced the competition and all spectators were welcome. The players knew the competition would be between the top experts of each guilds. Even though they weren’t at the pro level, they were still far better than everyone else. They were also easy to find in the game and were sort of like grassroot celebrities.

“Observe the areas under each guild’s control. We’ll have an order in which we stir up trouble, so we should do some research.” Ye Xiu said.

“Hm? Have the ones who lose cause trouble.” Wei Chen immediately understood.

“I’ll be watching them. Wait for my message.” Ye Xiu said.

“I’m not ready yet. Don’t rush it.” Wei Chen hurried with his work.

“And that’s my fault?” Ye Xiu was speechless.

“Aren’t you a God?” Wei Chen began arguing again.

Chapter 534 - Venomous Flies

The entrance to the Arena in every major city of the Heavenly Domain suddenly became bustling with noise. After the surrounding players found out about the news, all of them ran to the Arena to watch the competition.

Every week, pro players provided matches for everyone to watch every week. But what about these guild experts? Even though they were closer to normal players, very few had really seen them play in PvP. Now that the news came out, some people went to cheer for their guild seniors. Some went to see what the noise was all about. Some took the opportunity to make bets. All sorts of people came to the Arena towards a single room. The room quickly filled up with people.

The eight guilds intentionally waited for the spectators to come. Seeing that there were enough people, they began the competition. They had thrown dice beforehand to determine the order and knew the results. The first match would be between Misty Castle and Herb Garden. The experts of the two sides were already standing on stage.

Meanwhile, Ye Xiu borrowed Chen Guo's computer to watch. He wasn't interested in the fights. From time to time he would glance at her screen, while typing to Wei Chen: "What if it comes to Blue Brook Guild? Will you be under pressure?"

"Nonsense. Of course. Don't you see I'm part of Blue Brook Guild? If I get kicked out of the guild, it'll be a huge loss for me. You should know the benefits of being in a big guild." Wei Chen

replied.

“You really are shameless.” Ye Xiu disdained.

“This is called competitive integrity. If you see Excellent Era, would you go easy because of your memories with them?” Wei Chen said.

“That depends on who I meet.” Ye Xiu said.

“Tch.” Wei Chen didn’t believe him.

Afterwards, Ye Xiu continued to glance at the matches from time to time, but most of his attention was traveling around Poison Fang Swamp. He had to avoid the eight guilds, but he also didn’t want to stray too far from the boss.

Poison Fang Swamp was very quiet today. The eight guilds were afraid of outsiders interfering, so while waiting for the results of the competition, they didn’t reveal the boss’s whereabouts. The Heavenly Domain was huge. Trying to find it through pure luck wasn’t very logical. As for the other guilds, even if they got the information, when they saw the attitudes of the eight guilds, they knew that trying to join now was already too late. It wouldn’t be good to provoke them.

In the Arena, the eight guilds didn’t play according to all of the pro scene’s rules. If they did, it would take way too long and they didn’t have such time to waste. As a result, they only played team

competitions to determine the winner with the same rules as the pro scene. Five versus five with one substitute each.

Because the competition had been quickly devised and set in motion, the map was chosen randomly, so neither side would have any tactical advantage. After fighting back and forth several times, Misty Castle finally couldn't hold on any longer and Herb Garden won the first match.

Even though MIsty Castle was somewhat disappointed, they weren't suffering. If they had fought for the boss the normal way, their chances of taking the boss was very small, so it wasn't hard accepting their defeat.

"Misty Castle lost." Ye Xiu told Wei Chen.

"I don't think we should act yet. Wait a moment. We can still do a bit more preparing. Wait for an unexpected result. That would be the perfect time to act." Wei Chen was extremely dirty.

"Wait for my next message." Ye Xiu didn't say anything more.

Next was Blue Brook Guild versus Tyrannical Ambition. Tyrannical Ambition lost. Jiang You was the first to propose the plan. Even though the plan had already gone this far, everyone was still a bit hesitant. Seeing how quickly Tyrannical Ambition had been eliminated, they began believing Jiang You didn't have any ulterior motives.

Jiang You laughed and expressed the acknowledgement of their defeat.

Excellent Dynasty versus Blossom Valley. Excellent Dynasty won.

Samsara versus Void Walk. Samsara won.

Four guilds were eliminated. None of them were too surprising. The four matches ended relatively quickly. Even so, an hour had already passed. Wei Chen worked busily making preparations during that hour. The next round of matches between these four guilds began. Enough people had come as witnesses for their matches, so they decided to hurry with the matches and played both at once.

Samsara versus Herb Garden.

Excellent Dynasty versus Blue Brook Guild.

The first matched ended with Samsara beating Herb Garden, which was certainly a surprise. When the results came out, the spectators immediately dispersed and went to watch the other match. Chen Guo also went along. The other match quickly ended too. This time, Blue Brook Guild lost.

“We can act now.” Ye Xiu messaged Wei Chen.

“What’s the situation?”

“Herb Garden, Blue Brook Guild.” Ye Xiu said.

“My god. Blue Brook Guild? Are you serious?” Wei Cen asked.

“Competitive integrity.” Ye Xiu reminded.

“F*ck it. Let’s go!” Wei Chen replied. By this time, the eight guilds had already stopped scouting around. They had confirmed no outsider had come to cause trouble and returned to guard the boss. Wei Chen had finished his preparations. It had been a busy hour! Getting the monsters to gather towards a desired direction wasn’t an easy task. The one advantage Wei Chen had was the gang of bros beside him. He could lead them step by step. If they failed, he could personally step in and fix the situation. Ye Xiu finally sent him the go-ahead. Wei Chen picked out a few people and had them start the task.

His gang was impatient to move. When they heard the order, they nearly let out a cheer. They controlled their characters and threw insect repellant smoke from their pockets towards the direction Wei Chen had forced them to memorize.

After throwing the insect repellant, they heard a buzz that boomed like thunder. A huge swarm of venomous flies had taken flight.

Countless venomous flies flew out from the swamp away from the insect repellant. The flies seemed to cover the skies as they moved towards a single direction. Where else could they fly? The

insect repellant smoke was in the other direction. In order to get away from the repellant, they had to fly away!

The loud buzzing frightened the guild players ahead. When they looked back, they turned pale with fright.

“F*ck, where’d all these venomous flies come from?””

The venomous flies moved swiftly and arrived in an instant. Wei Chen’s bros had already hidden themselves among the guild and threw a bit more insect repellant.

Players who came to Poison Fang Swamp often brought insect repellant smoke. It was used very frequently too. Even if they hadn’t done this, they probably wouldn’t have gotten caught in any case because everyone else was doing the same thing.

Insect repellant smoke might be effective, but no matter how much the guild players used at this time, they wouldn’t get the desired effect. Insect repellant smoke was just something the insects didn’t like; it didn’t kill the insects. If the insect repellant smoke surrounded the venomous flies, the flies would buzz around randomly like houseflies. They wouldn’t receive any damage. If the player walked too close, the flies would still bite.

Players unaware of this bit of knowledge now learned the lesson through their own flesh and blood. One bro threw out some insect repellant, but the repellant surrounded these venomous flies. The flies began flying around randomly and a few still headed towards him. Who knew how many flies came at him, but this bro quickly

fell to the ground.

This was one reason small monsters like these were scary. Because of their small size, they could fly and attack at the same time, allowing them to cover a wide range. This was one reason why Ye Xiu and Wei Chen chose to use this tactic. If they had been goblins, no matter how many goblins there were, they wouldn't have much killing threat. It was the same theory behind surrounding bosses. Even if you had thousands of troops, only a few could get close to the boss no?

These flies avoided this issue. They could cover above, below, left, right, all around, while attacking the player. No matter how little damage they did, with so many of them, they would certainly be able to kill. These venomous flies did quite a lot of damage too. The players were Level 70. The flies were Level 65. The level difference wasn't significant enough. Moreover, their attacks had a chance to poison. The corpse of the dead player had turned green.

One person had died instantly, making the others extremely frightened. The second to face the flies was a Knight, who instinctively raised his shield.

Constant blocking noises could be heard from the venomous flies crashing into his shield. It sounded very comforting, but the Knight himself wasn't looking good. Just because the shield blocked the flies didn't mean the Knight wasn't taking damage. The shield only reduced damage. With so many flies, the blocking noise continued to echo and the Knight's health fell rapidly. In fright, the Knight shouted for the Clerics to help him.

When he looked back, the Clerics had been surrounded by venomous flies too! These venomous flies automatically attacked and wouldn't only attack a single target. They had each found their own target. Players who only had one fly targeting them weren't afraid, but with everyone packed together so closely, the flies would eventually get them.

The swarm of venomous flies had come from nowhere, catching everyone off guard. Many players instantly died. The remaining hastily moved into a defensive formation. The flies wouldn't be enough to wipe out their entire group.

The news of being ambushed quickly reached their guild leader's ears. The ambushed guild happened to be the guild just about to enter the deciding match: Samsara.

"WHAT!!" Samsara's guild leader Three Worlds Six Paths became furious and immediately became suspicious of Herb Garden, who had just been defeated by Samsara. When a big guild lost a big opportunity, it was hard not to be resentful. When he thought of the initial agreement from every guild, Herb Garden's response had been somewhat reluctant. Now, his guild had been ambushed by venomous flies. Of course! After all, the agreement was up for everyone to see, so it wasn't possible to directly make an attack, so they made an indirect attack instead.

"Despicable!" Three Worlds Six Paths cursed in anger. The other guild leaders also received the news and immediately knew who Three Worlds was angry at. Jiang You, who had proposed the idea, hastily said in defense: "Three Worlds, don't be rash. We don't know the whole situation yet!"

“All eight guilds cleared the field together. There couldn’t have been a problem. If it wasn’t us, then who could it be? The venomous flies couldn’t have just happened to all come out and attack them. Even the noobs of the tenth server would laugh!” Three Worlds Six Paths spat.

Jiang You was just about to respond, when he suddenly received more news: his own guild had been attacked by venomous flies and Blue Brook Guild had started fighting the boss!

Chapter 535 - Fierce Mantis

This piece of news surprised Jiang You. He still wanted to calmly figure out what exactly happened, but the other guilds had already begun stamping their feet in anger. Tyrannical Ambition wasn't the only one who had been attacked by a swarm of venomous flies. All of the guilds had been thrown into disorder. The sudden ambush by the venomous flies wasn't easy to deal with.

"Is this the so-called 'peaceful way'?" Three Worlds Six Paths couldn't sit still once he learned that Blue Brook Guild had started fighting the boss. His guild hadn't been eliminated yet and now someone had caused a ruckus. Did this mean everything before had been for naught? How could he stay calm?

Excellent Dynasty was in a similar mood. They had also won two matches in a row and were one of the last remaining guilds in the competition. When they heard about the disturbance, they immediately denounced Blue Brook Guild too. Apart from them, Misty Castle, Void Walk, Blossom Valley had truly hoped this would be a peaceful way of determining the owner of the boss. Seeing such an act of betrayal, they naturally felt extremely angry and also lashed out at Blue Brook Guild. They did it in the public chat too, directly exposing the misdeed to all of the spectators watching the deciding match.

The spectators heard the news and also went into an uproar. Blue Brook Guild immediately became the target of a rain of arrows.

Ye Xiu saw the situation from Chen Guo's screen and felt somewhat disapproving. He sent Wei Chen's Windward Formation

a message: “Don’t you think that pretending Blue Brook Guild is fighting the boss feels a bit too fake? All of them can confirm it. This approach is too stupid. It’s not realistic at all.”

“He he, you have to link it with the actual circumstances. When something like this happens, it can easily be explained, but for some reason, Blue Brook Guild’s guild leader Changing Spring seems to have some sort of mental block towards typing words. If you want this guy to give an explanation to dissolve the situation, it’s not going to happen.” Wei Chen replied.

Ye Xiu was speechless. He didn’t think Wei Chen would be so merciless to Blue Brook Guild. He truly deserves to be considered one of the most shameless pros in the competitive scene.

“You truly have no sense of kindness.” Ye Xiu sighed.

As they discussed this with each other, the situation had already devolved into a complete mess. Nearly all of the eight guilds had been ambushed by venomous flies and had no time to deal with others. They could only watch with eyes dripping blood as Swamp Hunger Leipu pounced at Blue Brook Guild.

As for Blue Brook Guild? They had no idea what was going on. The venomous flies didn’t attack them. At first, they felt lucky and put up their guards. Who knew the other guilds had already put the blame on them and were looking at them with murderous intentions?

Finally, Blue Brook Guild encountered an attack, but it wasn’t by

venomous flies. It was by the boss. For the other guilds, this completely confirmed the conspiracy theory. If it weren't for the venomous flies attack them, the other guilds would have already started attacking Blue Brook Guild.

In reality, Blue Brook Guild had no idea the boss would suddenly charge at them. It seemed like someone had accidentally attacked or entered the boss's aggro range. The problem was in this mess, no one had been paying attention.

"Who was it?" The team leader even asked, but the boss wasn't going to wait for them to talk.

Swamp Hunter Leipu!

An Assassin and a Thief dual class. His movements were incredibly swift. He took a single step and became a blur. In an instant, he appeared in front of Blue Brook Guild's boss team. He lifted up his two hands and pulled out two daggers. One of them was held in an upright position, while the other was held in reverse. He stabbed with one dagger and slashed with the other, sending two people tumbling backwards.

"Blue Brook Guild has started attacking the boss!!"

Someone suddenly yelled from nearby.

"We didn't!" Blue Brook Guild's team leader immediately yelled. He clearly realized pulling the boss in this situation was a very

serious problem.

“Blue Brook Guild set up venomous flies to attack us and is now taking the opportunity to kill the boss! Blue Brook Guild is too despicable!!” Shouts of criticism came ceaselessly. The team leader of Blue Brook Guild was sweating like mad. The top core experts in the guild were peak experts and had gone to the Arena to fight. The team leader had been left here and had now encountered a difficult problem. In panic, he hastily asked the guild leader for help. How could he know the guild leader was in an even worse situation than him? He was drowning in spittle right now.

“Everyone retreat! Do not attack back!!”

The team leader couldn’t get a reply from the guild leader, so he could only give instructions on his own. He told his guild members not to touch the boss to prove their good faith.

But who was Swamp Hunter Leipu? A wild boss. Standing there taking a beating and not attacking back wasn’t something he would understand. If the Clerics started healing the injured, the boss would immediately switch targets to the Clerics. Even if the Clerics healed each other to tank the boss, they wouldn’t last long. Under this vicious cycle, the team would wipe out.

If they didn’t attack back, they would prove their good faith. It might be effective, but against Swamp Hunter Leipu, they would certainly die in order to prove this point.

The team leader never said clearly if this was his intention. The

team members didn’t plan on sacrificing their lives for principles. If they couldn’t fight back, then what else could they do other than run? As a result, they began to retreat.

They didn’t fight back, but by running, it looked like they were trying to move the boss away from all of the other guilds. Were they trying to prove their good faith or did they have other evil schemes in mind?

“They want to leave!” The other guilds fending off venomous flies saw what was happening and thought their true objective was to pull the boss away.

“Blue Brook Guild is about to pull the boss away. Guild leader, do we kill them or not?”

“Guild leader, kill or not???”

At this moment, the guild leaders saw the news and became furious. Everything had already reached this step, who would listen to Changing Spring’s excuses? Samsara’s Three Worlds Six Paths directly left. Excellent Dynasty’s Chen Yehui quickly followed suit. On the other hand, the other guilds were in a bit of a predicament though.

According to their agreement, Samsara or Excellent Dynasty should be the ones to kill Swamp Hunter Leipu. Even though someone had broken the agreement first, if they used this opportunity to fight for the boss, they wouldn’t be any different from the original betrayer. With so many spectators as proof of

their losses in the previous matches, it wouldn't be appropriate to fight the boss.

They didn't dare to act rashly in this type of situation. Was Blue Brook Guild really that sh*tty?

Everyone mumbled to themselves, but none of them said it out loud. They had already lost their opportunity to kill the boss. In any case, it would be better to watch the events unfold. Why should they speak up for Blue Brook Guild? Even if one day everyone finds a peaceful way to walk on, thoughts of hoping the other side to fall would always stay.

Deep down, everyone knew a peaceful way of competing for objectives was just an ideal. The reason for their temporary agreement wasn't the norm. Against a God like Lord Grim and an eye-catching Heavenly Justice, they had to give them their attention. None of them truly had much good faith towards each other.

"KILL!"

Three Worlds Six Paths was the first to give the order.

He had taken a huge mental blow and felt like he had been duped. Right now, it was either the fish died or the net split. Even if his guild couldn't get the boss, he would make sure Blue Brook Guild would suffer. Three Worlds Six Paths could be hot-blooded at times. He wasn't someone who only planned carefully and meticulously.

With his personality and at this type of battle, the morale he could muster up was frightening.

Nothing else mattered, but to kill!

Samsara was the first to be hit by the venomous flies and had suffered a few losses, but they were also first to stabilize the situation. Anyone who came to kill the wild boss would naturally be the guild's elites. A disturbance like this wasn't something that would stop them.

Even though they hadn't completely cleared away the venomous flies, when they received their guild leader's order, several of them took up their weapons and charged towards Blue Broo Guild.

"Brothers! Forward! Kill those despicable, shameless Blue Brook Guild dogs!!" Samsara's team leader roared and took the lead. His face had already been torn apart and his voice didn't sound pleasant.

At the same time, Three Worlds Six Paths gave a reply on the post on their agreement. He announced that Blue Brook Guild would reap the consequences for going back on their word. Samsara had been tricked and they weren't going to tolerate it.

Fight! Your Blue Brook Guild might be one of the Three Great Guilds, but our Samsara isn't afraid. Today, we'll teach you a lesson!

It was very rare for a guild leader to make a declaration. With how the Club guilds operated, even though there had been many conflicts across all of the servers, no one had ever made such a powerful statement. Let alone challenging a stronger guild, it wasn't wise to do so from a business perspective either.

Three Worlds Six Path's reply was picked out and made as a post. Supporters gathered together, not just Samsara fans, but the neutral fans also stood by Samsara. Team Blue Rain fans didn't know the truth and with just the revelations given by the spectators, they had no way of justifying their guild's actions.

"KILL!"

In Poison Fang Swamp, Samsara charged at Blue Brook Guild, who were still trying to prove they weren't attacking the boss. How could they have known the others thought they were trying to pull the boss away? When they saw Samsara suddenly rushing at them, they once again panicked. Samsara was smart too. They only attacked Blue Brook Guild and wouldn't aggro the boss. Swamp Hunter Leipu would be focused on Blue Brook Guild and would act as a helper to Samsara.

"F*ck, what are you guys going?" Blue Brook Guild's team leader still wanted to try explaining the situation, but Samsara directly chopped him into pieces and turned him into a corpse. Samsara shout their resentment and went berserk.

Blue Brook Guild no longer had a leader and fell into disarray.

They formed small groups and defended against the attack.

The other guilds had stabilized their teams, but because they had lost the matches in the Arena, their guild leaders ordered them not to interfere. However, one guild was different. Excellent Dynasty had stabilized themselves after the venomous fly ambush, but didn't directly charge forward like Samsara. They simply smiled as they watched Blue Brook Guild get slaughtered.

"Samsara brothers. Our Excellent Dynasty has a share of this boss!" Excellent Dynasty's team leader felt like very pleased with their circumstances.

"Okay, come! Even if you two both fight together, our Samsara isn't afraid!" Samsara's players didn't plan on stopping. Excellent Dynasty was surprised. What a fierce mantis! After finishing off the snake, the mantis was also planning on taking down the oriole.

Chapter 536 - Nobody Move!

Excellent Dynasty thought that they would be the ones to give Samsara a surprise, but they never thought that they would be the ones surprised by Samsara. There wasn't much interaction between them. As soon as Excellent Dynasty started shouting, Samsara immediately pounced on them as if they were mad.

"F*ck! Did you guys go crazy?!" Excellent Dynasty had tried to deliver shock to their opponents but turned out to be the ones shocked. They confidently thought that they could hold their ground against Samsara. After Samsara's vicious fight against Blue Brook Guild, they must have suffered heavy losses. Right after Excellent Dynasty made their intentions clear, even if they didn't compromise, they could at least negotiate. They wouldn't be in too terrible of a situation.

However, Samsara was extremely unreasonable. Despite the obvious difference in strength, they were still actively engaging their enemies in battle, with absolutely no intentions of negotiating. Were they delusional?

Despite not having good intentions, Excellent Dynasty didn't expect that they would have such a major fall out with Samsara. They hadn't been prepared for Samsara's response. Samsara's fierce attack caught them by surprise and just like Blue Brook Guild, they were beaten into submission.

Before they could come to their senses, several of their players had already fallen.

“What are you doing Samsara!” Excellent Dynasty players were angry, but they didn’t want to be so irrational like Samsara and go straight for the blood of their enemies. If both sides fought each other, wouldn’t others take advantage? They were there for the boss, not to PK!

Boss !

Right! Where’s the boss?

When they thought of this, the players from Excellent Dynasty immediately looked towards Blue Brook Guild to look for the boss. Blue Brook Guild was having a rough time today. They didn’t dare to fight back against the boss’s attacks and they felt wronged by Samsara’s attacks. Facing attacks from both sides, the casualties were very heavy. Even with Samsara’s sudden change of attention towards Excellent Dynasty, the boss was still wreaking havoc, though the boss was finally pulled away by someone else.

But such an action didn’t feel right in the eyes of the other guilds, especially Excellent Dynasty that had been plotting to get the Boss rationally. However, the boss had already been pulled far away. The ones dragging the Boss away were three players with Blue Brook Guild tags.

“The boss has already been stolen away, why are we fighting?” The team leader of Excellent Dynasty roared in frustration.

“Our Samsara isn’t fighting for the boss today, we fight for our honor!” Samsara replied in an arrogant manner, not backing down

a single inch.

Excellent Dynasty's players coughed up blood. Samsara didn't have the rationale that a Club guild was supposed to have.

"Fine. You want your honor, go play with Blue Brook Guild. Stop bothering us! We still have important matters to tend to." Excellent Era's team leader shouted.

"Hmph, don't think we don't know what Excellent Dynasty is planning." Samsara's people yelled back.

All said and done, Excellent Dynasty felt somewhat guilty. Right after Blue Brook Guild's trickery was exposed, Samsara immediately charged in. On the other hand, Excellent Dynasty bided their time, waiting for Samsara and Blue Brook Guild to beat each other up and then planning to appear out of nowhere to make their presence known. However, Samsara clearly didn't care anymore and continued fighting.

"You think Excellent Dynasty is afraid of you?" Excellent Dynasty's team leader felt angry too. He originally hadn't wanted to fight with Samsara, but how could he hold himself back anymore? He couldn't. With a shout, Excellent Dynasty immediately engaged Samsara in a vicious battle.

"Fine! We didn't have the chance to fight each other in the Arena, so let's settle our scores right here right now!" Samsara players didn't show even a hint of fear; their morale was high as ever.

The other guilds could only stare at each other with wide eyes. They couldn't understand Samsara's irrational behavior either. Going against Blue Brook Guild could bring honor to your guild and could return the rights to fight the boss to the rightful guild, but the fight against Excellent Dynasty was just pure anger at them. They threw away any gains for their honor.

The guilds had also finally stabilized the situation after the ambush by poisonous flies. They were too embarrassed to join the fight for the boss. However, with two guilds already fighting against each other and the boss being dragged further and further away by Blue Brook Guild members, they really wanted to move. But as soon as they made even the slightest of movements, they were intercepted by players from Blue Brook Guild.

"Nobody moves!" Blue Brook Guild's players shouted, "We have to clarify this matter right now!"

"F*ck, the Boss is being dragged away by your guys and you're still telling us to remain where we are. What's there to be discussed?" Everyone was angry after listening to Blue Brook Guild.

"The boss is gone, but this has nothing to do with you. According to our agreement, do you guys have the rights to kill it?" Somebody from Blue Brook Guild said in a cold voice. It was Blue Brook Guild's leader, Changing Spring.

It wasn't possible to get over here from the city so quickly, unless

a teleportation scroll was used. With chaos erupting at both sites, Changing Spring had a lot on his hands. But the situation in Poison Fang Swamp was somewhat cleaner. Everyone there was from the eight guilds. In comparison, there were numerous spectators in the Arena. Changing Spring thought it out and decided to settle things in the swamp first. Once he teleported, he found that the situation had already reached such a critical step.

"We agreed to maintain order here, but your Blue Brook Guild broke its promise, took the boss away, and is now stopping us from following it. Do you think we're stupid?"

"You're not stupid, but we're not idiots either. Anybody who thinks that this is caused by Blue Brook Guild has a brain full of sh*t!" With Blue Brook Guild treated unjustly, courtesy was the last thing on Changing Spring's mind.

Suffering from attacks by Samsara and the boss, only a few Blue Brook Guild players remained, but they clutched tightly to their weapons and went into formation, giving out a tenacious aura just like Samsara.

"You're still putting up a farce? The three men that pulled the boss away had Blue Brook Guild tags hanging right on top of their heads. Everybody saw it." Someone shouted.

"Just having a guild tag proves that they're our men? Is this your first day playing Glory? Are you that naive?" The person was instead ridiculed by Changing Spring and he couldn't come up with a response. Framing wasn't impossible. All the guilds on scene had several accounts in hand that bore the Blue Brook Guild

tag.

“I swear that this matter today has nothing to do with Blue Brook Guild. And I am almost certain that the guilds present here wouldn’t do such shameless acts either. This must be the work of an outsider.” Changing Spring said.

“You can say anything you want, but who knows if this isn’t a plot by Blue Brook Guild?” Someone still questioned.

“Destroying our own reputation for a mere Level 65 Boss. Think about it rationally, is that worth it?” Changing Spring responded with a question of his own.

The players went silent again. They were all the elites of their guilds and they understood his reasoning.

Since Changing Spring was already on the scene. The leaders of the other guilds weren’t far behind, some of them had even arrived earlier than him, but as the losers in the Arena, their positions became awkward. As a result, they kept quiet, waiting for a change in situation just like Excellent Dynasty did earlier on.

Excellent Dynasty was one of the victors in the duel. After waiting for chance to come, they switched from being passive to aggressive. They tried to grab the prize, which resulted in their clash with Samsara that ended with massive casualties on both sides. The other guilds were also observing from the sidelines and made the decision to strike and grab the benefits for their own. But just as they were sneaking up on the Boss, they were stopped by

Changing Spring.

The guild leaders had no choice but to continue staying at the sidelines, waiting for Changing Spring to handle the current situation. It seemed like it wouldn't hard for him though, as long as no one else was in a complete frenzy like Samsara was. Changing Spring's analysis on the situation was acceptable.

After noticing that the chaos had subsided, each guild's leader could no longer hide their presence and had to speak up for their guild.

"What Brother Spring said made sense, but it's also true that the boss was stolen. Are we just going to sit here and watch?" The guild leader of Herb Garden, Arisaema, asked.

"Ha ha..... Sit here and watch? I don't think so! I don't believe that a simple 'Don't move!' from me could stop you guys. Let me guess, the ones that are secretly tracking the boss aren't of the minority, right? Not a single member of Blue Brook Guild took part in such an action and I hope that the guilds that did will watch carefully. We'll see clearly who got the boss in the end. I'd like to ask for you guys to record the entire process. My Blue Brook Guild needs it as proof of our innocence. Thanks."

The guild leaders were silent again. Changing Spring's deduction was correct. They didn't let Blue Brook Guild stop them and had already sent people out to secretly track down the Boss. As for the words that came after, they didn't object to them. Those were formalities. If it was a plot by Blue Brook Guild and they sent out a team carrying the Blue Brook Guild's banner to meet up with those

three at this point, then they were truly stupid.

Even if Blue Brook Guild was setting it up, they'd be using open accounts and such accounts had no ties with the guild.

Guild leaders were people capable of thinking quickly and coming up with countless schemes in a single second. Faced with this situation, their priority was no longer the boss, but to hurt Blue Brook Guild as much as possible. This was much more valuable than the rare items and materials dropped by some random wild boss.

What should they do?

Send out their spies in Blue Brook Guild?

Kill those that were aiding the three that stole the Boss, creating a situation where nobody took over the boss, which would be a sign that Blue Brook Guild was guilty?

Ideas after ideas flashed through the minds of the guild leaders, while Excellent Dynasty and Samsara were still fighting. Nobody thought to break up the fight. Deep down, they hated the two victors of the fight for the boss and hoped that both would suffer heavy losses.

"D*mn, I've finally stolen the boss, but somebody is tailing me. Are you ready?" At the same time, Wei Chen sent a message to Ye Xiu's Lord Grim.

“I’ve been waiting.” Ye Xiu replied.

For those two, the plan was simple. They really hadn’t planned on harming any guilds. Their goal was to kill the boss and get the materials that they direly needed. That was all.

Chapter 537 - Lurkers

Poison Fang Swamp.

Numerous players from Club guilds were sprinting forward. In their field of view, they could see Swamp Hunter Leipu running in the same direction.

This was the problem with wild bosses. Because of their random spawn locations, they had no fixed area where they resided. The Swamp Hunter could move about in any area of the Poison Fang Swamp. Any aggroing skills could pull Swamp Hunter Leipu to any part of the map.

However, it wasn't easy to do. If a player could effortlessly pull the wild boss all around the map, wouldn't it be easy to kite the boss around forever?

This was why the three Blue Brook Guild players that had managed to steal the Swamp Hunter Leipu were in a difficult situation. It took a lot of effort for them to deal with the boss chasing them from behind. As a result, the speed at which they were escaping wasn't fast. If the pursuers wanted to catch up, the pursuers would catch up to them in no time. It was just that the guild members had received different orders from their guild leaders. Not one of them had any intention of catching up to the boss. Instead, they stayed behind and observed, while diverting a part of their attention to keep an eye out for players from other guilds.

“If you have the chance, you can try and take them out. But remember, you must stay hidden!” Two players from Herb Garden, Octagon Aniseed and Sword Bean, received these orders from their guild leader.

These two characters were named after herbs and were core members of the guild, so the guild leader had great trust in them. One of them was an Assassin, while the other was a Ninja. Both classes were adapt in ambush and assassination. With the poor terrain of the Poison Fang Swamp, it was the perfect place for their classes to shine. As they tracked down the boss, they set their sights on a Battle Mage from Misty Castle.

Battle Mages wore leather armor and only had mediocre health and defense. Because of the movement speed buff from the Neutral Chaser, the Battle Mage moved quite fast, but to trigger the buff, the Battle Mage had to constantly attack targets. Thus, the Battle Mage had to attack monsters constantly in an attempt to maintain the movement speed buff from the Neutral Chaser. He exposed himself a lot, possibly because of his guild leader’s orders. However, this pursuit didn’t require high movement speed, so the movement speed buff from the Neutral Chaser wasn’t necessary.

“No good. He’s attracting too much attention. If we kill him, he might not notice us, but the others definitely would. This isn’t good for us.” Octagon Aniseed said to Sword Bean.

There wasn’t enough time to deploy open accounts, which was why Arisaema ordered them directly to go on this mission. Even if

they hid their guild tag, their names were too obvious. Even if their names weren't exposed, the spies hidden in their guild could easily search their name up. This was why Arisaema specifically gave orders for them to leave the guild if they were revealed.

"Let's go for another target then." Sword Bean agreed with Octagon Aniseed's opinion. Right when they were about to reposition themselves, a flame appeared in their field of view. It originated from underneath the Battle Mage.

Being veterans, they could tell that the Battle Mage had triggered an Inferno Trap planted by a Thief.

The elites from Club guilds usually possessed extraordinary skills. The Battle Mage immediately reacted by jumping backwards after triggering the trap. Although he still took some of the damage, it was way better than having to take the full brunt of the trap's damage. Inferno Traps didn't have the ability to limit a character's movement. But its continuous damage could be fatal. Even though the Battle Mage avoided the trap, he was still set ablaze after taking the initial damage and his hit points continued to drop.

The damage was far from being fatal though. The Battle Mage immediately became more cautious after setting off the trap. He did a 360 degree sweep of his surroundings, surprising Octagon Aniseed and Sword Bean, who hastily ducked under cover.

When they finally popped their heads up again, the Battle Mage had retreated to the safety of a tree. He had his back to the tree to prevent himself from being flanked. A Ninja suddenly appeared on

top of the tree and slowly slid downwards with a Body Disappearing Technique. Just as he was about to reach his target, he abruptly dropped. By the time the Battle Mage noticed the descending Ninja, it was too late. The Ninja knocked him off balance with a Body Bind Technique. At the same time, an Assassin charged out from another direction. Judging from his movement that was filled with killing intent, Octagon Aniseed immediately recognised the most fearsome technique used by the Assassin class: Life-Risking Strike!

Assassins didn't have much health to begin with. Life-Risking Strike sacrificed the health of its user to deal damage to the enemy. It wasn't capable of one-shotting most classes. But the mage class was worse off than Assassins. Although Battle Mages were famous for their close-combat abilities, they were still fundamentally mages, who were well-known for being squishy targets. The Life-Risking Strike from the Assassin didn't blow the Battle Mage away, but the blood that came pouring out of his back showed the extent of the damage dealt by the strike.

The Battle Mage was still alive after the attack. He managed to turn around, but just as he was about to take a look at the Ninja's name, a gunshot could be heard around the area and a bullet shot through the Battle Mage's right shoulder. The Battle Mage spun around and the visual angle that he was about to gain was lost. The Ninja wasted no time to sneak behind the Battle Mage and threw a flurry of Ninjutsu and blade techniques at his opponent. As for the Assassin, he was under a long period of exhaustion after carrying out the Life-Risking Strike. Strong moves carried great risk.

"Incredible marksmanship!"

Octagon Aniseed and Sword Bean knew what was what. Although the Assassin and the Ninja were the main damage dealers, the mysterious gunshot was the one that truly showed skill. The timing and the location of the shot was precisely calculated, but it was still wasted effort. Even though the Assassin and the Ninja weren't seen by the Battle Mage, they had been seen by the duo.

"Someone has the same idea as us." Octagon Aniseed and Sword Bean murmured to each other. They sent a message to their guild leader, asking for an investigation on the two characters.

"Should we go after them?" Sword Bean asked Octagon Aniseed after sending the message.

"No, that shooter is still around..." Octagon Aniseed looked, but he couldn't spot anything unusual. They could guess the direction of the gunfire by listening to the gunshot, but they weren't sure if the shooter was still lurking about as they couldn't detect any movements.

"Those two, I don't recognise any of them!" Sword Bean said. Elites of a guild were more or less known. Even if they didn't know them personally, they would still recognize them.

"Neither do I." Octagon Aniseed shook his head.

"Could they be open accounts?" Sword Bean asked.

"Whose open account could they belong to for them to have

arrived so fast?” Octagon Aniseed countered.

Sword Bean gave it a thought and agreed with him. They became more cautious after witnessing others having the same intent as them. At the same time, they felt lucky that they didn’t make their move on the Battle Mage. That would have exposed them. They were the victors of this incident: a competitor had been taken care of, while they were able to remain in the shadows.

And the other three? They had exposed themselves at the cost of taking out a competitor.

Misty Castle was the first to know when one of their own was killed. The guild leader didn’t betray any reaction after learning of the news. He knew that the group that went out to track down the Boss was up to something.

If they could silently eliminate all their competitors, the boss just might fall into their hands.

Misty Lock adjusted his view, sweeping across the players of each guild, and spotted a player sneaking off from the crowd.

“What are you doing!”

What Misty Lock didn’t expect was that several guild leaders shouted the same thing at the same time and they were looking at the same direction.

“Huh? What? Me?” The player took awhile to recover from the shock of being shouted at by so many guild leaders, “I’m not trying to do anything!”

“You want to leave?”

“No….”

“From now on, nobody leaves!” One of the guild leaders shouted. From Misty Lock’s point of view, these guild leaders must have received intelligence that one of his members was killed. Wasn’t it a little too obvious? Despite thinking about it, he was still unsettled. One of his players had died and with so many pairs of eyes watching, he couldn’t send out any reinforcements. He could only depend on the men that he had sent out earlier on. But with one man down, how could he not be anxious?

“Hmm, not bad. I’ve received some new info, the results were good.”

On the other side of the map, Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim received news from Wei Chen after assassinating the player from Misty Castle.

“With them restricting each other, our job will be simple.” Ye Xiu replied.

“Then move faster.” Wei Chen replied.

“You can’t hold on any longer?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Shut your f*cking mouth. It’s a lv65 field boss, why don’t you take it out for a walk!” Wei Chen cursed.

“Seeing that you have the leisure to reply, you seem to have free time on your hands!” Ye Xiu said.

“……..” Wei Chen immediately made it known that he was very busy.

“That was a nice kill!” Another discussion ensued in Lord Grim’s team.

“Haha, everybody listen to my instructions. Let’s continue!” Ye Xiu said in the chat.

“Yes yes.” Wei Chen’s bros replied in a straightforward manner. They didn’t hold a grudge towards Ye Xiu despite their previous conflict. When they learned that Ye Xiu was friends with Wei Chen, they saw him as a friend too. And since they were friends, they had no problems listening to Ye Xiu’s commands. No Glory player would have the confidence to claim that their tactics were better than God Ye Qiu.

“We’ve taken out one from Misty Castle. Herb Garden is next. Those two move together and they seemed to be quite happy peeking at us just now. Good things should go in pairs. Let’s kill the both of them!” Ye Xiu exclaimed.

“Roger that!” The gang shouted.

“This time, the ones from Tyrannical Ambition will do the job.” Ye Xiu said.

Chapter 538 - Who Killed Me?

Octagon Aniseed and Sword Bean felt ill-at-ease. Although they could still console themselves with the fact that they were the victors, they were still shaken by their opponent's remarkable shot.

If we have to go up against someone like that, will we be okay?

They didn't say it out loud, but they gave the question a long thought. At the same time, they searched out all the Gunner experts from the other guilds. With such skill, the person couldn't be some normal member of a guild unless he was just lucky. He or she had to be a famous core member of a guild.

"Who could it be?" Both of them made wild guesses, but information quickly arrived from their Guild Leader Arisaema.

"We've found out the identity of those two. They're from Blossom Valley!" Arisaema said.

"Blossom Valley……" With a narrower range, Octagon Aniseed and Sword Bean began to ponder over who the Gunner expert in Blossom Valley might be. However, they could name numerous possibilities. There could be many who unknown experts. It wasn't rare for Blossom Valley to have a lot of Gunners. The famous character Dazzling Hundred Blossom itself was a Spitfire in their pro team, so there would naturally be a lot of Spitfires in the guild. Even though they relied heavily on the special effects of their ammunition, marksmanship was also a fundamental that every

player needed to learn.

Herb Garden learned of the identity of the two assailants at the same time as the other guilds. At that moment, only Blossom Valley's grasp of the situation was different from the others.

"These two don't exist."

This was the message obtained from Blossom Valley's spies in each of the guilds.

"They've even dispatched open accounts?" Not knowing that these two characters were from his own guild, Blossom Valley's guild leader Blooming Blossom was astonished. With tens of thousands of players in a guild, only a few of the experts were well-known. Wei Chen's brothers tended to lurk in the guilds for their extra bonuses and stats. How would such characters be remembered? When the guilds began their investigation on the two mysterious characters, they started from the other guilds because there was no reason to suspect one of their own.

This resulted in a situation where Blossom Valley wasn't aware of the situation, while still thinking that the other big guilds were using their open accounts.

Despite knowing the truth, the other guilds remained silent. Even those that didn't began to do do so. If they used that as an accusation towards Blossom Valley, it would be meaningless.

The rivalry in Poison Fang Swamp continued. With the additional information, Octagon Aniseed and Sword Bean's speculations increased. They still had the boss in sight. After all, it was quite conspicuous! However, with players from the other guilds beginning to operate in a sneaky manner, they soon lost their target.

The sudden realization surprised them.

The situation didn't look good. The enemies were lurking in the shadows. With this, they had to take on a more passive stance. Were they being targeted? Was there a trap lying in wait for them?

The two hesitated. They didn't dare carry on their mission separately. They used each other as a source of strength. They crouched and crawled the entire way. They bent their bodies so far down that their heads could almost reach their own crotches.

With all of their attention focused on moving around, they neglected the terrain of the Poison Fang Swamp. During a short moment of absent-mindedness, Octagon Aniseed missed the timing of using his repellent, startling an entire swarm of venomous flies.

"What bad luck……" The duo cursed under their breath. The flies weren't organized, so they weren't afraid, but the flies were still annoying.

The duo failed to notice two other players who had snuck up behind them while they were busy handling the flies. A Grappler skill, Flying Hand, landed on them without warning, pushing them

onto the ground.

With their characters buried in the mud, the two could do nothing but watch as their health slowly disappeared. They couldn't even find out what skills were used in the attack. As they struggled to regain their footing, their opponents were nowhere to be found even after they did a 360 degrees sweep on their surroundings.

Where could they hide in such a short time? Their view shifted to a pile of rotten wood. But even if the enemy players hid themselves, the venomous flies were still continuing their attack. If they chose to deal with those flies, their enemies would attack them from the rear, but they couldn't ignore the flies either. Those bites could kill!

The two were in a dilemma. They decided to bear with the lesser of the two evils. Players were way more terrifying compared to flies, so they decided to storm the wooden pile after a brief discussion.

There was nothing behind the pile of rotten wood except for a ditch full of mud. With their approach, more venomous flies appeared from within the ditch.

With more venomous flies, they could no longer ignore their damage. Experiencing a sneak attack while fighting against mob was always something unavoidable in the game, but this was exactly what the duo was facing. Moreover, while trying to attack the enemy players, they only attracted more flies.....

They knew that with the huge venomous fly swarm attacking them, they would certainly die if the enemy players made a move. However, the enemy seemed intent on hiding their identities.

Was it necessary to play hide and seek in this situation though? Everybody else had the same plan anyways. There was no point in hiding. Weren't the last ones standing the ones with the rights to get the boss?

Just when Octagon Aniseed and Sword Bean were trying to figuring out their opponent's intentions on staying hidden, their opponents answered their questions. They attacked without mercy as soon as the duo was swarmed by the venomous flies.

Because they weren't afraid of being exposed, there was no need to be quick and decisive. Octagon Aniseed and Sword Bean knew that they would die. They did their best and tried to take out at least one of their opponents, but their opponents calmly took advantage of the venomous flies. The duo could do nothing but watch as their characters became two rotten corpses.

The swamp hunting game had begun. Ye Xiu and his gang weren't the only ones looking for the chance to strike. Even the other guilds were starting to look for others to kill.

Meanwhile, the guilds stayed in a deadlock. All of them wanted to call for reinforcements, but none of them wished to see the opposing guilds getting reinforced as well. This resulted in a stalemate where they could only wait for the reports coming out

from the swamp.

Dead.

Dead.

Another dead.

One by one, the players that were sent out to track down the Boss were killed. It was meaningless to even find out which guild did it because everybody was doing it. The more meaningful matter at hand was who would be the last one standing. Nobody knew how many players were sent out and nobody knew who killed the boss in the end. Since nobody knew, they could achieve their means through underhanded means and ignore the proof post.

Five out of eight guilds competed. Apart from these five, Samsara and Excellent Dynasty were still at war and Blue Brook Guild never sent anyone after the Boss. True to Changing Spring's words, Blue Brook Guild didn't send any players out. They only watched as the situation unfolded. Each guild had the urge to make the first move, but they kept silent because their actions were being watched closely by the other guilds.

The guilds hadn't sent many players out, three or five at most. With news of loss after loss coming in, Herb Garden was the first one to lose all four of the players that they had sent into the swamp.

Arisaema was sad! Four of his men had died and not a single enemy had been killed.

His moment of depression didn't last long though. Arisaema found the perfect opportunity. All of them were moving in the dark and nobody dared to bring it to light. But with Herb Garden players killed, while not killing anyone else, weren't they the victim? Arisaema could seize the opportunity and make an issue out of it!

Arisaema wasted no time to suddenly jump out and shouted with a face full of anger, "F*ck, which of your despicable b*stards killed all the men that I've sent out? What's the meaning of this? Are you guys secretly preparing to kill the Boss? Was our previous agreement just a joke?"

To be a leader of a guild, one had to have very high levels of the skills "thick-faced" and "deceitful" on one's skill tree, but Arisaema's words still shocked the other guild leaders.

There had to be limit to the amount of skill points invested into the skills "thick-faced" and "deceitful", right? The level of Arisaema's skill was so high that he must be hacking!

Despite Arisaema's sudden outburst, the other guild leaders had to maintain their mask of deception. Such matters could be done secretly, but things would get out of hand if light were to be shed upon it because not everybody's hands were dirty. Excellent Dynasty, Samsara, and Blue Brook Guild didn't participate in the foul play. If their betrayal came out, the proof post would be seen as a joke. Everyone would look bad. How could they let that

happen?

The other guild leaders could only maintain a calm demeanor. “What do you mean? Aren’t we all trying to help track down the boss so that it wouldn’t be stolen?”

“Then how did my men die? Are you telling me that they accidentally fell in a ditch somewhere and died? Can Tyrannical Ambition, Blossom Valley, Misty Castle give me an explanation?” Arisaema refuted. After a thorough investigation, he concluded that players from these three guilds had killed his subordinates.

The leaders of Blossom Valley and Misty Castle remained silent, while Jiang You of Tyrannical Ambition replied, “An explanation? I think you’re the one that owes me and explanation!”

“F*cking explain what?” Arisaema shouted.

“‘Backwards Strike’ and ‘Tiger Sigil’? Which guild killed these two pieces of trash?” said Jiang You, while shifting his sight towards the leaders of Blossom Valley and Misty Castle.

The leaders of the other two guilds, Blooming Blossom and Misty Lock were stunned. They had each taken out a Herb Garden player, but their names were Perfect Milky Way and Hugging Is Healthier.

“Who are those two pieces of trash? What do they have to do with me?” Arisaema was puzzled by Jiang You’s words.

“What do you mean ‘what do they have to do with me’? Are you f*cking blind?” It was Jiang You’s turn to be stunned. He was expecting Arisaema to kick the two players out from the his guild, but according to the spies in Herb Garden, the players were still members of the guild and were still online. Was Arisaema’s “thick-faced” really buffed by a cheat engine?

“What?” Arisaema finally realised that something was wrong. He was able to find the two names after a brief search. They definitely weren’t part of the men sent out by him.

“Ha ha ha ha…. What are you all chatting about?” Changing Spring of Blue Brook Guild suddenly spoke up.

Chapter 539 - Conclusion To The Hunt

Changing Spring laughed coldly. Herb Garden and Tyrannical Ambition had also realized something wasn't right. The others soon noticed too: not good, not good at all.

"Everyone, haven't we forgotten something?" Changing Spring asked.

The other guild leaders started to sweat. They obviously forgot something.

The guild leaders immediately exchanged information and regretted not doing this earlier.

There were a surprising number of guild members who hadn't been dispatched to participate in this hunting game. It was also very clear why these people would be the winners: they had more people.

"Who are these people?" After the guild leaders carefully added them up, they discovered that these people just happened to belong to their five guilds. In addition, they had clearly planned this in advance. They acted in concert with the internal strife between the guilds and killed off all of the deployed hunters in the swamp.

"Hurry up and send back-up. Who still has people left?" Arisaema quickly shouted. All of his hunters had been killed, so he had no information on the situation.

“We still have people.” Jiang You replied. He was just about to send the list of names to his players and tell them to be careful, when the last survivor of his Tyrannical Ambition messaged him in sorrow: dead.

Soon afterwards, the remnants of Misty Castle, Void Walk, and Blossom Valley couldn’t hang on any longer and soon sent reports of their deaths. The hunters dispatched by the five guilds all died. This meant they had lost all hope in finding the Swamp Hunter’s whereabouts. The other side clearly wasn’t going to have the boss stay in one place for them to find it.

“You two are still fighting? The boss has been stolen away!” The guild leaders were depressed. Seeing that Samsara and Excellent Dynasty were still fighting, they didn’t want those two to feel better about themselves. The boss should have belonged to these two. Now that the boss had been stolen, those two guilds should feel extremely bitter, right?

“We’re not fighting for the boss. We fight for justice.” A very normal member of Samsara replied in a cold voice and continued to fight like mad.

“F*ck, Samsara’s crazy! We won’t accompany you!” Excellent Dynasty had originally been incited by Samsara. After hearing Samsara speak, their rationale returned. This fight was pointless. As a result, the guild players began picking up any equipment dropped on the ground and went into a retreating formation.

Samsara had fought a huge battle with Blue Brook Guild and Excellent Dynasty, and naturally suffered heavy losses. If they actually continued to fight, Excellent Dynasty would probably win. However, they didn't want to continue with such a pointless battle, so they prepared to retreat.

The other guilds hoped the conflict would grow larger. It would be great if Samsara and Excellent Dynasty went to war and splattered the entire Heavenly Domain with dropped equipment. According to convention, such a thing was unlikely to happen, but today Samsara seemed to have gone crazy. Who knew what stupid thing they might do next?

Excellent Dynasty originally had the advantage, but decided to retreat after thinking rationally about it. If Samsara still refused to rest, what would the resulting scene be like?

Full of expectation, the guild leaders almost forgot about the bitterness of losing the boss. If these two Club guilds actually went to war with each other, then losing the boss would have been worth it.

Today clearly wasn't their lucky day. Right when they hoped Samsara wouldn't be reasonable, Samsara suddenly became reasonable again. Seeing Excellent Dynasty's retreat, they didn't pursue them and continued to put on an appearance. Excellent Dynasty understood tacitly and didn't bicker. They just picked up their own dropped equipment. Many of Samsara's equipment also dropped, but Excellent Dynasty didn't find it appropriate to pick those up.

“Everyone, Excellent Dynasty will take its leave first today. However, I’m going to need an explanation for today’s events.” Excellent Dynasty finished picking up their items. Chen Yehui gave a cold statement and then left along with his guild members.

“Explanation? What the f*ck is there to explain?” The guild leaders felt wronged. They had originally planned on sending players to pursue the boss again, but they didn’t feel like doing it anymore. With that proof post, someone might use the opportunity to cause trouble. As the losers, it would be best not to touch the boss.

“Tch, isn’t it just a Swamp Hunter Leipu? What’s so special about it? We lost. Whoever got the boss can kill it!” Herb Garden’s Arisaema spoke and then left with his players.

The other guilds were in the same situation. They said a few words out of formality and gave up on Swamp Hunter Leipu.

In the end, only Blue Brook Guild and Samsara remained. Changing Springs and Three Worlds Six Paths stood at the head of their respective teams, facing each other, neither side speaking.

After a period of silence, Changing Spring spoke: “Three Worlds, you must have had a plan when you decided to do your actions today, no?”

“Oh?” Three Worlds answered calmly, completely different from his previous hot-blooded appearance from before.

Deep in Poison Fang Swamps, Wei Chen's Windward Formation led his team in killing Swamp Hunter Leipu. This wild boss wasn't easy to beat. Most guilds needed an entire group to kill one. However, even though Wei Chan had retired many years ago, he hadn't left Glory. He wasn't like one of those old antiques who couldn't keep up with the times. With his skill level, killing off the Swamp Hunter Leipu with his team could be done. If not, he wouldn't have arranged this operation with Ye Xiu.

"Pushing Sea, go right. You're f*cking blocking the mage's view!"

"Big Head, are you a cheerleader? Go up and attack! If you can't, just tank it."

"Shield Attack! Use a Shield Attack! Are you a turtle who only knows how to hide behind his shell?"

Wei Chen's leading was quite ruthless. Even though his bros played with him a lot, it was their first time against such a boss.

Luckily, Wei Chen was there to control the field. Warlocks were proficient in control skills too. Level 70 was also higher leveled than the wild boss. He might not be able to completely suppress it through his level advantage, but his skills worked effectively, which was exactly what a control mage needed.

In addition, they were all playing in an Internet Cafe, so they could look at each other's screens. Wei Chen's shotcalling was like a fish back in water. Slowly, the situation stabilized.

“Go go go! Good, attack while pulling him this way. We can’t keep staying in the same spot. Formation! Stay in formation. Watch the f*cking distance between yourselves. Maintain your position!” Wei Chen never stopped talking. He didn’t dare be negligent. They could kill the boss, but it wasn’t going to be easy.

Suddenly, he saw a few shadows slowly creeping up on them from the corner of his eyes. Wei Chen suddenly became nervous. If they encountered any strangers, let alone experts, even a few noobs could ruin everything.

But when he saw the players, Wei Chen relaxed: “F*ck, you scared this senior to death. You could have at least said something.”

It was Lord Grim and his team.

When Wei Chen saw them, he happily spoke: “Everything’s been resolved?”

“Yeah, I left five people behind to follow behind us from a distance away. If someone pursues us, we’ll notice them. Let’s hurry!”

“Okay, everyone, hurry!” Wei Chen roared.

Ye Xiu’s team joined the battle. Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim was a pitiful Level 54. Against a Level 65 wild boss, his attacks were worthless, so he didn’t really go up and attack. He just showed up and then

disappeared into the background. In any case, with Wei Chen there, he didn't need to do any leading, so he went to do other work.

With more helpers, the situation stabilized even more. Thinking of materials he would get after killing the boss, Wei Chen became extremely excited.

70%.

60%.

50%.

Swamp Hunter Leipu's health continued to decrease. No one came to bother them either. Everything seemed to be going smoothly. At this moment, he suddenly received a message.

With the situation stabilized, Wei Chen had some time to reply. He opened it and saw it was from Lord Grim: "Have you killed the boss yet?"

"We're halfway done. What's wrong?" Wei Chen immediately became nervous.

"Lower your damage output." Ye Xiu said.

"Why?"

“It’s good for us?” Ye Xiu replied.

“How is it good for us?” Wei Chen asked.

“I’m fighting for it!” Ye Xiu said.

“What are you talking about!” Wei Chen was extremely anxious.

“A guild has come looking for me, they’re willing to pay a high price for this boss.” Ye Xiu replied.

“What? That’s a thing?” Wei Chen was puzzled.

“He he, this boss isn’t as simple as just materials and equipment. This is a rare opportunity. If we get this type of opportunity again, we’ll benefit greatly.” Ye Xiu replied.

“Really? Then I should hurry and get a list out, so they can give me all of the items I need.” Wei Chen replied.

Ye Xiu naturally didn’t pay attention to this message. He turned his camera around to look at two people.

Changing Springs and Three Worlds Six Paths.

“You two should hurry. The boss is about to become enraged. If it

becomes enraged, it'll be difficult for us to hold back. So what do you think of the list of materials I sent you?" Ye Xiu laughed heartily.

Chapter 540 - Extortion

Seeing Lord Grim's list of materials, Changing Spring realized how Blue River's helplessness towards Lord Grim in the tenth server was formed.

A god was truly a god. He quickly figured out their weakness. The list of materials that he had received wasn't impossible to accept, but it wasn't easy to accept either.

Changing Spring let out a sigh and turned to look at Three Worlds: "Samsara guild leader, your thoughts?"

'No problem." Three Worlds replied bluntly.

Changing Spring could only sigh in his heart. Of course Three Worlds would be blunt because for Samsara, they would certainly profit, but for Blue Brook Guild? It was the same as if someone punctured your tire, but there was only one person in the area who could repair it. Don't repair it? If you don't repair it, then you can only abandon your car. What else could you do? The only option was to get ripped off.

"If Samsara has no problems with it, then we're the same!" Changing Spring wasn't happy, but his tone of voice appeared calm. He turned to look at Lord Grim: "We'll send the items immediately. What about your side?"

"No problem. We can wait." Ye Xiu smiled.

Didn’t he just say it would be very difficult to hold back? Now he’s saying we can wait. Changing Spring and Three Worlds rolled their eyes. What else could they do? They could only wait as well!

Ye Xiu wasn’t going to release the hawk until he saw the hare. He needed to receive his payment first before giving them the goods. It wasn’t the same as before. These guilds could easily cheat him. He didn’t have the slightest doubt that, with the guilds’ enmity towards him, they would view him in a different light and wouldn’t treat him in an honest manner.

“Old Wei, persevere!” Ye Xiu encouraged Wei Chen.

“How’s it going on your side?” Wei Chen asked.

“I’ve helped you directly get Swamp Hunter Leipu’s Rotting Ash.” Ye Xiu said.

“That’s it? If I kill the Swamp Hunter Liepu, Rotting Ash is practically guaranteed to drop! What else is there? If that’s it, then aren’t we losing too much?” Wei Chen said.

“Of course not. The rest is for me!” Ye Xiu said.

“F*ck, you’re not nice at all! I worked so hard and all I get is Rotting Ash? Hurry up and give me some more materials. If not, I’ll immediately kill the boss for you to see.” Wei Chen shouted.

“Okay, I’ll try.” Ye Xiu said and then turned to look at the two guild leaders.

“The situation has changed a bit.” Ye Xiu said.

“What? Something’s happened to the boss?” The two were alarmed.

“It’s like this. I feel like the price I proposed to you two is very fair, but you see, my partner is a very bad person. He’s a dishonest fellow. Seeing that you two are in a hurry, he is heartlessly taking advantage of this. Even I feel awfully ashamed to say this, but there’s nothing I can do, the boss is in his hands after all! I can only send his list of materials for you two to see.”

Ye Xiu sent them his list of materials. After hearing Ye Xiu’s first few sentences, they could tell he was just blathering. Their faces darkened. However, they didn’t act immediately. After taking a look at the list, the two were shocked.

“Are you joking!!” The two were relatively blunt guild leaders and directly expressed their thoughts.

“I agree.” Ye Xiu added.

This made the two of them were extremely angry because they didn’t want to face him right now. They wanted to face this dishonest person. As for whether or not this person actually existed, the two had no clue.

Right when they were about to speak, they heard Lord Grim say: “Hm, I’ve contacted the dishonest guy and told him your replies. The dishonest guy asks, aren’t you guys the ones joking?

“We made a deal.” Changing Spring said.

“I want you two to imagine that you have met a despicable and shameless disciple, take out your limit, and fill in his wickedness! If this isn’t enough to satisfy his disgraceful self, then it seems like today’s win-win cooperation will be destroyed in this dishonest guy’s hands.” Ye Xiu said.

“Okay.....”

After a long period of silence during, which the two might have been discussing with each other, Changing Spring finally spoke up. While replying to the list of materials, he said: “This is our limit. Please pass this onto your partner. His shamelessness is something we have never seen before.”

“I feel like it’d be best to complete our cooperation before I send this message on.” Ye Xiu said sincerely.

“.....” The two had no words to say. The two had privately cursed at Ye Xiu hundreds of times already. They felt like he was playing two roles and cheating them, but from the looks of it, maybe the dishonest guy actually existed?

Lord Grim alone was already enough for them in the Heavenly Domain. Now another evil villain had arrived?! How grim did their future look?

The two guild leaders deeply felt a type of foreboding in the future. Lord Grim replied at this moment: “Congratulations, you two. Through the efforts of both sides, we have finally reached an agreement.”

The two guild leaders cried. Through the efforts of both sides? You didn’t put in any f*cking effort! Or did you mean putting in effort to extort us?

Hearing this response, the two guild leaders didn’t even feel like saying false words out of formality like they usually did towards their competitors. They only spoke coldly: “If everything is set, then you can hand the boss over to us now right? At this point, you’re just wasting our time.”

“I’m very sorry. I trust in the honesty of your guilds, but the problem is..... think about it. For a despicable and dishonest person, if they don’t see the hare, do you think he’ll let the boss go?” Ye Xiu said.

“If this keeps dragging on and something happens, who’s going to take responsibility?” Three Worlds Six Paths asked.

“If something happens, the losses will be shared between both sides. Speaking of this, our losses would be worse. We would lose all of the materials on that list, but you two? It’s just a Level 65

Swamp Hunter Leipu. You wouldn't feel worse than us right?" Ye Xiu said.

The two guild leaders wanted to die. For this guy to actually say something like this, a God truly was far above them! According to you, why should we trade all of those materials for a stupid boss? You're clearly speaking nonsense!

Despite coughing blood, the two didn't leave. They could only wait, but what were they waiting for? Were they waiting for their people to hurry up and send the materials? It seems like the delay was because of them. Changing Spring understood now. He completely understood why Blue River would have a no resistance policy towards Lord Grim.

Ye Qiu!

God Ye Qiu!

If you only thought of him as a knowledgeable Glory player with incredible skill, then you were wrong, very wrong.

Changing Spring only hoped that the items would hurry up and arrive on time so that he could resolve this problem. He didn't want to interact with this guy any longer. It would be best if they never had to interact with each other ever again.

But was that possible?

Last time, it was a struggle in Wilderness Town. This time it was a robbery in Poison Fang Swamp. This guy clearly wanted to quarrel with their Club guilds. Hide? How could he hide? Even if he wanted to hide, Ye Qiu was planning on creating his own team. Changing Spring might want to hide, but he couldn't say it out loud!

Out loud, his words would appear relaxed: that guy Ye Xiu is very arrogant! Let's go and crush him.

Ugh! Changing Spring thought of this scenario and felt nauseous. He wanted to vomit……

"Guild leader, the items are here."

Finally, Changing Spring heard a voice. He turned around and saw a member of his guild carrying the items. Samsara's delivery person wasn't any slower. He was about 20 units away from Blue Brook Guild's runner.

"I have the items." Changing Spring took the materials and said to Lord Grim.

"Okay." Lord Grim replied and sent a trade request.

Changing Spring held back his anger and declined the request: "Isn't it about time you brought us to the boss?"

"Sure. Once I get the items, we'll go."

“We’ll pay you, when we see it.”

“That’s not good. It’s too easy for you to cheat me.” Ye Xiu said.

‘Then how can we trust that once you get the materials, you won’t just run?” Changing Spring asked.

“Ask Blue River. When have I ever went back on my word?” Ye Xiu said.

Blue River was the intermediary Changing Spring went to when he wanted to contact Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim. Ye Xiu had set it so Lord Grim couldn’t receive friend requests, so Changing Spring and Three Worlds had no way of contacting him. However, Changing Spring had an urgent matter at hand and needed to contact Lord Grim, so he found the quickest way to reach Blue River and asked him if he had any solutions.

Blue River actually had a solution. He had interacted with Ye Xiu many times. In fact, he helped manage Guild Happy, so he knew how to reach Ye Xiu.

Blue River contacted Soft Mist, Steamed Bun Invasion, and Chen Guo’s side account. From them, Ye Xiu received messages through Chen Guo’s phone and added Changing Spring and Three Worlds as friends. Once they met each other, Changing Spring and Three Worlds wanted to hide their intentions, but who was Ye Xiu? Without needing too much information, just from seeing their arrival, he linked together their circumstances and quickly figured

out their true intentions. Then, he used his extortion technique and the two guild leaders immediately realized they had been seen through. Thus, the transaction took place. They had no way of setting any conditions and could only suffer. They couldn’t even ask to see the goods first.

“We'll trade!” The two discussed with each other and then made the decision.

Chapter 541 - Guarded Secret

“Okay. Please follow me then. Let’s hurry up so you two don’t have to worry anymore.” Ye Xiu added after Lord Grim finished up the deal with the two guild masters. In the meantime, he was already slipping into the depths of the swamp. Taking Ye Xiu’s words seriously, Changing Spring and Three Worlds Six Paths followed him without a moment’s delay, leading their groups away.

They soon arrived at the scene. Wei Chen’s Windward Formation was leading ten to twenty players, who were tangled in a fierce fight. Changing Spring and Three Worlds Six Paths were all veterans at boss fights. With a few glances, they knew right away that Wei Chen’s group was mainly trying to control the boss instead of rushing to kill it. Their worrying hearts finally settled down. Clearly, the other party had been dragging out the fight until the deal could be sealed.

Having roamed Heavenly Domain for so long, Wei Chen knew the big shots from the big guilds better than Ye Xiu did. He saw Changing Spring and Three Worlds Six Paths’ names awhile ago. With a skillful dash, Windward Formation moved through the battlefield and greeted the newcomers enthusiastically, “Guild leader, do you want to take over the aggro? Or do you prefer to have us join your party? Relax, additional service won’t cost you any extra.”

“That won’t be needed.” Changing Spring replied coldly. Taking it as a signal, people from Blue Brook and Samara charged at the boss.

“You two guilds are trying to split one boss? This is going to be intense.” Wei Chen muttered his comment while stopping his people from attacking the boss. The transition that followed went smoothly since everyone was familiar with the process.

At the same time, Changing Spring was starting to believe that the extremely shameless person mentioned by Ye Xiu might actually exist.

Why? Because the person known as Windward Formation was roaming and laughing directly in front of him without feeling any discomfort whatsoever, even though the guild tag of Blue Brook Guild hovered above his character’s head.

Even if he were a spy, he should still feel somewhat uncomfortable right now. Even if this was only in game, as a spy, one should still have trouble calling themselves the police righteously. The guilt of betraying those around them would weigh heavily upon their hearts no matter what, so all the spies had excellent mental strength. The guy in front of him was undoubtedly the best candidate for a spy there was. He was perfectly at ease even when he was directly exposed in front of his own guild leader.

Although the transition finished quickly, when Wei Chen and his people backed down, they still looked very anxious, as if the players from Blue Brook and Samsara would turn and kill them right away to vent their anger.

To Changing Spring, the sight was funny and annoying. For competitions in an online game, killing and fighting was a rather ineffective method. If a battle could actually resolve all the future threat the group in front of him posed, Changing Spring would start a world war without any hesitation. Regrettably, even if he were to beat them here, what could he possibly achieve? If it was a war fought between the big guilds, then victory would win glory for his own guild. On the other hand, killing this group of nobodies would only tarnish his guild's name.

Being one of the top elites in the game for so long, Changing Spring had long since passed the stage where he still needed to PK to vent his anger, yet people were still weary of him for these kinds of trivial matters. It only made Changing Spring feel that this group's character was particularly low.

"Hm? What? Aren't you people going to try to fight us?" Wei Chen exclaimed in surprise when he realized that neither Blue Brook nor Samsara planned on doing anything to him or his group. They had left the battle zone perfectly unscathed.

"Is there such a need?" Changing Spring retorted flatly.

"This is an online game. Scores ought to be settled quickly and directly. Even after such a great loss, instead of fighting it out, you people are still scheming around. What a killjoy! The way you people play is so boring." Wei Chen lamented.

Wei Chen's words made Changing Spring fall into a long silence. At last, Changing Spring admitted, "What you say is not entirely false, but we were never here to play in the first place."

“Haha, apparently you’re quite smart. No wonder you’re the guild leader of Blue Brook.” Wei Chen praised.

“Ha ha, I’ll remember you.” Changing Spring didn’t join the battle himself. His view was pointed at the other party the whole time.

“That’s a must. If possible, I hope you won’t kick me out of your guild though.” Wei Chen replied.

“Why?” Changing Spring asked.

“Because Blue Brook’s benefits are really good and its fame is also quite useful.” Wei Chen answered.

Changing Spring was speechless. He was fully expecting some spectacular reasoning, but all he got was this kind of honesty instead. Thus, when he was moving his view, he kicked those in Blue Brook all out decisively.

“F**k! Shameless! With such a big guild, do you honestly need to empty up a few slots that badly?!” Wei Chen swore as he drifted away with the group. Finally, they all disappeared into the swamp.

“Let me see what goodies you’ve got!” Shortly after they left, Wei Chen was asking Ye Xiu impatiently, drooling in anticipation.

“Here.” Ye Xiu sent an exchange request over and gave Wei Chen the materials he got from the two guild leaders.

“This is it? Why didn’t you use the list I sent you.” Wei Chen was unexpectedly disgruntled with the results, but these were all that the guild leaders could manage with great difficulty.

“Get some standards, why don’t you? Is it even possible for them to accept your list?” Ye Xiu scolded.

“Under that kind of conditions, it was worth a try.” Wei Chen refuted.

“And this is the result of your attempt.” Ye Xiu replied.

“It’s so-so, but it’s still better than what you would have gotten before. Weakling.” Wei Chen argued.

“That’s because I’m not as shameless as you are.” Ye Xiu retorted.

“This is completely shameless? If I had more people, I would have planned an ambush on the way here and kill their delivery person. That would have been spectacular! Could they count that loss on me?” Wei Chen proposed.

“No human can stop you now…” Ye Xiu took a deep breath and lamented.

“Enough already. Give Death Hand back to me. I’m going to upgrade it.” Wei Chen changed the subject.

“Are you sure you won’t destroy it?” Ye Xiu asked.

“F*ck off! Stop cursing me!” Wei Chen yelled back.

“You’re not confident.” Ye Xiu concluded.

“Based on my years of research, I think it should be fine.” Wei Chen answered.

“Clearly, you’ve never tried.” Ye Xiu pointed out.

“But I have experience.” Wei Chen insisted.

“The experience of an antique?”

“F*ck off! I’m not going to argue with you. Hurry up and give Death Hand back to me. Let me upgrade the weapon first. We have to work for the material needed for the next upgrade anyways. I don’t know if we’ll be lucky enough to find another boss.” Wei Chen sighed.

“That’s going to be hard. With all the hidden rules in the game, we’re no better than the big shots from the big guilds. Truthfully speaking, they didn’t pay much attention to us before. They

thought that the Heavenly Domain wasn't like the normal servers. They believe that they have more power here, and we are just a tiny group with no real power, but after this, they will probably start to see us as a threat towards their bosses. If they actually spend some effort on making things difficult for us, we might actually suffer a lot from it." Ye Xiu explained.

"True! After all, Bosses are different. Just killing one takes a lot of time. Hijacking a boss is more troublesome than hijacking a guild leader." Wei Chen agreed.

"Actually, killing guild leaders would be nice too, but the problem is that guild leaders only drop equipment, not materials." Ye Xiu lamented.

"Ai, if only we know who got the material every time they killed a boss, then that would be great! We wouldn't have to kill the bosses anymore. We just need to kill that player." Wei Chen added.

"That would still be difficult. Killing the person won't give you the right thing every time." Ye Xiu commented.

"If killing them doesn't drop it, then we'll just keep on killing." Wei Chen answered.

"Should we try it next time?" Ye Xiu offered.

"But we need to find out who picked up the material. That's too hard..." Wei Chen sighed.

“We just need a spy among the higher-ups.” Ye Xiu spoke.

The two turned around and looked at the same time then. Wei Chen’s friends stood behind his Windward Formation. By now, almost all of their guild titles had disappeared. It was not because they were hiding them, but because they got kicked out. There were a few exceptions though: they were in Excellent Dynasty or Samsara. None of Wei Chen’s players from these two guilds had joined the fight, so the spies in these two guilds weren’t exposed.

“We’re probably on their blacklist now. This is problematic.” Wei Chen frowned.

“It shouldn’t be too much of a problem. You can just switch accounts. I checked. Luckily, in your group, everyone has a different class, right? Well, it just happens so that I have a bunch of level 70 empty accounts. I can give those accounts to your people. You can then transfer over your equipment, then that should settle it.” Ye Xiu offered.

“F*ck! Do you know that our accounts all have really high amounts of skill points?” Wei Chen complained.

“Really? How high?”

“About 4700.” Wei Chen answered.

“Why is it so high?” Ye Xiu exclaimed. With the regular leveling

and main quests, a character would always end up with exactly 4000 skill points. The additional skill points were gained under random conditions from skill books, hidden quests, and event rewards.

Glory had a long history. Ye Xiu wouldn't be surprised to see some regular characters in the game actually had an amount of skill points comparable to the godly characters. After all, this kind of thing depended solely on luck. However, those around Wei Chen all had around 4700 skill points. Now that was shocking.

This was all the result of good luck? Such good fortune for all 20 or so?

Clearly, this was no longer the result of luck. There must have been some skill involved in it.

“Hehe, this is my guarded secret.” Wei Chen boasted.

“Nonsense! More than 20 people already know this. How can you call that a guarded secret?” Ye Xiu snapped. Speaking about it, skill points had been a headache for Ye Xiu. This was something that could only rely on luck. No one could guarantee how a character would end up. The only solution to this problem was money. On top of that, money couldn’t actually buy skill points. It could only be used to buy the accounts with really high skill points.

Some would say, “All problems that could be solved with money are not problems.” Clearly, those who say that are all rich people. For those who use money to build teams, this is truly not too big of

an issue. Even though there are very few accounts with such high skill points, Glory had been established for a long time and it had a large population of players, there are still a decent number of accounts with high skill points.

Still, to Ye Xiu, who was starting over with nothing in hand, this was a very grave issue. The price for accounts with high skill points could be as high as the price of a silver class weapons. Let alone a full team of them, Ye Xiu couldn't afford a single one. Who would have thought that Wei Chen, who was right in front of him, would have a way to stack skill points? This would not only solve an urgent problem for Ye Xiu, but it would also bring a large amount of fortune to him.

In that moment, Ye Xiu only had one wish: let's hope this shameless guy isn't bragging, or that the guarded secret is as worthless as "I bought them."

Chapter 542 - Follow Up

“Ha ha ha, you want to know? Let this senior think of something for you to do and then I’ll consider telling you.” Wei Chen raised his eyebrows.

“Old thing, who has your Death Hand?” Ye Xiu laughed grimly.

“F*ck!!” Wei Chen realized that he had been too pleased with himself and had forgotten something so important.

“You win……” Wei Chen clearly valued his Silver weapon. His years of hard work couldn’t be faked.

“Hurry up and tell me.”

“You should know. In Glory, when certain conditions are met, some items can be dropped 100% of the time.” Wei Chen said.

As an experienced expert, Ye Xiu understood what Wei Chen meant: “You’re saying kill books can also be dropped in a similar way?”

“Yes, but it’s still not guaranteed. At best, it can increase the drop chance.” Wei Chen answered.

“Big brother, isn’t that just a myth?” Ye Xiu felt a bit confused. Time range, fixed input sequence, fixed kill order, etc. These

weren't proven facts in Glory, but rather beliefs of some players. These illogical methods were hard to believe.

On the other hand, setting up certain conditions to hit out equipment had a 100% chance and could be proven through testing. All of these methods made sense too. For example, when Ye Xiu first started playing the game from scratch, the method to guarantee the hidden boss' ornamental sword in the beginner village was to repeatedly hit the sword's belt. This could be explained through logic: if the sword belt broke, the sword would drop.

A lot of these types of methods existed in Glory. However, Wei Chen's method only increased the drop chance. In an instant, his method felt somewhat implausible. How could you know whether the drop chance actually increased or not?

A 5% drop rate didn't mean that you would be guaranteed 5 drops out of 100 kills. Each drop was an independent event after all. Out of a thousand times, you might not get any drops in 950 kills, but you could get 50 drops in the last 50 kills and it would still be considered a 5% drop rate. As a result, for drop rates, apart from 100% or 0%, it was difficult to estimate an exact number. Wei Chen only mentioned increasing the drop chance. His method seemed more like a myth than a fact.

"Myth? Don't all of these characters with around 4700 skill points prove that it's not a myth?" Wei Chen refuted.

"Then tell me, how do you do it?" Ye Xiu asked.

“Okay, we have to start with the relationship between people and Glory.”

“Death Hand.” Ye Xiu spoke bluntly.

“D*MMIT!” Wei Chen grit his teeth.

“Hurry up and tell me.” Ye Xiu held a stick and he didn’t have the patience to wait.

“There’s a lot of stuff. I’ll just send you a doc!” Wei Chen didn’t continue stalling. He knew that what he had was very important. If the two of them were going to create a team with the goal of becoming champions, then just having outstanding players wasn’t enough. The characters had to be strong enough too.

“Okay, send it to me. I’ll study it.” Ye Xiu said.

“You don’t trust this brother’s research? You haven’t touched the game very much in these past few years. Glory is an online game, after all. You can still learn a lot from the web. The training methods used by teams are becoming more and more mature, but they’re also moving farther and farther away from the game. That’s not good.” Wei Chen spoke his thoughts.

“It sounds like you’ve discovered a lot in these past few years?” Ye Xiu asked.

“I have. Definitely things that you guys in the pro scene probably wouldn’t know.” Wei Chen said confidently.

“So thank me! For giving you a chance to go back on stage.” Ye Xiu said.

Wei Chen went silent for a long time, but then said: “F*ck off. Hurry up and give me my Death Hand back.”

“It’s in the city storage. I’ll go grab it.” Ye Xiu said.

“Wait, something doesn’t feel right up ahead.” Just as they were about to leave Poison Fang Swamp, Windward Formation suddenly stopped to hear for any sounds of movement.

“Yeah, something feels off.” Ye Xiu said. The two experienced players could tell the situation wasn’t normal.

“It’s probably those guilds from before. They probably left some people behind to see what we’re up to.” Wei Chen guessed.

“It looks like there are quite a lot of people.” Ye Xiu looked around. These people hadn’t exposed themselves yet, but they weren’t making too much of an effort to stay hidden either. They had clearly completed an encirclement, ready to pounce at any time.

“It seems like breaking out will be a bit difficult.” Wei Chen said.

“I agree.”

“You go first.” Wei Chen said.

“Of course.” Ye Xiu logged off.

“F*ck! Can’t you say something nice???” Wei Chen cursed in QQ.

“Tch. We still need to play tricks with each other? We all know it’s true, so why waste time?” Ye Xiu asked.

“You f*cker. You said you’d give us accounts. Was that for real?” Wei Chen asked.

“Of course. You still have time to chat?” Ye Xiu asked back.

“The enemies aren’t moving. I’m not moving. It’s not like we need these accounts anymore. In a bit, this senior is going to fight with them and give them a taste of my amazingness.” Wei Chen said.

“Seeing that I’ve logged off, that attack must have hurt them greatly.” Ye Xiu said.

“Don’t be so happy. They might wait there until you log back on.” Wei Chen warned.

“I doubt they’ll spend all day waiting for me with so many people. Come rescue me when there are less people.” Ye Xiu said.

“Why should I rescue you?” Wei Chen said.

Ye Xiu replied with two words: Death Hand.

“God d*mmit! This time, when you get out, you’re going to return my Death Hand immediately. If you don’t return it, I won’t agree to anything you say ever again. I can’t wait another minute.” Wei Chen cursed.

“Hurry up and go fight them!” Ye Xiu said.

“Wait for my message!” Wei Chen replied. In Poison Fang Swamp, the battle began.

With Windward Formation at the head, a bunch of half-naked characters charged in a direction. After being kicked out of the guild, they were left half-naked. Half of their equipment had been taken back by the guild storage.

Against these half-naked savages, the guilds calmly concentrated their firepower to kill them immediately.

Who would have thought that this charge would be a fake? The instant the encirclement attacked, the two teams suddenly

changed directions and started attacking in a frenzy. At this moment, the encirclement had already let out their attacks and couldn't take them back.

Pu!

It was like a sword hitting a crucial point. However, the sword was too blunt and couldn't kill. It was still enough to injure though. On the other hand, these two teams attacked the encirclement and killed several people.

"Pick up their equipment!!!" Wei Chen shouted. There wasn't many equipment on the ground. With 20 half-naked people scrambling for them, it seemed very uncivilized.

Their scramble made the players making up the encirclement stare dumbly at them. They were all from big guilds and had discipline. It was hard for them to look at such shameless acts. During this period of disdain, all of the equipment laying on the ground had been swept clean. Wei Chen shouted again and the two teams separated with one on the left and the other on the right. Each team forced their way into one part of the encirclement.

This time, the guild players fought back. They wouldn't let these savages pick up their items so easily. Their counterattack killed off several of them.

This was a team battle. With a multitude of attacks coming at once, life and death was only a matter of seconds. Ye Xiu wouldn't be able to remain in this type of battle. A Level 54 character had

limited strength.

The battle that took place in Poison Fang Swamp didn't last long. It ended within minutes. All twenty players died.

These players had been cursing the entire time and in a very ugly manner too. Their shouts often had to do with the reproductive system, but from their angry curses, they could also feel that they were happy and having fun.

The enemies had finally been killed, but the guild players didn't feel happy at all. The enemies that they had killed didn't bear any resentment towards their killers, only pure passion for fighting. Right before they died, they often said things like "You're washed clean now. Wait for big daddy to come for you!"

It made all of the guild players feel like they had been ridiculed. They looked at each other and couldn't find anything to be pleased about.

At this moment, a system announcement came: Samsara had killed Swamp Hunter Leipu.

What's this?

When the guild leaders saw this message, their minds suddenly went blank. Hadn't Swamp Hunter Leipu been snatched away by Lord Grim's gang? They even killed off a bunch of guys at Poison Fang Swamp's exit. Even though it was too bad that they weren't

able to catch Lord Grim, it was still a small win in their eyes. However, how come Samsara killed Swamp Hunter Leipu?

They hadn't come to their senses yet, when a follow-up to the proof post in the Glory forums.

The follow-up spoke of two things.

One, ridiculing Blue Brook Guild had been a misunderstanding. In reality, this had all been done by the pest Lord Grim. After learning the truth, Blue Brook Guild helped Samsara take the boss and, in accordance to the proof post, the boss was given to Samsara.

Two, Samsara was the main topic. Even if they weren't going to fight for the boss, they had to fight for justice! Blue Brook Guild had proved everything was a misunderstanding, but in this type of situation, Samsara wouldn't cower. Excellent Dynasty wanted to enter by exploiting their weakness. Fine, Samsara would fight. Samsara wouldn't compromise for any reason. No matter the predicament, if they were going to kill, they would slaughter their way to the heavens. They would kill for justice!

These two had videos and images as proof. Samsara's players stood up straight with pride as they watched Excellent Dynasty's players stoop down to pick up equipment and leave. All of it had been recorded.

"Didn't you say you couldn't understand this time's deal? Do you understand now?" Ye Xiu said to Chen Guo.

Chapter 543 - Spies

Chen Guo looked a bit dumbstruck. She didn't understand it too thoroughly, but after seeing the two follow-up posts, she got a clearer idea of the whole picture.

Blue Brook Guild's action had been forced. With the proof post, even if the guilds knew that Blue Brook Guild hadn't done it intentionally, without any concrete proof to back up their uninvolvement, they didn't mind putting the blame on Blue Brook Guild. This type of attack was much more valuable than a PvP match in the game. Blue Brook Guild had a Club and a team behind them. Such an existence made up of three entities would be extremely difficult to harm through just PvP alone.

On the other hand, revealing a scandal could weaken the popularity of one of these three entities and could be considered quite a heavy blow to their reputation.

Blue Brook Guild clearly understood this point. As a result, they cleaned themselves of the matter, refusing to let the other guilds use this opportunity to attack them. Blue Brook Guild didn't have much of a choice.

As for Samsara? Chen Guo saw the chain of shouting and cheering from Samsara fans underneath the post. There were quite a lot of other players praising the manliness of Samsara's actions too. She quickly realized the significance of the actions that Samsara had taken.

When normal players played the game, they didn't care about the businesses of these Club guilds. Today, Samsara had been cheated and used this to attract the sympathy of others. Afterwards, they used a battle to show their might. Other guilds might look at such actions with disgust, but it resonated well with the vast majority.

People played the game to have fun. If they were cheated, they didn't want to go through some lengthy process in order to get revenge. They would rather take revenge immediately. Whether or not revenge was the answer was a completely different matter.

Samsara went with what the people liked. Not only did they rally their own supporters, many neutral players had a deeper impression of Samsara now, especially with Samsara taking the boss. This was a perfect example of a main character taking action to achieve his goals. In the eyes of the people, the only word that could describe this was cool!

However, after looking at it again, she suddenly felt a bit confused about one part: "If that's the case, Blue Brook Guild needed Samsara as witnesses to clear their name, but Samsara didn't need Blue Brook Guild to do anything for them? If Blue Brook Guild was still the betrayer, then even if Samsara won the boss in the end, Samsara would look more powerful, right?

"Not bad not bad. You must have improved a lot to think of this outcome!" Ye Xiu praised.

Chen Guo rolled her eyes. She clearly didn't feel very accepting of his praise. Truthfully, she didn't have much interest in how the guilds operated. She preferred watching sick plays, killing in a

single combo, etc.

"Samsara obviously doesn't want to be linked with Blue Brook Guild, but if their intents were seen through by Blue Brook Guild, then there's nothing they can really do about it. Blue Brook Guild refuses to part with them, and they couldn't take the boss, so to make a trade-off, they helped to clear Blue Brook Guild's name!" Ye Xiu explained.

"You saw that the two parties urgently needed the boss, so you struck a deal with them?" Chen Guo asked.

Ye Xiu laughed bitterly: "I had no choice. In our current situation, trying to compete with these guilds fairly is like asking a tiger for its skin. I don't have the time to slowly make business with them, which is why I have to resort to such shameless methods like this...."

"You don't need to explain. I'm not looking down on you for doing it. Keep up the good work." Chen Guo said.

"With such a shameless guy like Old Wei to help me, it's like adding wings to a tiger." Ye Xiu sighed.

"It's not like you're very merciful either." Chen Guo said.

"Don't say such nonsense, I'm nowhere near Old Wei's level of shamelessness." Ye Xiu spoke solemnly.

Chen Guo commented: “You’re really modest when it comes to stuff like this.”

On QQ, Wei Chen reported the death of his gang. All of these characters had to be abandoned, so he decided that they would look around and kill these guild players, so these abandoned accounts would gain some value.

“See, look how shameless he is!” Ye Xiu said to Chen Guo, while asking Wei Chen how he should send over the open accounts.

“How are we going to develop after this?” Wei Chen was currently leading his team all over the place to attack the guild players. He was having quite a good time, playing while chatting with Ye Xiu on QQ.

“I have a big plan!” Ye Xiu said.

“What big plan?” Wei Chen said.

“I’ve decided to send you out as a spy.” Ye Xiu answered.

“I can’t though, no? If I were to become a spy, wouldn’t you be wasting my talents?” Wei Chen objected.

“No, for such an unscrupulous guy like yourself, using you as a spy puts your talents to full use.” Ye Xiu honestly replied.

“Wouldn’t you be a better fit then?” Wei Chen said.

“My schemes and foresight aren’t nearly as deep as yours.” Ye Xiu politely refuted.

“No no. I’m older than you in age, but in terms of knowledge in Glory, you will always be the superstar of experience and shamelessness. Even after you retired, you’ve deeply affected the later generation. You’re not like me who stayed silent for all these years. Even Blue Brook Guild’s dog of a leader didn’t recognize this senior. Did Blue Rain not hang up a huge portrait of me in the Hall of Fame for those dogs to worship me?”

“I’m to blame for that. If it weren’t for me, you might have actually been able to win some fame during the two years and earned yourself a portrait in the Hall of Fame, but as the founder of Team Blue Rain, I believe your hard work and passion set the team’s path for the future by becoming the powerful stepping stone for the later generation. One shouldn’t be too unduly humble.”

“Are you f*cking illiterate? When was this senior ever too unduly humble? Flip open the Baidu dictionary and study how to use proverbs properly. Don’t speak such nonsense to me.”

“If you aren’t too humble, then you’ll just have to accept your job as a spy. Trust me. You have the ability to do the job well.” Ye Xiu said.

“What a load of sh*t! This senior is saying this job is too easy for

someone like myself. Stop pestering me.” Wei Chen expressed.

“Obviously for a job as a normal spy, but this time, I’m going to be doing something big.” Ye Xiu said.

“How big?”

“What’s the point of having one or two spies? If we’re sending in spies, we’re going to send in a full group of them.” Ye Xiu said.

“Why?”

“Look, with your skill, as long as you don’t intentionally keep a low profile, even if you won’t be able to become one of the core members that manage the guild, becoming a core member that leads teams shouldn’t be a problem, right? When this happens, you can add your gang into the guild and we’ll set up a group of spies in the guild. A single spy won’t be able to get much information, but a guild’s elite team should be able to access quite a lot of information, right?” Ye Xiu said.

“You really are too shameless. Not only do you want me to jump into a pit of fire, you even want all of my bros to jump in with me!”

“How can say it’s a pit of fire? Do you know the benefits of being in a guild!” Ye Xiu said.

“That’s true. Without the extra stats and equipment from a large guild, our strength is too weak. It doesn’t feel good! It seems like

taking advantage of these benefits is not a bad idea."

'Yeah, it's like killing two birds with one stone."

"Okay, I'll do it. When will those account cards arrive?"

"That depends on the delivery worker."

"Okay, when I get the account cards, I'll start. Do you have any recommendation as to which guild I should join?"

'Which guild do you think would be the best?"

"With this brother's skill, it doesn't matter. The guilds will be lining up to invite me. There's no need to consider whether or not I can do it."

"Then you decide!"

"What about Samsara? Seeing today's actions, Samsara has quite the ambition! The guild wants to become more popular and they've been doing well in the competitive scene recently too! Samsara's actions this time might even have been orders from above. They want the attention in game to coincide with their rise to the pro stage." Wei Chen said.

"Mm, it's a good choice. With greater ambition, there are more opportunities to join and develop. Samsara is not bad. I approve."

Ye Xiu said.

“B*stard, it sounds like you’re approving my decision. This senior makes his own decisions!” Wei Chen replied.

“This is the last time I’m going to remind you: Death Hand is still with me.” Ye Xiu replied.

“Right, don’t you think that Samsara has a good chance of winning this season?” Wei Chen quickly switched topics.

“Their momentum is strong and they clearly aspire to be champions. This year, they even got to host the All Stars. They clearly plan on cementing their position in the pro scene this year. If you’re talking about chances, all of the strong teams have a chance, but if you’re talking about readiness and conviction, Samsara is looking quite strong!

“Speaking of which, Samsara didn’t seem to be looking too strong for the first half of the split!” Wei Chen said.

“That’s part of their readiness. It’s not easy starting off strong and keeping it up for the entire season. It’s better to start slower, grow, and then burst forth at the end for the playoffs.” Ye Xiu said.

“So what you’re saying is that you think Samsara’s going to win?”

“Yes.” Ye Xiu replied.

“Then should I put some money on it?” Wei Chen said.

‘What are you talking about?"

“Over here, our underground gambling den has opened a spot for Glory. I was planning on placing bets for who would win the playoffs, but I wasn’t sure who to place bets on.” Wei Chen explained.

“……”

Chen Guo’s back was sweating seeing these two talk trash to each other, while discussing their shameless plan to send a group of spies into another guild. When she suddenly saw the two chatting about the playoffs and how Ye Xiu predicted Samsara to win: “Do you really think Samsara will win?”

“If I were the one running the underground gambling den, I would definitely set Samsara’s betting odds low.” Ye Xiu pointed to the screen.

Chapter 544 - Third Follow Up

Blue Brook Guild had kept their name pristine. Samsara had gained more momentum. Overall, Samsara had benefited the most from this transaction.

Blue Brook Guild could only preserve their current popularity, allowing their guild members know just how much they had suffered under Lord Grim and his group's hand

Samsara's move had greatly increased their popularity, especially since the Club also made a statement in an interview about the battle spirit Team Samsara had. Even though the Club never referred to the game, anyone would be able to piece the two together.

The Club mostly talked about the performance of the team during the current season. Samsara's recent achievements formed a backdrop which proved their spirit. Both the guild and Club had made progress together and immediately garnered a great amount of attention. Many people began considering the probability of Samsara winning the championships this season.

At this moment, no one would have thought that after these two follow ups came out, that a third follow up would appear.

The main topic of the post: Who gave you the power to put the boss at stake?

The original poster heavily criticized the eight guilds and their

competition that staked the boss as the reward. The poster's reasoning was very simple: the boss didn't belong to the guilds. In theory, the boss belonged to all the players of Glory. Why did the guilds get to take the boss as their own and fight against each other with the boss as the reward?

This post gave rise to a huge amount of commotion.

It didn't matter whether the player was a fan or a supporter, everyone hoped to have the chance to kill this type of boss and obtain its potential drops.

However, wild bosses weren't beings that could be killed by just anyone. Slightly weaker teams could even die against one. As a result, only the elite guild teams could successfully kill wild bosses with a high success rate.

Club guilds were undoubtedly amongst the top among guilds and also valued wild bosses highly. Over the years, the wild bosses almost always fell into the hands of these Club guilds. In reality, the Club guilds already considered wild bosses as theirs.

As soon as this post came out, controversy erupted. The reasoning was specious though. The Club guilds had never declared that these bosses belonged to them alone. The boss belonged to whoever killed it. They had to care about their own images. If other players came to fight for the boss, they would kill the players or win the boss with higher contribution. In any case, if other came to stop them, they would fight back. They treated everyone equally when it came to wild bosses.

Bosses belonged to all the players of Glory. Because of this, Club guilds obviously had the right to kill bosses as well. Club guilds killed the bosses according to Glory's rules. If someone else stole the boss away from them, they wouldn't immediately attack and take revenge.

The proof post hadn't been well written. It ignored the feelings of many players. The guilds felt that it was completely natural. The players thought so too, which was why no one had said anything about it until now. However, now that someone with a different perspective had come out, it immediately raised a lot of controversy.

The Club guild players naturally supported their own guilds. However, many players criticized the guilds' inconsiderate conduct towards them.

This post was much more shocking than Blue Brook Guild's or Samsara's follow ups. This time, it not only struck a blow towards the eight guilds involved, but also to all of the Club guilds. The post also denounced how the Club guilds only cared about the interests of their pro teams and restricted the freedom of their own players, treating them like slaves.

This denunciation was a harsh statement. In response, the big guilds frantically defended themselves, talking about the benefits of being in a large guild.....

While defending themselves, they conducted an investigation on

the original poster. They obviously wanted to know if this attack had been done by someone with other motives. Speaking of which, everyone had already begun suspecting a certain player.

But after conducting their investigation, the poster hadn't hidden his history. He wasn't anyone particularly famous. Traces of him could be found all over the forums. It seemed like he was the type of player who liked to spread rumors.

The big guilds didn't dare to relax their guards though. If it was just some random player talking trash, then they wouldn't be afraid at all, but if this player had other motives, they had to be ready to respond.

Let alone the big guilds,even Chen Guo began to suspect a certain someone after seeing the ruckus caused by the post.

"Is this your doing?" Chen Guo pointed at the screen and asked Ye Xiu. Then again, she had not seen Ye Xiu typing up anything like this earlier.

Ye Xiu took a quick look and shook his head: "No."

"Tsk tsk, the guilds are going crazy over this. Look." Chen Guo went back to the forum home page for Ye Xiu to see. The main page was filled with statements from the big guilds, defending themselves from the criticism they had just been plastered with, especially the part about treating their guild members as slaves. They had to give an explanation.

“Tsk tsk tsk.” Ye Xiu sighed, but didn’t pay too much attention to it and continued to do his own work. He hadn’t played much of the game in these last two days. Instead, he studied the document from Wei Chen on the fastest way to gather skill points.

In this document, Wei Chen listed a huge amount of quests and explained the requirements of these quests in order to get an increased drop rate for skill books.

With Ye Xiu’s knowledge of the game, he didn’t need to do much testing to test the hypothesis in order to figure out the method’s reliability. In the end, he had to admit that Wei Chen’s research couldn’t be considered a myth. The only thing he lacked was hard data that he himself had collected.

In Wei Chen’s research, he called all of these “hidden conditions”. The reason he was so confident was because Glory didn’t seem to be lacking in these types of “hidden conditions”. For example, the vast majority of skills had hidden effects that could be activated upon certain situations playing out. Because players used these skills so often, these hidden effects were eventually figured out. In that case, what other hidden conditions existed in Glory?

This was one reason for Wei Chen’s efforts in researching how to increase the drop rate of skill books. Of course, Wei Chen also considered this as a method of becoming rich. The two had discussed this when discussing the contents of the document.

“I’ve finished looking at the document you sent me.” Ye Xiu hadn’t played the game for the last two days and had spent all his

time studying the document.

“What do you think? It’s pretty sound, right?” Wei Chen replied on QQ.

“Yeah, amazing!” Ye Xiu praised sincerely because he knew just how difficult it must have been to research all of this. Wei Chen had studied quests! He had searched through the forums and heard from rumors about the different places and quests with a chance of dropping skill books. Through these quests, he found the hidden conditions necessary to increase the drop rate of said skill books.

Apart from daily quests, most quests couldn’t be repeated. Non-repeatable quests made up most of the results from Wei Chen’s research. What did this mean? It meant that Wei Chen had used numerous accounts in order to test his theory because each account could only try each quest once.

Ye Xiu didn’t ask how Wei Chen had gotten all those accounts, but he could imagine how difficult it must have been. It wasn’t possible for Ye Xiu to not respect such effort.

“Once our team starts using it, make sure it doesn’t leak out.” Wei Chen carefully warned.

“Of course.” Ye Xiu said.

“Come take a look at all the loot we got.” Wei Chen said and sent Ye Xiu screenshots of their regained equipment one after the

other. With his gang of bros, Wei Chen wandered around the Heavenly Domain ambushing guild players. They didn't say a word to them and just killed them directly.

This type of harassment wouldn't hurt the big guilds much, but they couldn't let it slide either. The guilds formed a hunting team in order to hunt down Wei Chen and his gang. Wei Chen happily clashed with them, sacrificing their accounts, while continuing to fill up their inventories.

After two days, the stats of their twenty accounts were completely red. Their experience points were negative numbers. They were too lazy to count how many times they had died because they were more interested in the equipment they received during this period.

As they died, their strength declined making it more and more difficult to continue fighting. Even so, they still continued to bite at these guild players. The guilds were completely sick of them, but they learn from their previous mistake. This time, they didn't dare to release a bounty. Wei Chen's gang was with Lord Grim. If they offered a reward, what would they do if these guys just killed themselves for the reward?

"Okay, save some strength to help me escape!" Ye Xiu said.

The guilds weren't having a good time these last two days. Let alone the boss, the proof post was also very troublesome to deal with. A random team was ambushing their players every day. In addition to this, they had a group of players guarding Lord Grim's log-off spot 24/7, but they had yet to see Lord Grim log on.

This time, they were determined to fight with Ye Xiu though. They had the manpower anyways. If they just made the shifts shorter, no one would be as bitter about it. Whoever killed Lord Grim would get a large reward, so the guild players had fairly high morale.

“Yeah, it’s about time. We should hurry and get you out while our accounts still have enough strength to! If we’re going to be spies, we can’t get revealed yet.” Wei Chen also replied.

“Yeah, I’ll get an account too and help you guys.” Ye Xiu said. He asked Chen Guo to borrow her Chasing Haze. After logging into the game, he headed towards Poison Fang Swamp, where Lord Grim had logged off at.

Chapter 545 - Rescue

The eight guilds involved in the proof post were gathered at the boundaries of Poison Fang Swamp.

Initially, only five of the guilds had hidden themselves to lie in wait for an ambush, but later, they invited the other three guilds to join in. Blue Brook Guild and Samsara had just been extorted by Ye Xiu, so they happily accepted. Excellent Dynasty naturally accepted too.

The guilds arranged the shifts for guarding this area. The method was a bit clumsy, but it was still better than nothing. Against a cunning god-level opponent, having an opportunity to kill him once was hard to come by.

Yes, the eight guilds just wanted to kill him once in order to vent their anger, but how would they have known that he wouldn't appear for two days? It was quite surprising to them.

Lord Grim won't log on?

If this was permanent, it would be incredible news, but then again, how could it be possible? Of course it couldn't be. If he wasn't logging on, was he perhaps plotting something scary? The guilds thought of the little nincompoop complaining on the forums and suspected that it must have been the work of Lord Grim.

For a moment, they didn't know if it was better for Lord Grim to be online or not. In any case, they had to hastily explain

themselves on the forums and stay in position at Poison Fang Swamp. As for the reward they would receive for killing Lord Grim..... it had already been put up inside the guilds and would never been taken down. Why else had Wei Chen attacked Ye Xiu with his identity as a member of the Blue Brook Guild?

Overall, the deployment of the guilds was a bit sloppy. It wasn't a very careful formation, but rather more like a desperate action, but in any case, their superiors hadn't given them any new instructions, so the guild members simply followed orders and changed shifts constantly.

Each of the eight guilds sent a team of players for a total of 80 players. For convenience, they formed a group. As a result, the teams who arrived to take over the new shift would enter the group and then stare blankly into empty space. This sequence hadn't changed at all for the past two days. The players on shift weren't too bored though. The guilds had a lot of players. They just needed to randomly switch a few of them out every once in awhile. No one would feel like the task was too repetitive.

The only thing that repeated was Lord Grim never showing up.

At this moment, a team from Misty Castle arrived, ready to take over the new shift. The eight guilds switched shifts at different times to avoid everyone coming at once and making the situation chaotic.

"Are you guys here?"

“Yeah, we’re here.”

“Has Lord Grim logged in yet?”

“No……”

Whenever new players arrived on shift, they would often have a similar conversation.

After some dialogue, the new team entered the group and the old team left. At this moment, twenty players lay in wait, secretly observing the situation.

Wei Chen had already investigated this change of shift already. It wasn’t any different than before.们

“The enemy is quite fierce. By changing shifts at different times, we won’t only be facing these eighty players. There’s always back-up on their way.” Wei Chen said to Ye Xiu.

“Is there always one team coming to change shifts every time?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Yeah, from what I saw this time and last time, this seems to be true.” Wei Chen said.

“Then why don’t we attack this team?” Ye Xiu asked.

“I thought of it, but from the main city to here, the space is very open. There isn’t any place to ambush them from. We’ll catch wind of each other way before we can get close.” Wei Chen said.

Ye Xiu thought of the terrain and agreed.

Afterwards, he said: “Then what about in the main city?”

“It’s a Level 65 city and it’s quite populated too. It would be best if we didn’t go to a place with too many people.” Wei Chen sighed. His team had gone to a city to repair their equipment, but the guilds somehow surrounded and massacred them. It had been a miserable day!

“So the only choice is to break through these eighty players?” Ye Xiu asked.

“It seems like it.”

“Then let’s do it!” Ye Xiu said,

“That’s what I was going to do, but then you started spewing all that bullsh*t.” Wei Chen cursed.

“Let’s go from the six o’clock direction!” Ye Xiu suggested.

“Why six o’clock? Go from the twelve o’clock. We’ll create a small hole. Then, you log on and run deep into the map. As long as you pull some distance from them, how could you not shrug them off with your strict control over your stamina?” Wei Chen said.

“Old bro, I’m only Level 54. I can’t even use insect repellant smoke. Running deeper into the swamp isn’t convenient for me. It would be better to run down the main street.”

“Oh, I forgot about that.” Wei Chen immediately realized. It wasn’t that he lacked experience. There hadn’t ever been a Level 54 character in the Heavenly Domain, so players over here wouldn’t consider things from that sort of perspective.

“Let’s go then!” Wei Chen led his team and changed directions.

“Don’t be in such a rush. Let me cause a small disturbance first.” Ye Xiu was using Chasing Haze. Launchers had the longest range of the classes in Glory, so he dared to provoke these eighty players.

“Hurry up.” Wei Chen impatiently urged.

As soon as he said this, Ye Xiu’s Chasing Haze threw out a lighter, low and level. However, in the dark Poison Fang Swamp, the light attracted everyone’s attention.

“Who is it?” A player on guard noticed the light, but with how Ye Xiu threw the lighter, the lighter didn’t travel far, so it had already landed on the ground by the time the player noticed it. The player

could only see light and couldn't tell what it was.

"What's wrong?" The unaware players asked, when suddenly, they heard a loud bang and saw several Heat-Seeking Missiles flying towards them.

"F*ck, it's an attack from above!" Someone shouted. Everyone began to move. The Heat-Seeking Missiles would fly towards wherever the lighter had hit the ground. They hadn't seen the lighter, so they didn't know where to run.

"No one move!" The person who saw the light realized that the light was the guiding beacon for the Heat-Seeking Missiles. He didn't have time to think where the lighter had come from. He only knew that if no one moved, everyone would be safe.

However, at this moment, the one thing that couldn't be shouted was "no one move", even something like telling everyone to move in a single direction would have been more believable.

The shout aroused everyone's suspicion, especially because not everyone here was from the same guild. No one really trusted each other. Thus, it would have been better if he hadn't shouted anything at all. The shout made the all of the guild teams run around like crazy. Three players pounced directly towards the Heat-Seeking Missiles' landing spot.

"Not my fault!" The player saw that no one was listening and actually felt happy seeing three players running towards the missiles.

“Bang!!”

By the time the three had noticed that they really shouldn’t have moved, the missiles had already reached them. A mushroom cloud popped up and the three went tumbling away. One player fell on a dried up tree and couldn’t get down.

“Team 1, Team 2 go take a look over there.” Someone spoke. This time, in this joint movement, there was an overall leader. Whoever was the group leader could speak. Because they changed shifts frequently, every guild had a chance to lead the group, so no guild would feel that the system was unfair, so there was no point arguing over it.

Team 1’s captain was the group leader. He gave the orders to personally check and also brought along Team 2.

The two teams hastily ran over with their weapons clanking. When they arrived, the mushroom cloud had yet to disperse. Suddenly, a beam of light descended from the skies and, because of the mushroom cloud covering it, no one noticed it.

This attack was very brave. People had to immediately rush over for the mushroom cloud to cover it, otherwise no would have gotten hit by the light beam and the attack would have been wasted.

But now?

Satellite Beam descended from the skies. The ones in front bore the brunt of the attack.

The other players quickly got out of the way in fright. But then, the Satellite Beam split into multiple smaller pillars, which were controlled manually. The pillars didn't follow the set pattern and predicted the directions which the players would dodge towards.

"Team 3, perform a flank. Everyone else, search the surroundings!!" The group leader hastily ordered.

The eight guilds dispersed like water. Wei Chen didn't need Ye Xiu to remind him. He could easily tell that it was a perfect opportunity to act. The enemies scrambled to figure out the situation, which gave them an opportunity to directly cut through them.

"Everyone ready!" Wei Chen typed in the group chat. His gaze was locked onto the numerous players that were heading in his direction.

"Pop out and kill them all for me!" Wei Chen shouted.

"1, 2, 3!"

"There are people here!!"

When Wei Chen finished counting to three, the other side noticed half of Windward Formation's head sticking out from behind a tree. The distance between the two sides was too close to escape. Wei Chen couldn't hide any longer, but he timed it perfectly. After counting to three, he shouted a single word: attack.

Twenty players leapt out of their hiding spots and used their strongest moves. All of them were cursing at the same time too, saying things like "F*ck you for ten thousand years!"

One wave of AoE.

Even though Wei Chen's group no longer had the same strength as other Level 70 characters, their attacks combined together were enough to take down several enemies. The wave of attacks attracted the attention of the enemy. They looked and saw a whole bunch of familiar names. Weren't they the ones with bounties on their heads? Rumors said they went around bullying stray guild players. Were they hallucinating? Why would they attack such a huge group like them?

"Be careful! They're here to rescue Lord Grim. Everyone, stay in formation!!" The group leader kept a clear mind and instantly figured out their intent.

As soon as he said this, the dazzling light from the Satellite Beam dissipated. Lord Grim had unexpectedly logged on in the middle of this and had already started running away!

Chapter 546 - Breakout

“You scared me!!” The voice that came out of Lord Grim’s character was actually a female’s voice, who seemed to be grumbling at the person sitting next to her.

Chen Guo hadn’t thought that, as soon as Lord Grim had logged on, her entire screen would be surrounded by light. Lord Grim was completely enveloped by the Satellite Beam. Using this beautiful screen, no one noticed Lord Grim’s appearance. Because of the short period of invulnerability after logging in, Lord Grim didn’t receive any damage from the Satellite Beam.

The reason behind Ye Xiu choosing to control the Satellite Beam’s split pillars manually was to force the surrounding enemies away. When Lord Grim appeared and ran, no one would be able to block him immediately.

However, escaping just like this clearly wasn’t going to happen. Lord Grim’s log off location had been marked as the center of the encirclement. The Satellite Beam descended on this location. The enemy encirclement had only been disturbed by Ye Xiu’s Chasing Haze, as well as Wei Chen’s group. Actually breaking through would require much more effort than just running.

“Hurry up! Hurry up!!!” Chen Guo anxiously urged. She was already standing up, while controlling Lord Grim. Ye Xiu quickly shifted to where she stood. Chen Guo also hastily moved away. The two switched characters, both attempting to escape.

Chen Guo's Chasing Haze had originally been outside of the encirclement, but the enemy had instructed a team to surround her, but because of Wei Chen's sudden ambush, this team was instructed to hold their position, so Chasing Haze didn't have as much trouble escaping.

The challenge was getting Lord Grim to escape. Even though he had logged on cleanly without anyone immediately noticing his presence, he had now been completely exposed. Everyone immediately abandoned Wei Chen's twenty players and switched to chasing Lord Grim.

When Wei Chen saw that his gang wasn't even be considered bait and the enemy side completely ignoring them, he couldn't tolerate it. With an angry shout, he charged at the enemies, along with his gang, to prove their existence.

"Teams 5, 7, and 8 block that side. Everyone else surround Lord Grim!" The group leader could see the entire situation clearly. He had the three closest teams block Wei Chen's assault and had everyone else continue pursuing Lord Grim.

Ye Xiu hadn't touched Glory in two days. Now that he had control over Lord Grim again, he was filled with energy. He swiped his mouse and Lord Grim shot his gun at the ground behind him. He flew into the air and onto a dead tree branch. On this dead tree branch hung the poor player who had been blasted into the air by the Heat-Seeking Missiles. The tree branch couldn't hold the weight of both players and broke. The poor player fell. This attack

had been too sudden. The players below were running while they aimed their weapons at Lord Grim, when they heard a cry from above their heads. Before they could lift their heads, their cameras went staggering towards the sky and they tumbled into the mud.

Lord Grim turned around. With a flash, the slash from a Sword Draw flew towards two players who were trying to flank him from the left. The players who were coming from the right were just about to use their own Sword Draws, when Lord Grim suddenly leapt into the air towards them and disappeared from their sight. Ye Xiu had used a Z-Shake in order to slide past these players without slowing down.

The blockade formed by these three players had been broken through, but there were still a lot of players left. Ye Xiu looked around in a circle. Without stopping, he quickly figured out the most optimal pathing. He crouched and rolled forward, dodging an attack from the left. As he got up, he blasted the enemy player away with a Falling Flower Palm. However, because of the over ten level difference, the blow away effect from the Falling Flower Palm was greatly reduced. It couldn't even be considered a blow away, more like a trip.

Ye Xiu also felt grieved. If Lord Grim had been Level 70 and the Falling Flower Palm worked normally, breaking through this encirclement would be a piece of cake.

This had been within Ye Xiu's calculations though. He continued running forward past the "tripped" player. Another pincer attack from the left and right came. Ye Xiu accurately predicted which attack would arrive first. He shook his Thousand Chance Umbrella

into a spear and stabbed towards the left. Then, with a Circle Swing, he swung the enemy player on the left into the enemy player on the right, slamming both enemies into the ground.

Fast!

Too fast!

The players that were still a distance away from Lord Grim could only become spectators for now. In their eyes, Lord Grim's attack had been very fast.

Attack speed.

This stat wouldn't increase as one leveled up. The only things that affected attack speed were the player's skill, equipment, and the special effects of their skills.

If a player's skill was the only deciding factor in attack speed, then in theory, attack speed could be limitless. From this perspective, equipment was what restricted one's attack speed.

However, in reality, this was a misconception.

In Glory, weapons had an attack speed that ranged from 1 to 10. If a player's skill was poor, they might only be able to utilize an attack speed of 7 or 8, despite having a weapon with an attack speed of 10. If a player's skill was good, then the player could reach an attack speed of 10, but couldn't go any higher than that.

However, a player could increase their attack speed with a skill. There might be a limit for speed, but how does one attack in the fastest way possible? By taking the shortest attack route.

Thus, it could be said that in order to increase attack speed through the player's skill, the player needed to be precise, not quick!

Precise judgement and control was required to perform the attack along the shortest route. Even with similar attack speeds, if one player attacks along a different route, it would take slightly longer for their attack to arrive.

Lord Grim's attack looked very fast because of this. In reality, all of the forms of the Thousand Chance Umbrella had an attack speed of 5, but that didn't necessarily mean that this was his limit. An attack speed of 10 couldn't be considered the limit either. It was simply a limit set by the weapon. Other equipment and the effects from skills could also increase a player's attack speed. However, because of the mechanics of the game, having higher attack speed wasn't always better. If a player's attack speed was too high and the player couldn't keep up, then the player wouldn't be able to fully utilize the speed.

The guild players were astonished at the speed of Lord Grim's attack, but was Lord Grim only fast with his attacks? His movement speed was also the same.

Ye Xiu's extremely good control over his stamina allowed his

movement speed tempo to constantly change, making the pursers unable to properly grasp it. They would predict that Lord Grim would move to a spot, so they would release an attack targeting this spot. However, when Lord Grim actually arrived at that spot, he would always seem to step over their attacks. They felt like Lord Grim wouldn't reach a spot yet, so they held their attacks, but when they attacked, all they saw was his back.

The guild's encirclement went from scattered to orderly, but before they could rearrange the troops properly, Lord Grim had already broken through. Along the way were bodies flipped into the ground. No one had been severely hurt, but they lost their chance at blocking Lord Grim. By the time they recovered, they would only see the body of the next person being thrown into the ground.

"STOP HIM! STOP HIM! STOP HIM!!!" The group leader, who could be considered rational and quick-witted, could only resort to this. It wasn't that he didn't want a concrete formation. Lord Grim's actions far surpassed the speed at which he could react. By the time he had thought of a way to stop him, Lord Grim had already gotten past that section.

He tried making predictions, but with Lord Grim's weird pathing, he had no way to predict how Lord Grim would break through.

Conventionally speaking, the fastest way to break through was in a straight line, but Lord Grim was already halfway out and anyone could see that he wasn't moving in a straight line. He just moved wherever there was a hole.

Where were the opportunities?

Answering this question and then making the arrangements would require the group leader to think twice as much as Ye Xiu needed to. There was no way the leader could win a mind game like this. Besides shouting “STOP HIM!!”, he didn’t know what else he could do.

In the blink of an eye, Lord Grim had broken past the final layer and rushed out of the encirclement. Everyone was stunned.

What just happened?

Everything happened so quickly. When did he break out of the encirclement?

But after seeing everyone lying on the ground, they felt like a long amount of time should have passed, right?

No one could get a clear understanding of the situation, but they could understand one thing: Lord Grim had successfully escaped.

Their eighty players had been thrown into disarray by an outside force and then broken through just like that.

“Chase….” The group leader shouted. He felt like his voice was very mechanical. He felt like it was what he should shout. As for

what he should do after, he had no idea.

“Old thing, I’ll be heading out first!” They heard Lord Grim shout.

“Go! Go! This senior is going to slaughter everyone here!” A coarse voice responded.

Lord Grim ran away, but the twenty rescuers hadn’t. They had been killing the entire time, whether they were against three players, four players, five players, or even ten players……

In the end, these twenty players eventually turned into corpses. They dropped some equipment, but the guild players couldn’t feel happy at all. Compared to the equipment that they had lost, these twenty players had profited a lot more. They had no way of getting their lost equipment back either.

They had been helpless against Lord Grim’s escape, but these twenty players had killed off 39 of their own players. They had lost almost twice as many people and this was with the opposing side having incomplete equipment and levels.

When the team leaders reported back to their respective guilds, they said this to their guild leaders: we successfully eliminated the rescue team, but Lord Grim escaped.

Chapter 547 - The Wealthy Are Aggressive And Powerful

The spawn camp on Lord Grim operation had failed again. Windward Formation and his group of people were still employing guerilla warfare tactics. As these guerillas fought, they became weaker and weaker. Two teams wasn't considered a lot, but it still surpassed the number of players on a standard team. Their tactics were dirty and nimble too, making the big guilds unbelievable annoyed, but what happened next threw Wei Chen's little annoyance into the back of their minds.

The post, which the guilds had nervously hoped wouldn't come, finally appeared.

Heavenly Justice!

This guild had already been officially announced as the guild for the new incoming team and used their identity as a Club to make a statement. For the business structured Club guilds, this action was highly looked down upon. Heavenly Justice declared that they would always put their players first. They definitely wouldn't be like other Clubs, who prioritized their business and treated their own guild members like slaves.

This statement made the large guilds go crazy. Slaves?! Didn't we already give a clear explanation? Which guild dared to treat their supporters like slaves? The guilds really obtained a lot of goods and materials from their guild members, but it wasn't like they completely took it all for themselves! The guilds had a solid guild storage system. Everyone donated items on their own volition and

gained corresponding contribution points. The higher the contribution points, the greater the benefits they would receive. This was clearly a win-win situation for both sides. How could this be called slave labor?

But before the guilds could respond, someone posted the guild storage systems of each of the top guilds and analyzed them. The poster picked out a random second-rate Orange equipment from one of the guilds. In order to obtain an equipment of this grade, the player required 15,000 guild contribution points. In order to get 15,000 contribution points and, excluding the points earned from doing daily tasks, according to the guild's set-up, the amount of items required to be donated would be equivalent to around 30,000 gold coins.

"30,000 gold coins is enough to buy several second-grade Orange equipments. I believe that everyone in the Heavenly Domain should know this." The poster concluded, "As for the guild, this donation of 30,000 gold coins is theirs to use. In addition, if the equipment traded in is ever lost, there will be a guild contribution penalty. 15,000 guild contribution points can't get a player a full set of second-rate Orange equipment either. There's a limit to the number of equipment that can be traded in. For this guild, the limit is four pieces of equipment.....

When the guilds saw this analysis, they went into a frenzy. This analysis made the issue seem very black and white. The other side's analysis wasn't wrong, but it neglected a few important points.

Firstly, the other side lightly skipped over the part about

compensation from participating in daily activities, but in reality, guilds had a lot of daily tasks and every player who participated in a dungeon run for the guild would receive all sorts of compensation for their work. People who accumulated 15,000 guild contribution points definitely didn't get all of it through donations.

Secondly, the other side neglected the value of second-rate Orange equipment. How many pieces of second-rate Orange equipment could 30,000 gold coins get? That was hard to say. Even if you had the money, you would have trouble finding even one to buy.

Thirdly, the penalty for lost equipment and the limitation on the number of equipment. These were completely necessary. If not, spies would rack up the necessary guild contribution points, trade it for equipment, and then have others kill him for the equipment to drop. Without a penalty or limit, the spy could rinse and repeat forever..... how could the guilds allow something so stupid happen? Heavenly Justice's guild storage system must have some sort of similar system to prevent this from happening too!

Lots of intentionally misleading analyses came out. Before the guilds could refute them, Heavenly Justice floated in and spoke frankly of the discrepancies in these analyses. This type of thing was because of this. For example, the limit on the number of equipment and penalties for losing equipment had to be implemented. However, in comparison, our Heavenly Justice requires less guild contribution points and so on.

The guilds were still writing their refutes, when Heavenly Justice

jumped out to do it for them. When they took a closer look, f*ck, the people analyzing never said whether or not they were from Heavenly Justice or not. Before anyone could respond, one of the analysts replied, saying how just Heavenly Justice was. Compared to other Club guilds, their benefits were much better. Heavenly Justice was very mighty.

Soon afterwards, Heavenly Justice quickly replied, showing their humbleness. How can our grassroots team even be compared with those powerful pro teams?

One side gave praise, while the other side replied. The other guilds didn't even have time to reply. Everyone was coughing blood from anger! The two sides were clearly in cahoots! The guilds had been kicked to the opposite of the people's side. Heavenly Justice seemed to be the leader of the people.

Grassroots team? Grassroots my ass! Heavenly Justice's guild leader was a famous money warrior in the game. If it weren't for his money, how could he evenly compete with the Club guilds? How could people like him even be considered grassroots?

Of course, Heavenly Justice's guild storage system required less contribution. Their guild storage system couldn't come close to the top guilds. All of the top guilds knew this to be fact. Because the rewards for wild bosses and dungeon records were completely monopolized by the Club guilds. Money couldn't buy these rewards. If a guild storage didn't have good equipment, the guild contribution required would obviously be less. Heavenly Justice failed to mention this point. They enticed players by saying they required less guild contribution points and supported it by posting

screenshots of the guild storages of other guilds.

Every single big guild madly gave their statements.

Giving a detailed explanation of their guild storage system.

Saying how rare and difficult it was to even find second-rate Orange equipment on the market.

Some even pointed their fingers at Heavenly Justice, daring them to post a screenshot of their own guild storages. Your guild storage don't even have anything in it, so you obviously would require less guild contribution points for the highest tier of items.

Others directly had their spies screenshot Heavenly Justice's guild storage. Sure enough, the higher tier items couldn't compare to the big guilds.

However, Heavenly Justice simply laughed, saying we required less guild contribution points, so a lot of our players already have enough points to rent out those items. Right now, those players were wearing the equipment, so of course you can't see it in the storage. Unlike you guys, who have such high requirements that all of the equipment is left in the storage, unable to be traded away.

For a moment, the forums heated up. Everyone favored Heavenly Justice's words. Their eyes opened up, unable to take in everything that they witnessed.

Chen Guo once again discovered the war of words while browsing about in boredom. She hastily pulled Ye Xiu over to see. Ye Xiu looked and praised Heavenly Justice's powerful move.

"Are they going too far?" Chen Guo asked. This time, Heavenly Justice directly challenged all of the Clubs.

"What's there to be afraid of? Their previous statement already ridiculed the Clubs. Now, they're putting themselves and the other Clubs on two different sides. It's really smart you know. They know that directly stealing fans away from these Clubs is practically impossible. However, by challenging all of the other Clubs, some of the players will certainly waver during this dispute. Even if there weren't a lot of these players, these players only have one way to go! For the other Clubs, you have so many choices to choose between, but the opposite side only has one Heavenly Justice. With this one move, they made themselves much more popular."

"But souring their relationship with the other Clubs won't be good for them, no?" Chen Guo asked.

"Yes, that's certainly true. But the problem is, think of the other side's background. You said it before about Loulan Slash. He's a famous money warrior in Glory. He relied on throwing money at the game in order to compete with these Club guilds and form a pro team. His family background definitely isn't simple. He has confidence that he can reach the top. Why should he act so timidly in front of them? The wealthy truly are aggressive and powerful!" Ye Xiu sighed.

After saying this, Ye Xiu took a look at the posts and then pointed at some of the content: “Look, something like this isn’t possible for someone like me who’s building a guild from scratch!”

Chen Guo looked. Heavenly Justice made a statement saying that they had a lot of players apply, but because of the player limit in the guild, they decided to create another branch of their guild. The branch’s guild storage would be set up quickly. However, the guild’s level would require the effort of the players.

Chen Guo thought about how it hadn’t been long since Heavenly Justice had announced the creation of their pro team, yet they had already become so popular. On the other hand, their side was faced with numerous difficulties. She couldn’t help but become depressed and hated how powerless she was.

At this moment, Ye Xiu received a message from Wei Chen on QQ. Wei Chen had also seen the war of words on the forums from Heavenly Justice.

“F*ck, this Heavenly Justice is quite aggressive! This senior has heard about the wealth of their guild leader a long time ago, but I didn’t think he was ambitious enough to create his own team. Speaking of this, didn’t your Lord Grim join them? Don’t tell me this guy is going to be our boss?” Wei Chen asked.

Seeing Wei Chen’s message, Chen Guo couldn’t help but feel ashamed, when she saw Ye Xiu quickly reply: “No, our boss is the woman who you ridiculed the other day!”

“F*ck me, what am I doing here then? I should pack up and seek asylum at Heavenly Justice.”

“You want to go to Heavenly Justice to spy on them? No need for that. Didn’t I say our accounts came from Heavenly Justice?” Ye Xiu replied.

“D*mn, you thought that far ahead and already saw the potential in Heavenly Justice so long ago?” Wei Chen was surprised.

“No, no. It was a pure coincidence.” Ye Xiu said.

“Even if it’s just a coincidence, you still have to be able to seize it. I already know how shameless you are, but speaking of this, I had something I wanted to ask you about. I almost forgot.” After mumbling to himself, he was quickly reminded of something and immediately followed: “Right, about the accounts you gave me, why aren’t there any Knights?”

“Oh, I kept the Knight. I have a use for it. You’ll have to make up for this discrepancy yourself!”

Chapter 548 - Unrivalled Super Hottie

“Why do you need a Knight account?”

Wei Chen asked through QQ. Chen Guo, who was sitting beside him, also asked.

Ye Xiu laughed, typing and saying the same thing, “To be a tank!”

“You don't say!”

Wei Chen replied as he sent a “rolling his eyes” emoji. Chen Guo, who was beside him, demonstrated a real life eye roll while repeating the exact same words.

“So what are you planning on doing?” Chen Guo asked again.

“I’ll join a guild and play as a tank.” Ye Xiu said.

“Did you mean to say that you’re also going to be a spy?”

“Pretty much!” Ye Xiu’s reply wasn’t too clear. It looked his role couldn’t just be described as being a spy.

Chen Guo didn’t fully understand what Ye Xiu meant, but she didn’t ask any further. Ye Xiu was still playing on Lord Grim. He was very close to Level 55 and reached Level 55 that afternoon, finally passing the level 50-55 stage, the most difficult stage he

would face as an unspecialized character.

“You’ve finally reached Level 55!” Chen Guo felt the barrier had now been passed.

“You’re right, I’m finally level 55. I can start running dungeons to level up from now on. Leveling through dungeons is a lot easier.” Ye Xiu sighed. Chen Guo didn't know whether to laugh or cry. The difference between dungeoning and leveling areas was that you gained more experience through dungeon runs, but you could never say that it was easier. How hard was a dungeon? If you died carelessly a few times, you might lose even more experience than you would gain! However, Ye Xiu was a freak. He was the most hated player in the eyes of the big guilds and had to play cautiously while leveling in leveling areas. He had to leave every time he saw a random stranger. Inside a dungeon, it really would be a lot easier for him than in leveling area.

“You said just yesterday that Loulan Slash isn’t afraid to oppose the other big guilds, but I don’t think you were ever afraid of them in the first place! I’ve never seen you try to maintain a good relationship with them.” Chen Guo said. Ye Xiu smiled and replied in a bitter tone, “I don’t have a choice. I don't have much time. I can only take the risky path. High-risk high-reward. Other than that, what can I do to create a whole new team? Our aim isn’t to pass the seeding tournament, but to be a threat to the other teams.”

“I see!” Chen Guo understood, “Let me bring you through a dungeon!” Right after she said this, Ye Xiu logged out of Lord Grim.

“Since I’m already level 55, leveling isn’t priority anymore.” Ye Xiu smiled. Actually Wei Chen’s long year of research about earning extra skill points was now his priority. Along with that research, managing his account became a lot easier, so Ye Xiu had more time to do other things now.

Ye Xiu pulled out the Knight account card, after he logged out from Lord

Grim. Logging into the game, he turned his head and asked Chen Guo, “ Do you have any money?”

“Yes? How much do you need?” Chen Guo reached for her purse immediately.

“I meant in-game money……” Ye Xiu was speechless.

“Oh? Game money, Chasing Haze has about 10,000 gold!” Chen Guo said.

In Glory, 100 or 200 gold coins wasn’t considered rich. 1000 to 2000 would be the starting point and was the amount most players had. 10,000 gold coins was the border between being rich or not rich. Chen Guo used to a member of a Club guild, so she could be considered as a high end player. 10,000 gold coins was a healthy amount of money.

“Give me everything, I’m going to buy some equipment.” Ye Xiu

logged into his brand new Knight account. All the accounts that Ye Xiu had won last time had been checked by himself and Chen Guo. They were almost all completely empty accounts. Even if they had equipment, they were at best green mission equipments. Speaking of which, Ma Chengyi not giving them normal server accounts was already considered not being cheap. The difference between level 70 characters in normal servers and the Heavenly Domain was huge. Ma Chengyi's 24 accounts were all blank, but at least they were Heavenly Domain accounts.

This knight account had 4160 skill points, which was a very common amount. The few items he had equipped were all green recycle equipment. After a short scan, the stats for this character hadn't been completed either. Apparently, it had yet to finish all the missions that gave stat books. It would be really hard to figure out which quests were missing unless the previous owner was playing. Ye Xiu didn't care about these 5 or 10 extra stat points. It was the previous owner's ID that truly showed how extraordinary he was.

Unrivaled Super Hottie was its name, extraordinarily not low key.

Ye Xiu couldn't be bothered by the incomplete stats, however this badass name made him a little uncomfortable deep inside. Ye Xiu had long since passed the age where one would tell others how good looking he was with his ID.

"Come and get your money....." Chen Guo looked at Ye Xiu controlling Unrivaled Super Hottie, causing her to laugh inaudibly, then logged into Chasing Haze to give Ye Xiu the money.

Chasing Haze had 13251 gold coins. She gave Unrivaled Super Hottie 13000 gold coins, keeping the remaining 251.

Ye Xiu was thinking as he walked to the trading center and in a very short while, he walked out in new clothes. Chen Guo quickly ran over because she wanted to know how a pro player would choose equipment for a tank.

She was shocked the moment she leaned forward.

“Click on them so I can see!” Chen Guo said in disbelief.

Ye Xiu opened Unrivaled Super Hottie’s equipment panel, showing them off one by one to Chen Guo. While saying, “There is still 8000 coins left, you can have them back.”

“You……. Why are you saving so much money? Go get better items.” Chen Guo said. All the equipment that Ye Xiu bought were blue. Who in Heavenly Domain didn’t had a few purple equipment, even if they didn't have any orange ones? Especially for tanks, in a stable team, it was always the first character that was invested in. A purple weapon and purple shield were the bare minimum. Turned out that Ye Xiu gave Unrivalled Super Hottie a very random blue weapon and shield.

To be honest, a tank's job was probably the most important and a tank’s equipment wasn’t expensive. Because playing as a tank was a harsh job and the difficulty was high, ordinary players either misplayed the class or were too lazy to bother. It lead to a small

amount of tank players. The fewer players, the less demand and the price wouldn't go up. With 13000 gold coins, players could barely afford a luxury weapon, but if you wanted to get a set of blue defensive equipment, a purple weapon and shield, it was more than possible.

“It’s all right.” Ye Xiu smiled and continue sending a trade request.

“Just keep the money, there’s no meaning in giving it back to me.” Chen Guo waved her hand and rejected.

It was only a few thousand gold coins, so Ye Xiu clearly didn't really put it to mind. Chen Guo didn't want it back, so he just kept it. He then switched to QQ and messaged Loulan Slash.

“Your recent move was very well played!” Ye Xiu started the conversation.

“Haha, I just happened to get the chance.” Loulan Slash was pretty satisfied with his move.

“Seeing how aggressive you were, are you sufficiently prepared?” Ye Xiu asked.

“It’s going so-so!” Loulan Slash replied.

“The reason I wanted to message you is to ask for some information.” Ye Xiu said.

“What’s up?” Loulan Slash asked.

“Do you know which sub guilds belong to Tyrannical Ambition?” Ye Xiu asked.

“God, you don't know ?” Loulan Slash was surprised.

“It’s because I am a God that I don't know.” Ye Xiu said.

“I see…” Loulan Slash suddenly realized the reason. Ye Xiu was at the very top. Low tier jobs, like guild management, wasn’t something he was informed about.

“Let me check.” Loulan Slash had clearly been preparing for a long time. From the guild to the prol team, the had both carefully been planned out. For their future opponents, they were also investigated from the guilds to their pro teams.

“There are a lot of sub guilds in each large guild. Some are very obvious and others are more hidden. You want information about Tyrannical Ambition, right? I’ll send you a copy after I compile a list!” Loulan Slash didn't hide their grasp of the situation.

Although Ye Xiu hadn’t given them any material assistance, but he had helped give them a lot of mental guidance. In particular, he allowed them to see their true position. This alone had greatly helped their chances of survival in the pro scene. If they really thought that they could win the championships like they had in

the old days, they would be packing up as soon as they entered.

“Okay.”

Ye Xiu received the document that Loulan Slash sent him shortly after. According to the document, Tyrannical Ambition had 27 branch guilds. Of these 27 branch guilds, 5 were publicly known, 7 of them were hidden and only Loulan Slash knew about them. The other 15 were marked with question marks, indicating that they were still unconfirmed.

Ye Xiu took a look and it was similar to what he had predicted. Although he did not know the exact situation of Tyrannical Ambition, as the former leader of

Excellent Dynasty, a lot of information would flow towards him, even if he didn’t want to know. Tyrannical Ambition and Excellent Dynasty were both old school guilds, so the difference shouldn’t be that huge. Loulan Slash had dug out 27 of them, but he also knew that his list might not be complete.

The reason they hid them was not to hide their overall power. In fact, the real power of each guild could still be directly seen from their main guild. The members of branch guilds were players that might not necessarily fans of Tyrannical Ambition, but the guild was definitely secretly supporting or directly controlled by Tyrannical Ambition. They hoped to expand their control over resources and information through this method. Keeping them a secret was to prevent competitors from causing problems,

And for those guilds that everyone knew, it was the same as the main guild, full of fans. Even if you weren’t one, you had to pretend to be one in order to acquire the benefits.

Chapter 549 - I'm A Tank

"You're planning on infiltrating Tyrannical Ambition?" Chen Guo had been sitting in front of the computer for the entire day. Fifty percent of her attention had been directed towards seeing what Ye Xiu was doing. If she needed to help Ye Xiu write a daily or weekly report, she didn't want to miss anything.

"Yes." Ye Xiu nodded his head. He was used to Chen Guo watching him and asking him questions from time to time.

"I feel bad for Tyrannical Ambition." Chen Guo said.

"Ha ha, of course." Ye Xiu laughed. After seeing Loulan Slash's intelligence report, he immediately began searching for the listed guilds.

The branches of Tyrannical Ambition that everyone knew about weren't guilds that Ye Xiu could get into because these branches raised Tyrannical Ambition's banners. Fans of Tyrannical Ambition were lining up to squeeze into one! With Glory's playerbase nowadays, filling several guilds couldn't be considered incredible anymore. These branches of Tyrannical Ambition were all full. The big guilds won people over by virtue, so it wasn't likely for them to kick someone out just to add someone out of kindness.

Besides, who would be so kind to Ye Xiu? Knock on their door, tell Jiang You, 'I'm Ye Qiu, could you kick someone out and let me in?' If Jiang You didn't immediately summon thousands of players to kill him, that would already be considered quite kind.

Thus, Ye Xiu had to choose from the hidden branches of Tyrannical Ambition or the guilds allied with Tyrannical Ambition. Loulan Slash had given him a detailed report. He even had introductions for who controlled these branches. In the end, Ye Xiu chose a guild which someone from Tyrannical Ambition directly had control over. It was a guild called Exterminate the Heavens.

Ye Xiu felt like such an arrogant name perfectly matched his Unrivaled Super Hottie.

Then, there was Exterminate the Heaven's guild leader: Senior Exterminate the Heavens!

No explanation was needed. Ye Xiu applied for the guild without any hesitation.

If Ye Xiu didn't have the information given by Loulan Slash, Senior Exterminate the Heaven's guild would only seem like a normal player guild. Although it was also a max leveled guild, it only had a little over a thousand players. This was pretty much the limit for normal guilds. The guild leader's charisma could only do so much. Any more players and the guild would be very difficult to manage. The guild would need to use the guild storage as a foundation. However, building up a solid guild storage wasn't easy for normal players. They would never be able to compete with the money and prestige that a Club guild possessed.

Guild Exterminate the Heavens had 1024 players. For a normal

guild, it was quite good. As long as the guild storage system began to circulate, the guild would gradually grow. These types of guilds could indirectly become branches of the Club guilds. The Clubs obviously wouldn't throw money to build up their guild storage. They just needed to make sure that the guild didn't fall apart and the guild would naturally grow larger and stronger.

As a normal guild, this sort of business wasn't something normal players would know about. As their gaming lives progressed, they would unknowingly grow alongside the guild.

After Ye Xiu sent in an application, he pondered over his plan, while waiting for the reply to come.

The reason he had confidence in being accepted was very simple. Normal guilds didn't have players lining up to join them like the Club guilds did. Normal guilds just added whoever wanted to join them. They might as well add you for now. Besides, Ye Xiu wrote a note when he applied. It was only three words, but these words were very eye-catching.

The three words were: I'm a tank.

Yes, a tank.

Most teams were centered around the tank. It could even be said that the number of teams were restricted to the number of tanks. If a team didn't have a tank, the team could only go and kill wild monsters. Dungeons and bossing would best be kept as dreams.

Tanks were also high-end classes and difficult to play. Despite being the core of a team, not many people liked to play them. Thus, for most guilds, the words “I’m a tank” was very desirable.

Sure enough, not long after Ye Xiu sent in an application, the guild added him. Someone in the guild greeted him: Welcome, friend.

Ye Xiu looked at the ID: Clove. This player was most likely a girl.

After sending a “Thanks :)”, Ye Xiu opened up the guild player list and skimmed through it. He also saw that the guild leader Senior Exterminate the Heavens was also online.

“Oh? A new member?” Senior Exterminate the Heavens finally spoke.

“Hi guild leader.” Ye Xiu typed. Chen Guo snorted: “So you’re acting polite?”

“Hey!” Ye Xiu said seriously. Then, he saw a bunch of people speak up in the guild chat. The majority of them were just lurking around. There might not be too many people online in a thousand player guild, but there were enough. The chat kept flashing as messages kept on being typed. The guild was quite active.

“Woah, a Knight too! Are you a tank?” Someone saw the new member’s class and shouted it out. Sure enough, the word tank was quite eye-catching. Knights were mainly played as tanks, but

they didn't necessarily need to be. There were quite a few players who used Knights as DPS classes. Of course, more players were interested in PvP. Knights had high defense and health, making them quite a formidable PvP class.

"Yeah, I'm a tank." Ye Xiu said.

"Oh? A tank?" The guild leader clearly hadn't seen Ye Xiu's guild application, so he hadn't seen the note. When he heard the new member was a tank, he was very happy.

"What are your stats?" Exterminate the Heavens asked.

'Stamina 750, Strength 520, Intelligence 414, Spirit 405." Ye Xiu reported.

The chat suddenly fell silent. After a while, someone couldn't help but comment: "So weak!"

Knights grew in a balanced manner similar to unspecialized characters. However, tanks naturally chose their equipment in a certain way. Stamina and health were their priorities. The rest would be switched out depending on the situation. Stacking strength would increase their physical resistance. Stacking intelligence, on the other hand, would their increase magic resistance. Stacking spirit would increase debuff resistances. Different equipment could be used against different opponents.

However, the stats Ye Xiu reported didn't even pass as average.

High-end tanks usually had over 1000 Stamina. The passing line for normal Knights was 840 Stamina. Ye Xiu was lower than the normal Knight passing line by 90 Stamina. In terms of stats, he was a legendary squishy tank.

“What are your equipments? Let me take a look at them.” The guild leader Exterminate the Heavens sent a sweating emoji.

“I haven’t played in a long time, so my equips aren’t that good.” Ye Xiu said. He let them have a look at his equipment. The guild veterans looked and sure enough, they were all outdated pieces of equipment. Nowadays, it wasn’t difficult to reach the passing line. After all, tanks played a special role and their equipment wasn’t too expensive.

“How skilled are you?” Exterminate the Heavens asked.

“Look at my name.” Ye Xiu proudly replied.

“Ha.....” Chen Guo laughed.

“Unrivalled Super Hottie.....” Ye Xiu’s name made everyone go speechless. Even Senior Exterminate the Heavens felt defeated. After a long period of silence, he coughed: “Clove, make a team tonight and bring this brother out to get some equipment!”

Clove was the one who had added Ye Xiu into the guild. She clearly had a fairly high position to have that sort of authority. Senior Exterminate the Heavens meant that you’re responsible for

the person you added!

Clove didn't object and replied with an "Okay." Then, Ye Xiu received a friend request from Clove. He accepted and then received a message from Clove:" When are you free tonight?"

"I'm free anytime." Ye Xiu said.

"Then is 7 okay?"

"Sure."

"I'll message you at 7 then." Clove said.

"Sounds good. What dungeon will we be running tonight?" Ye Xiu asked.

"We'll be running Bone Dragon Abyss. The weapons and shields that from there are very suitable for you. The dungeon isn't too difficult either. Will there be any problems?" Clove said.

"No, I was just asking. I'm going to go take a look at a guide." Ye Xiu said.

"……" Clove was speechless.

"See you tonight." Ye Xiu politely replied.

Afterwards, the guild went quiet. The guild members were probably gossipping about Unrivalled Super Hottie. After Ye Xiu joined the guild, he didn't have much else to do, so he went to a Knight instructor. He reset his skill points and re-allocated them.

A skill reset wasn't free. The more times you used a skill reset, the more expensive it became. Besides, times when one made a huge mistake and needed to make a big fix, most players would wait until it was time for the game company to announce a special event for skill resets. Any other time, the players would just endure. Who would do a skill reset over a single error?

At 7PM, Ye Xiu finished eating and logged onto Unrivalled Super Hottie. Chen Guo didn't want to miss it and was ready to watch him play.

As soon as he got on, Clove immediately messaged him: "You came!"

"Yes, I'm here." Ye Xiu replied.

"Come to Kansas City!" We'll go together." Clove typed.

Ye Xiu teleported to Kansas City. This was a Level 70 city. Whether it was a map or a city, the place wouldn't be as empty as a Level 55 place. One could fully experience the gathering place for all Glory players. No server could compare to the liveliness of a Level 70 area in the Heavenly Domain.

At the north gate of Kansas City, Ye Xiu saw Clove. She was a female Cleric. Around her were nine players with the tag “Guild Exterminate the Heavens”. Bone Dragon Abyss was a ten player dungeon. They had been waiting for Ye Xiu to arrive.

Ye Xiu hastily had Unrivalled Super Hottie run over and turned on his guild tag. When he walked closer, he immediately asked: “Huh? Why is there another Knight? If an equipment comes out, it won’t be easy to split!”

Chapter 550 - You Can Just Be A Leecher

Ye Xiu's question was normal. When they grouped up for a dungeon, under the given conditions, they would normally spread out the classes This would prevent conflicts between players of the same class when they found a piece of equipment they needed. Many groups experienced great storms and disbanded because of this very reason. It was a problem that had to be considered seriously.

In response to Ye Xiu's question, someone humphed. "Bro, have you looked at my equipment? Would I want anything that drops from this dungeon?"

When he heard this, it was obvious that the voice belonged to the Knight and pride filled his voice. He obviously felt disdain towards Ye Xiu, a useless tank whose Vitality was only at 750.

Clove also explained at once. "I called Crispy Bean over to help. He's our guild's chief tank. 950 Vitality. Physical and magic defense, Intelligence and Strength are all over 760 too. He also has 700 Spirit."

"If you were going to ask for help, why would you find a tank? There's me for a tank, right? Wouldn't it be better to find more DPS classes?" Ye Xiu asked.

Clove felt uncomfortable the moment she heard his question. She originally didn't intend to find a tank to help, but she felt uneasy when Ye Xiu went to search for a guide for Bone Dragon Abyss this

afternoon. A tank couldn't simply take on the leadership role just by looking at a guide. Driven by responsibility over the whole group, Clove couldn't entrust the whole group's life and death onto this tank who reads guides at the last minute. This explained why she specifically found a tank from the guild to help. She didn't expect Unrivaled Super Hottie was unable to tell good from bad.

Whatever..... All noobs are like this.....

Clove thought this way, but she didn't want to waste words on Ye Xiu. She gathered everyone to start going into the dungeon. The tank called Crispy Bean wasn't happy though. "Oh wow, you're very capable, huh? To be honest, I'm not interested in this small dungeon at all. It's a total waste of my time! Since I'm not needed, then I shall take my leave."

"If you leave, we'd be missing a person." Ye Xiu said.

"What, scared now?" Crispy Bean laughed coolly.

"It's not possible for you to only have tank equipment, so if you just changed to your damage-oriented equipment, wouldn't that work?" Ye Xiu asked.

"You... If I become a DPS class, would you be able to hold it?" Crispy Bean was immediately angered. As the chief tank of the guild, of course it would be impossible for him to lack equipment. Apart from tank equipment, he also had a strong collection of combat equipments for a Knight. If he really switched to damage-oriented equipment, he was absolutely confident that he would be

able to squeeze into the top ten of Guild Exterminate the Heavens. To be honest, he was looking forward for a chance to present his ability in damage output.

“You can try.” Ye Xiu actually gave him a chance.

“Very well! You said it yourself! Don’t blame me if we get wiped!” Crispy Bean’s last sentence was aimed towards the crowd surrounding him. A flash on his character followed his statement and it became evident that he already changed into his damage-oriented equipment.

“That's enough, stop fooling around!” Clove suddenly yelled out. “Crispy Bean, you’re still the tank.”

As Clove spoke, she also sent a private message to Ye Xiu. “What’s up with you! Everyone grouped up to help you get equipment. This person has no reason to take your equipment. All you have to do is be a leecher. What is there to be unsatisfactory about?”

Ye Xiu saw that this girl even communicated with him through private message, and that she was concerned about everyone’s feelings. Ye Xiu didn’t continue to say anything else. In Crispy Bean’s case, it was obvious that he didn’t obey only because of Clove’s previous yell. Ye Xiu reckoned that Clove also messaged him in private. He soon changed back into his tank equipment. His view scanned over Ye Xiu’s Unrivaled Super Hottie and stepped into the dungeon after giving a cold harrumph.

Other players closely followed after him into the dungeon. Ye Xiu commanded Unrivaled Super Hottie to follow.

Chen Guo wasn't far away from her game. She looked as if she were watching a movie. When she saw that Ye Xiu had started a conflict the moment he joined the group, she immediately felt that a good show would happen tonight.

"You really are unbelievable." Chen Guo lamented.

"I'm only speaking of the truth!" Ye Xiu spoke.

Chen Guo deeply agreed with this. Everything Ye Xiu said could drive a person crazy, but it was true. Chen Guo also believed Ye Xiu's words. Even though 750 Vitality was a little low, who was he? This chief tank of Exterminate the Heavens or whatever guild dared to challenge God Ye Qiu? Chen Guo found it humorous just to think about it. Bone Dragon Abyss itself wasn't a difficult dungeon. In terms of tanks, a tank didn't need to have 840 Vitality. The requirement line for 840 was expected of tanks themselves to enter more difficult group dungeons. A mere dungeon with only ten people wouldn't even be necessary.

What's more, with God Ye Qiu's skills, who knew how much those skills could make up for in stats. As an onlooker, she only pitied that she had to watch things unfold from the sidelines.

It should be known that a tank had a busy role. If a professional player like Ye Xiu played one, she didn't know how fast the screen would move around, though it wouldn't be the first time she

experienced it.

A moment after, the ten people of Guild Exterminate the Heavens was transported into Bone Dragon Abyss.

Bone Dragon Abyss sat in a canyon. According to Glory's naming style, this canyon was named as Bone Dragon Abyss. The wild boss, dungeon's final boss, and hidden boss were all bone dragons. According to the background storyline, these three bone dragons were actually brothers……

Of course, that was when they had been alive, and now that they had become bone dragons, It was evident enough that they had already become imperishable organisms.

Crispy Bean was Exterminate the Heaven's chief tank, so it could be said that he had gone through all of the dungeons in Glory. With Guild Exterminate the Heavens's strength, they might have some difficulties in completing difficult dungeons that required a group of 100 people. However, a dungeon with ten people like this was nothing to Crispy Bean.

This explained why the moment he entered the dungeon, he immediately rushed up to steamroll through the monsters. In his eyes, these dungeons only played the part of being thoroughly crushed. Ye Xiu was one of the last of the ten-man team to enter the dungeon. By the time he was transported into the dungeon, the fight had already heated up at the front. A tank normally led the team in the dungeon. However, this was a dungeon that Crispy Bean looked down on, so why would he need to be the leader? Of course it wasn't needed! All he needed to do was cheer everyone on

while they hurried to keep up with his pace.

As a result, the whole group was more or less busy and messy. Ye Xiu was able to spot that at first glance. Crispy Bean was undoubtedly a veteran and Clove wasn't bad, but several other people in the group had showed themselves to be a little unaccustomed.

They weren't unaccustomed to the mechanics of the game, but towards the dungeon.

To be able to make it into Heavenly Domain and complete the Heavenly Domain's Challenge, meant that they wouldn't have any trouble or unfamiliarities with their mechanical performance. However, when faced with a foreign dungeon, they would obviously be at loss at what to do orwhere to strike.

There were beginners in the Heavenly Domain. Those who had just cleared the Heavenly Domain Challenge would be considered beginners.

There were only two people like this in the tenth server.

But how about the other servers?

Not all players that reached the minimum required level could complete the Heavenly Domain's challenge on their first try. Ye Xiu and Qiao Yifan were exceptions. They were pro gamers and had skill to back them up, so they could pass the challenge at the

mere levels of 50 or 55.

However, towards normal players, the challenge task was most definitely not that simple.

After reaching the minimum required level, a lot of people had to spend a certain amount of time to acquire stronger pieces of equipment. Using strong equipment to face quests and a lot of combat consumables could help in completing in the challenge. Moreover, the PVP Arena could be counted as the easiest part for Ye Xiu and Qiao Yifan. However, it wasn't so easy for normal players.

When fighting a boss, there was a regular pattern to find, but there was never a fixed pattern in PvP. In particular, the requirement to win consecutively was extremely fatal for normal players.

As a result, newer servers like the eighth or ninth server had a lot of people who had reached Level 70, but had yet to pass the challenge to enter the Heavenly Domain.

On top of this, people didn't necessarily start from the tenth server. Actually, if a player would like to enter the Heavenly Domain as soon as possible, an older server would be a better choice. There would be high-leveled players to powerlevel your character. The speed in which one could level up would be a lot faster in comparison to those in the new server.

Therefore, there was a constant stream of players entering the

Heavenly Domain. Ye Xiu reckoned that the other eight people belonged to this group of players. At the very least least, they hadn't entered the Bone Dragon Abyss dungeon before. This group wasn't exactly organized just to assist him in getting better equipments, Clove also grouped up the people so they could come and try Bone Dragon Abyss.

How could a group like this work without a leader? Crispy Bean didn't care about it, so only Clove could attempt to take charge. However, it was super inconvenient when she had to instruct Ye Xiu.

The reason being the name of Ye Xiu's Knight.

Unrivaled Super Hottie.

What was she supposed to call him?

If she called him by the full name, it would take too long and be a waste of time.

Call him Unrivaled? Super? Hottie? Clove found it hard to call out any of the words broken apart. She wanted to puke just thinking about how shameless a person had to be to come up with such a name.

In the end, Clove called Ye Xiu "you". She called the names of everyone else, except when she reached Ye Xiu, she would say "you, you, you" so on and so forth.

After having gone through a little bit of confusion in the beginning of the dungeon, everything finally started to stabilise under Clove's commands. She was in the Heavenly Domain, so her foundation was already there. Dungeons were pretty much the same. Basic problems, like what to be aware of, was the same in every dungeon. These people obviously wouldn't make any noob mistakes. There wouldn't be any major problems if they obeyed the leader.

The group continued killing as Crispy Bean gradually started to talk more, but he was mostly complaining. He was obviously very dissatisfied about their progression speed. In the end, he even cleared his throat and told everyone to do their best to focus on their damage output and not to worry about aggro going off the tank.

Finally, the group reached the first boss. Before they fought the boss, they made some slight adjustments. When Crispy Bean opened up the damage output list, he mercilessly sent it into the group chat at once.

Ye Xiu's Unrivaled Super Hottie was ranked second to last, just above Clove, who was responsible for the healing.

"You really are a talent!" Crispy Bean taunted.

"Not really. I'm earnestly leeching." Ye Xiu replied.

Chapter 551 - Proof Of Strength

His teammates hadn't responded yet, but Chen Guo already looked like she was about to cough blood. When she saw the team's attitude towards Ye Xiu, she was looking forward to the following show! For example, if Ye Xiu didn't have the tank deal damage, the tank, Crispy Bean, wouldn't be able to hold the boss and the boss would go out of control. Chen Guo believed Ye Xiu had the ability to make this happen.

But the more she watched, the more doubtful she became. As Ye Xiu controlled his character, he didn't even touch his keyboard. His left hand only moved to walk, attack, or activate a skill. Otherwise it……rested on the table. Only his right hand moved sometimes. His headphones hung over his neck, sending out noise through the speakers.

"Is he planning on messing up the aggro by playing like a noob?"

Chen Guo originally had faith in this God's ability, so she continued to patiently watch him play, but the tank Crispy Bean never lost control over the aggro. Chen Guo thought about it. Crispy Bean wasn't a bad tank and small monsters died relatively quickly, so perhaps there wasn't enough time to deal enough damage to pull the aggro. If you just went up ahead of the tank and pulled the monster, it would be too obvious. The team would see through your ploy instantly.

Thus, Chen Guo felt like Ye Xiu would show off his godly might when the boss came. However, the first boss went by and only one sentence resulted from it.

“I’m just leeching.”

When Ye Xiu said this sentence, he wasn’t even sitting up straight. His head wasn’t even supported by the back of his chair, and it looked like it would fall off. His mouse clicked a few times as he spoke indifferently.

“What’s wrong with you!” Clove wasn’t happy. Even though she had told him it would be okay to just leech off them, she never thought that he would actually leech. The Heavenly Domain didn’t have noobs. Let alone Clove, the other eight team members could tell just from the numbers from the damage chart that he was leeching.

The ninth place character was only a third of the eighth place character in the damage chart.

Ye Xiu’s Unrivaled Super Hottie didn’t have good equipment, but everyone else besides Crispy Bean had low tier equipment as well. In fact, their equipment was of the same tier as Unrivaled Super Hottie’s. Although Unrivaled Super Hottie’s equipment was meant for a tank, his DPS shouldn’t be a third of the next lowest player’s DPS.

Crispy Bean listened and turned around to look at Unrivaled Super Hottie. He looked as if he had just heard a joke: “What? You’re that petty? Do you really think you leeching will make things difficult for us? How conceited of you! Let me tell you something. With your attitude, even if a Knight equipment drops,

you don’t have the qualification to pick it up. Donating it to the guild storage would be more useful than giving it to you!”

“Crispy Bean!” Clove shouted. She clearly felt like Crispy Bean had gone too far, “I don’t think he has those sort of thoughts. If he really wanted to grief, there are lots of better ways to do so. He could just run around randomly and pull a bunch of monsters over, but that’s not what he’s doing. All of you know I’m the leader. He……” When Clove said “he”, she suddenly paused. She originally wanted to say that Unrivaled Super Hottie was following orders and hadn’t made any mistakes, but right when she was about to say it, she suddenly realized, had she even given any instructions to Unrivaled Super Hottie?

She decided to call him “you” after thinking about how to address him, but she had never said “you” besides in the small argument from before.

If she hadn’t given him any orders, then it meant he didn’t need any orders. On the other hand, Clove had been correcting the others the entire time. She only realized this now.

Crispy Bean misunderstood her pause though. He thought Clove had realized Unrivaled Super Hottie had attempted something harmful, but then again, as an outstanding tank, if someone had intentionally tried griefing, he would have definitely known about it. Thinking about this, Crispy Bean spoke: “Isn’t it too obvious if he does it that way? If some sort of hidden opportunity appears, do you think he won’t take advantage of it?”

“He won’t.” Clove said with certainty. She seemed to have

discovered something after looking back.

Clove's confident tone surprised Crispy Bean. For Clove to have asked him for help indicated that their relationship was quite good. Crispy Bean didn't want to have a dispute with Clove, but he was still very angry with this extremely arrogant guy, so he said: "Fine! Then I won't say anything, but tell him to stop leeching. If he wants equipment, he has to have the skill to earn it."

Crispy Bean's disdain could be heard through his voice. He emphasized the words "leeching" and "skill" in a mocking tone.

"Can you play more seriously? Don't leech anymore." Clove helplessly told Ye Xiu. Crispy Bean's words made sense. For a dungeon run by a guild team, the equipment would usually be split among the team members. When a desirable equipment dropped, there would usually be rules to decide who earned it. Ye Xiu's leeching would clearly eliminate him from contention.

"Okay."

The other side had said so many words, but Ye Xiu simply said a single word. He looked like he was about to fall asleep.

He sat up, moved his left hand back to the keyboard, and adjusted his mouse.

Chen Guo was sitting beside him, so she heard the entire conversation. She thought Ye Xiu was about to show these people

his might, but all he said was a dull “Okay.” Just like the previous “earnestly leeching”, Chen Guo felt very disappointed once again. Unsatisfied, she spoke her thoughts: “What a letdown.”

“Hm?” Ye Xu turned his head to look at her.

“How can you stand such disdain? You actually leeched off of them? Attack! Grief them!” Chen Guo just wanted to see these guys lose control over the boss and turn the place into a horror scene.

“How boring! If you were playing and the team gave you the chance to leech, would you play seriously?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Of course! How else can you prove your strength?” Chen Guo said.

“Prove my strength?” Ye Xiu mumbled. He took a worn out piece of paper out of his pocket and threw it at Chen Guo.

“What are you doing?” Chen Guo thought that Ye Xiu had thrown some trash at her.

“Strength.” Ye Xiu pointed at the worn out piece of paper.

Chen Guo uncrumpled it. It said: Glory Pro Alliance Season 3 MVP: Ye Qiu.

This worn out piece of paper was actually a Glory Pro Alliance

MVP award certificate. Most people would hang it on a wall and frame it in a conspicuous place, but Ye Xiu had crumpled it up so much, that it looked like a piece of trash.

“You’re so annoying!!!” Chen Guo was mad! She threw the paper back at Ye Xiu, who grabbed it and put it back into his pocket.

She understood what Ye Xiu meant. This piece of paper was enough to prove Ye Xiu’s strength, or perhaps it was to say that he didn’t need to prove his strength. He didn’t need to go all out to prove his existence. He was perfectly content with others calling him a leech.

But now, the others didn’t want him to, so Ye Xiu had to at least put some effort in. However, Chen Guo doubted that he would actually play seriously because if he actually played seriously, the team’s only choice would be to have him be main tank.

“Is everybody ready? If everyone is ready, I’m going to pull the boss.” Crispy Bean asked the team. After hearing everyone’s reply, he charged at the boss.

At the same time, a figure flashed beside him. Crispy Bean turned his head and looked. It was that disgusting name again: Unrivaled Super Hottie.

“What are you doing!?” Crispy Bean shouted. He thought this guy was actually going to grief them.

Chen Guo was getting excited. Was Ye Xiu going to steal the tank position? Ha ha, witness the power of a God! Crispy Bean or whatever, get the hell out of here! It doesn't feel good to have someone with a name like that be a tank! Crispy Bean? Do bosses roast you to a crisp?

"Damage!" Ye Xiu casually said.

'Wait until the tank is pulled before attacking. Don't you understand?" Crispy Bean roared. Not just Crispy Bean, but the others were furious too. Everyone knew that for a boss fight, the tank should be given some time to establish aggro before attacking.

"What? Am I in front of you?" Ye Xiu shook his head.

Crispy Bean turned his head back. He saw Bone Abyss's boss Guardian Kaiwei raise his humongous axe and charge forward.

The aggro was still on Crispy Bean, but this was because Crispy Bean had walked into Guardian Kaiwei's aggro range. If Unrivaled Super Hottie attacked, the aggro would transfer to him.

Thinking of this, Crispy Bean immediately attacked!

Almost at the same time, Unrivaled Super Hottie also attacked Guardian Kaiwei.

"KICK HIM OUT OF THE TEAM!!" Crispy Bean yelled at Clove.

Clove clearly suspected Unrivaled Super Hottie's actions too. She had already opened up the team interface, when she heard him say helplessly: "What are you yelling for? Isn't the aggro still on you?"

Chapter 552 - Controlling Aggro Through Damage

Boss aggro?

At this moment and time, Crispy Bean had completely forgotten about it because he had also been aggroed by Unrivaled Super Hottie.

He suddenly woke up after hearing his argument. When he took a closer look, he realized Guardian Kaiwei's aggro was still on him. Guardian Kaiwei's huge axe hadn't turned towards Unrivaled Super Hottie despite his attack! The huge axe was still swinging towards Crispy Bean.

Bang!

He immediately raised the shield in his hands. It was a frequently used movement for tanks. The huge axe collided with Crispy Bean's shield.

The attack clearly wasn't anything earthshaking. Crispy Bean's equipment far surpassed the necessary threshold for this dungeon. He didn't budge a single inch when he blocked the blow. Almost at the same time, he swung his sword and slashed at Guardian Kaiwei. Almost at the same time as him, Crispy Bean also saw Unrivaled Super Hottie swing his shield at Guardian Kaiwei's head.

Shield Attack!

This skill could induce a Dizzying effect, but all bosses had high resistances to status effects. Bosses couldn't be controlled by players so easily, otherwise they would be too easy to beat. Guardian Kaiwei was a dragon guardian and natural had immunity to magic status effects. However, the Guardian did not have complete immunity to physical skills like Shield Attack. After taking the Shield Attack, the Guardian's eyes went blurry and he became Dizzy.

But for bosses, status effects wouldn't last long. Crispy Bean had to face the boss directly as the tank, so he knew the boss's stats, skills, resistances, and patterns very clearly. He also had a good understanding of his own Knight class, so he immediately calculated that with Unrivaled Super Hottie's Strength stat, the Dizzy effect would only last for one second maximum.

However, at the same time, a lot of things happened during this one second window.

Crispy Bean took advantage of this one second window.

Previously, his mind had wandered away because of his enmity towards Unrivaled Super Hottie. After blocking with his shield and striking back, he wasn't sure what to do next.

This one second window gave Crispy Bean enough time to figure out his next moves. If he didn't have this one second, he would have been hit by Guardian Kaiwei's counterattack.

This was only the first mini-boss in the dungeon. Crispy Bean had exceptional equipment too, so eating the counterattack wouldn't have been the end of the world, but what if this had been a difficult dungeon? What if it was a boss with extremely hard-hitting attacks? One second of rest was especially important.

Even though this one second was insignificant in this case, it gave him time to recover.

One second passed by quickly. After recollecting his thoughts, Crispy Bean began pulling aggro like his usual self. Crispy Bean hadn't noticed the importance of the one second though. He was even a bit angry at Unrivaled Super Hottie for his Shield Attack because of the same reason as before: he had yet to establish the boss's aggro. Was this guy trying to kill himself by attacking the boss?

This guy didn't know how to exercise constraint. Right now, he was actually fighting over the boss with Crispy Bean. The two were attacking Guardian Kaiwei at nearly the same time.

The others hadn't moved yet. Teams usually waited for the tank to tell them to attack before attacking. Clove healed him from time to time. The healing wasn't done immediately. After all, healing could also aggro the boss. If she healed him immediately, she might accidentally steal the boss's aggro away from the tank.

Unrivaled Super Hottie……

Clove already had the team interface out with her mouse

hovering over his name. She was just about to kick him out of the team.

Then, she heard him say “Isn’t the aggro still on you?”, which made her hesitate.

If the aggro control hadn’t been messed up, then there was no need to kick him out of the team. Clove felt like she should teach the new member of the guild rules. She didn’t need to be so strict.

During her moment of hesitation, the two had gone back and forth attacking the Guardian Kaiwei several times already.

Everyone was watching in shock, including Crispy Bean.

Flustered and exasperated, he shouted “Kick him out of the team!” twice. Clove didn’t move though. She simply replied: “Good aggro control!”

Crispy Bean really wanted to shout, “He could steal away the boss’s aggro at any moment!” But he resisted. For a tank, especially the top tank in a guild with exceptional equipment, he felt too ashamed to say such words.

Both people were tanks. His equipment was better and the aggro was still on him. Why did he need to worry about a squishy tank stealing away the aggro?

Crispy Bean felt a bit regretful. He felt like he had lost too much

face. Those “Kick him out of the team!” shouts were mostly done in anger at Unrivaled Super Hottie’s actions, but what if the others misunderstood it as being unable to manage the aggro? Wasn’t that what Clove’s reply meant?

He definitely didn’t want to be misunderstood!

Crispy Bean shouted inwardly. He didn’t want to think about whether or not his “Kick him out of the team!” shouts had shown his fear of losing control of the boss.

“You want to steal the boss’s aggro from me? That won’t be possible!” Finally ,Crispy Bean shouted at Unrivaled Super Hottie.

“Senior, I’m DPSing. I’ll control the aggro well.” Unrivaled Super Hottie replied.

DPSing?

Control the aggro?

These words made everyone’s hearts thump.

If he could completely control the boss’s aggro when he was attacking, directly going up to attack the boss wasn’t an issue as long as he had the confidence that he wouldn’t mess up.

Did this squishy tank actually have that type of control?

In Glory, damage, healing, and taking damage could all be calculated. However, aggro couldn't. This completely depended on a player's intuition and experience. As a result, they didn't know how well Unrivaled Super Hottie was controlling his aggro. They only saw him attacking immediately after Crispy Bean. Every time he did it, everyone's hearts would jump. They felt like any one of his attacks could make the boss go out of control.

"Unrivaled Super Hottie, how about you wait before DPSing?" Clove finally spoke. And for the first time, she shouted out his shameless name.

"No need!" Crispy Bean replied to her. Crispy Bean had entered a full on competitive mode. As the main tank with exceptional equipment, it would be a disgrace to lose control of the aggro to this guy. Even telling others his worries over the situation would be shameful. Right now, Crispy Bean was determined to show off his ability as a tank.

"Yeah, there's no need. I'll control it well. I won't snatch the aggro from you." Ye Xiu also replied.

"You just try and snatch it from me." Crispy Bean said. His hands moved like a blur. If he had been taking it easy in the beginning, he was completely serious now.

"Snatch it snatch it snatch it." Chen Guo urged Ye Xiu. She really wanted to see this type of situation.

“Little kid.” Ye Xiu gave Chen Guo a disdainful look. He ignored her and continued to control his damage output.

After a short moment, Ye Xiu asked: “Why isn’t anyone else coming up? How long do you need to establish aggro before it’s stable?”

Crispy Bean heard this and furrowed his brow. He had been too focused and had forgotten about it. If the tank didn’t say anything, the others wouldn’t dare to attack! He hadn’t said anything, which actually resulted in this squishy tank questioning his ability.

“I forgot.” Crispy Bean explained. It was true, but it sounded bad. Clove heard him speak and, not waiting for Crispy Bean to give the order, she immediately ordered: “Everybody, advance.”

The field became a beautiful sight to behold.

Guardian Kaiwei was only a mini boss. The Guardian only had powerful single target attacks. He didn’t have any strong AoE skills, so with the aggro being controlled well, everyone could safely attack.

How could Crispy Bean be careless? He was afraid the aggro would shift onto Unrivaled Super Hottie. He was taking this originally easy dungeon more seriously than a hundred player team dungeon.

Under everyone’s attacks, Guardian Kaiwei’s health rapidly

dropped until it fell.

The Guardian dropped an equip. Clove went up to look. It was a Dragon Guardian Axe.

This weapon could be used by Priest classes: Clerics, Paladins, Exorcists, or Knights. There were currently three Priest classes in the team: Crispy Bean, Unrivaled Super Hottie, and Clove.

Clerics could also use axes, but because Clerics prioritized Intelligence, physical attack weapons like axes didn't suit them. Crispy Bean already had equipment that surpassed equipment that could be found in this dungeon, so he didn't need this Dragon Guardian Axe. It looked like Ye Xiu's Unrivaled Super Hottie was the only choice.

However, as a guild team, there were other options too. For example, the team could choose to donate the equip to the guild storage and then split the guild contribution points later. Another choice was to sell the item for money and then split the money……

For a team specifically meant to get equipment for Unrivaled Super Hottie, under normal circumstances, no one would object to Clove giving the Dragon Guardian Axe to Unrivaled Super Hottie. However, there was a lot of controversy surrounding this guy. Someone with a leech-like performance was going to be the first to get equipment? Would the others be unhappy with it?

Clove was still hesitating. The others were already asking what she got. Clove showed everyone the Dragon Guardian Axe to see.

The suitable classes for it made many disappointed. In the end, that Unrivaled Super Hottie laughed out loud: “Ha ha! It’s mine. Thanks everyone!”

“Do you feel no shame?” Sure enough, Crispy Bean had the same thoughts as Clove, except he spoke his feelings without any hesitation.

“What? You want it too? If you want it, you can have it. Tanks get priority!” Ye Xiu said.

“Why the f*ck would I want this?” Crispy Bean was about to go insane.

Chapter 553 - Damage Output Competition

Crispy Bean didn't care about any of the equipment that dropped from Bone Dragon Abyss. Just now, this Unrivaled Super Hottie actually thought he wanted to compete for the axe. It made him feel like he was being looked down upon.

"What? You don't want it? If you don't want it, then who else would want it?" Ye Xiu asked.

Clove really felt worried! Did this guy really not know the rules, or was he pretending not to know? She didn't want to say it in public, so she privately messaged Unrivaled Super Hottie: "I told you you could leech and the first equipment that dropped can be used by you, but how am I supposed to give it to you like this?"

"Oh. Don't worry. I'll just use it temporarily. Once I get out of the dungeon, I can give it to you. I'm a tank, so why would I need this weapon, but wouldn't it be better to temporarily use it to raise my DPS?" Ye Xiu replied.

Clove was surprised. She hadn't thought he would reply in such a way. When an equipment was given to someone, the system would notify those in the team, so she had to say a few words before giving it out. Clove told the rest she would give Unrivaled Super Hottie the axe temporarily. After explaining the reason, she handed the Dragon Guardian Axe to Unrivaled Super Hottie.

Shua!

Ye Xiu immediately switched his Knight sword and shield with the Dragon Guardian Axe. This axe was a dual handed weapon, so he wouldn't be able to equip both the shield and the axe.

The Dragon Guardian Axe wasn't anything unique. It was just big and the two blood-red streaks on the two sides of the axe made it quite eye-catching. Right now, it looked very powerful in Unrivaled Super Hottie's hands. The other players looked at him in envy. Crispy Bean glanced at him and then continued to pull monsters.

The dungeon battle continued. Unrivaled Super Hottie, with his new Dragon Guardian Axe, was no longer leeching. He was on the front lines killing monsters.

Clove, as the rear support, paid more attention to Unrivaled Super Hottie and realized that he didn't need any instruction from her. His coordination with the rest of the team was solid. When she checked the total damage charts, she jumped in fright.

Even though Unrivaled Super Hottie was still in ninth place, his numbers had increased greatly. Before, he had only been a third of the player in the eighth position, but now, he was already two thirds. And during this time, they had only killed the first boss and cleared three waves of monsters.

Even though Unrivaled Super Hottie had switched his equipment, it shouldn't have been able to make him increase his damage by so much. Thus, most of the damage must have been from attacking the first boss. The boss's health was equivalent to several waves of monsters.

However, at that time, Unrivaled Super Hottie was only wearing his original equipment. He didn't have any advantage over the other players on the team, but for him to be able to catch up so quickly! What skill! His ability to output damage must mean his skill level wasn't ordinary!

After Clove noted this point, she paid more attention to Unrivaled Super Hottie. With his Dragon Guardian Axe, the current Unrivaled Super Hottie had already caught the eye of the other team members. When Clove looked at the damage charts, she saw that Unrivaled Super Hottie was rapidly rising in the ranking, nearing the player in eighth place.

Once he caught up to eighth place, he wouldn't be too different from everyone else. The other seven players were all around the same skill level. Even though there were differences, the differences weren't large. The player in first place was Crispy Bean, the tank. After all, he had the equipment advantage and the tank's attack couldn't be too low. Damage was a huge factor in calculating aggro. Only by relying on aggro-inducing skills wouldn't be able to provide stable control over the monster.

"This person isn't simple!"

Clove finally concluded. Not just her, but the other players also noticed this. The players, who liked to check the damage charts, saw his huge rise upwards. Even though he had just gotten the Dragon Guardian Axe, it was only a slight advantage. Everyone's equipment had Level 70 requirements. There couldn't be a heaven and earth difference between the weapons. Unrivaled Super

Hottie's rise couldn't be brought about solely because of the weapon.

Everyone else began to raise their damage output. Even though the enemies were NPCs in PvE, players liked competing with other players. The competition in PvE was only slightly different than competition in PvP. PvP was a battle between players, while PvE was a battle of numbers.

The players in the team had started a numbers battle over damage output. No one wanted to lag behind. With the start of this competition, their battle strength soared and they advanced through the dungeon even faster. In the blink of an eye, they reached the second boss in Bone Dragon Abyss.

It was the same as the first boss. Crispy Bean went forward to pull the boss and Unrivaled Super Hottie went forward with him. Crispy Bean already had no more words to say to him, but Unrivaled Super Hottie had already proved that he didn't have any intention of causing trouble. The first boss battle also proved his ability to control aggro. He wouldn't be an obstruction to the main tank.

Crispy Bean remained silent and just hit the boss. However, he also paid attention to Unrivaled Super Hottie's fighting method. He realized Unrivaled Super Hottie was fighting slightly differently than when he fought the first boss.

The other seven DPS players were very worried. When they reached this boss, Unrivaled Super Hottie caught up from his one third damage deficit. Even though he was still in ninth place, he

was very close to the others. He had rushed forward to start putting out damage, but the others could only watch helplessly. If this kept going, wouldn't they just be watching his damage surpassed their damage?

However, the tank hadn't said anything yet, so they didn't dare to move. Unrivaled Super Hottie dared to fight alongside the tank without the tank losing aggro, but they didn't have the ability to do that. They thought it was probably because he played as a tank and knew the Knight class well, so he had a good grasp over managing aggro. Normal players could also manage aggro, but not as precisely as he could.

The seven others could only watch in helplessness. Having not heard Crispy Bean say anything in a long time, they were starting to look down on him. It's been so long and he still hasn't established the aggro?

It had only been five seconds since Crispy Bean had pulled the boss. However, for the seven other players, those five seconds felt like eternity.

Finally, everyone heard Crispy Bean shout "Everyone, up!" The seven impatient players immediately pounced on the boss like tigers and went all out. One of the brothers had charged forward too ferociously and crashed into Crispy Bean. Teammates couldn't do damage to each other, but it could still mess up his positioning.

The crash had caused Crispy Bean to shift slightly, resulting in his shield failing to block the second boss's attack.

“What are you doing!?” Crispy Bean roared.

This normal player didn’t have the courage to shout back at the tank. He hastily whimpered “Sorry.” He moved two steps back and then started putting out damage. If he didn’t, he would fall behind.

Their fierce attacks caused blood to constantly spurt from the boss. With a strong tank, the boss battle wasn’t anything difficult. The second boss quickly fell. No one cared about the drops. They immediately pulled up the damage charts.

F*ck! With just one boss, Unrivaled Super Hottie shot past the other seven players. In addition, compared to the slight differences between the seven, the second place Unrivaled Super Hottie was far ahead of them now. He had even shrunken the distance between the player in first, who had a huge advantage in equipment.

“Too amazing!”

The others could only admit their defeat. In the beginning, he had just been leeching, but as soon as he stopped leeching, his damage output immediately soared. In addition to his weapon advantage, they couldn’t compete anymore!

At this moment, Clove picked up the equipment and showed it to everyone. Everyone immediately began murmuring.

Angry Dragon Sword!

It was a Level 70 Greatsword, which Berserkers or Blade Masters could use. In the team, there was a Berserker and a Blade Master. However, this Blade Master used lightsabers, so he didn't have any proficiency in Greatswords and backed away in tears. The Berserker shouted in happiness and took the Angry Dragon Sword in front of everyone's envious eyes.

This Berserker placed fourth in the damage charts. His spirit rose after switching equipment. He had more confidence now, but he had completely forgotten that Unrivaled Super Hottie had caught up from a two-thirds damage deficit. He had surpassed them after killing the monsters between the first and second boss. A better weapon clearly wouldn't account for such a rise.

But in any case, the other seven hadn't been too far apart in damage output. With a better weapon, his damage output would clearly be shown.

After killing a few waves, the Berserker reached third place and looked like he could compete with the second place Unrivaled Super Hottie.

The other seven players felt somewhat disheartened. At this moment, one of the players who found an item shouted in joy: "Team leader, hurry up and come over here!"

"What is it?" Clove immediately went over. One of the monsters had dropped a golden weapon. When she picked it up, she was

surprised. Blue weapon! A mob monster had actually dropped a Blue weapon.

In terms of probability, small monsters obviously had the chance to drop good equipment, but it was a very low chance. If not, why would boss's be valuable? However, their team had gotten good fortune. A small monster had actually dropped a Blue weapon! They were in the Bone Dragon Abyss, so the equipment dropped would be from the dungeon.

This dagger was given to the Assassin, who found it. Thus, another person began rising up on the damage charts. After several waves, the two with better weapons had pulled a distance apart from the others, but at the same time, they also discovered that Unrivaled Super Hottie had widened the distance even farther. That guy was clearly going after the first place Crispy Bean, but that Crispy Bean had equipment that far surpassed theirs! He had several pieces of Purple equipment. With such great equipment, wouldn't his damage output naturally be high?

Chapter 554 - Bone Dragon Aldton

Only Crispy Bean wasn't aware of the huge shift on the damage chart. As a tank, Crispy Bean also had to put out damage, but with his exceptional equipment, it was obvious that his damage output would be greater than the rest of the team. Thus, he had only checked before the first boss and saw his gigantic lead. At the same time, he looked down on Unrivaled Super Hottie's leeching, and then stopped paying attention to the chart afterwards.

After beating the third miniboss, everyone took a break. Crispy Bean took a look at the damage chart out of boredom and jumped up in surprise. The second to last place Unrivaled Super Hottie was no longer there. Crispy Bean counted from the bottom one at a time, until he saw him in second place. In addition, his damage numbers were about to surpass his own.

"How is that possible?" Crispy Bean wailed. Even if he was a tank, his equipment advantage should put him far above everyone else, but at this moment, he was about to be beat. Crispy Bean had a hard time believing it.

"What is it?" Crispy Bean's cry had caught the attention of the others in the team. No one except Clove said anything.

"Oh, it's nothing. I was just looking at some gossip!" Crispy Bean said.

"What gossip?" Clove asked again.

“It’s nothing. It’s nothing. I saw wrong.” Crispy Bean hastily excused himself. He simultaneously looked at Unrivaled Super Hottie and began examining his equipment.

“Could there be some sort of abnormal equipment that I overlooked?” Crispy Bean thought. He carefully checked every equipment on Unrivaled Super Hottie, not neglecting even a piece of jewelry.

Nothing. He had nothing abnormal on him. Crispy Bean was quite experienced with Knight equipment. The equipment on Unrivaled Super Hottie exposed his poverty. Even the Dragon Guardian Axe wasn’t anything in Crispy Bean’s eyes. None of his equipment had any hidden strength.

How is that possible?

How is that possible?

Crispy Bean didn’t dare to express his doubts. He could only mutter to himself. His cry hadn’t disrupted the team’s mood. The third boss had actually dropped another weapon.

Players placed the most value on weapons. In this dungeon, three bosses and a monster had dropped a total of four weapons. Their luck this run was extremely good. Everyone was happily discussing their luck. It was too bad the fourth weapon was a ninjato though. The team didn’t have any ninjas, so no one could use it. In the end, the team decided to donate it to the guild and split the contribution points.

Everyone was doing their best to deal damage. Clove felt like the mood was good and felt happy in her heart. Only Crispy Bean was still pondering over how in the world it was possible for Unrivaled Super Hottie's damage to be so high.

From then on, Crispy Bean began paying attention to the damage chart and Unrivaled Super Hottie's moves. He adjusted his pulling method and put more effort into dealing damage.

His adjustment produced results. Unrivaled Super Hottie's name stayed at second place, unable to pass him. After killing off the last wave of monsters, the team reached the end of Bone Dragon Abyss to face off against the final boss of the dungeon: Bone Dragon Aldton.

Aldton used to be a red dragon, but after dying, it became a bone dragon. Most of his stats had already changed, such as Dragon's Might.

"Report your Spirit." Clove asked everyone before the final boss.

As Heavenly Domain players, they knew why she asked about their Spirit. Because as long as one was against a dragon, Dragon's Might would take effect. If a player's Spirit didn't reach a certain level, the player would be affected by Dragon's Might. According to the game, the player would feel threatened by the dragon and be unable to display his or her full strength. When this happened, the character's stats would weaken depending on the level of Dragon's Might and the character's Spirit.

Aldton was a bone dragon. As an undead creature, it had lost much of its dragon abilities. Even though it still had Dragon's Might, it couldn't compare to other dragons. In front of Aldton, players could accumulate enough Spirit to negate the effects of its Dragon's Might.

The game didn't announce the data to the public, but players had already figured it out. Heavenly Domain players weren't noobs. Before running a dungeon, they would look at a dungeon guide. They had known the boss was a dragon. They reported their Spirit stat. All of them had reached a level where they could ignore the effects of Dragon's Might. This was the benefit of standing on the shoulders of giants. At release, Aldton had been an extremely difficult boss to beat. The bone dragon made every player's head hurt.

"It looks like everyone prepared well!" Clove notified everyone before the run about this issue. It had only been a reminder though. Actually getting the equipment to meet the requirements wasn't something that could be done just by thinking about it. However, it looked like everyone had prepared well and worn proper equipment that could ignore Aldton's Dragon's Might. Speaking of this, Bone Dragon Abyss was already considered outdated, so their equipment didn't need to be amazing.

"Of course. Of course." The team replied.

Clove followed: "However, negating Aldton's Dragon Might isn't everything. Be mindful of his attacks. You all might have read the dungeon guide, but I should still talk about it again!"

‘First is his bite attack. It’s a single target attack. Before attacking, Aldton will lower its head. The attack has a range of 12 units and does lots of damage. The attack also has a chance to inflict a Level 70 Bleed. Be careful of his bite, especially Cloth armor classes. If you get bitten, drink a potion immediately.”

“Understood.” The two cloth armor characters replied.

“There’s also his wing attack. Aldton will lifts its wings and attack. The starting animation is very obvious, but it’s not so easy to predict because of the many ways it can use the attack. There are different ways of dodging and different safe spots every time. It’s not easy to describe. Just make sure to be on the lookout for it.”

“In addition, Aldton has a tail attack, which can be used in many ways. It can do a horizontal sweep, whip strike, or a stab. The horizontal sweep has a wide range, making it difficult to dodge. However, if you predict it, you can dodge it. As for the whip strike, it’s more flexible than the horizontal sweep, so be mindful of it. As for the stab, it has a quick starting animation and is difficult to see. The stab is the most difficult to deal with. Try not to stay too close to each other to minimize the damage taken.

“Finally, Aldton has a breath attack. The breath attack covers a reverse triangle area. The area isn’t fixed. The bigger the area, the longer the startup animation will be. However, the power is always the same. Besides the fixed damage, it will also lower your health by 50% and lasts 10 seconds. This effect cannot be dispelled and is very troublesome. If you get hit while at 50% health, it’s possible

that you will die in one hit, so if you get hit by his breath attack, immediately leave the range of battle and wait until the effect wears off before going back in.

"This..... what if the tank gets hit?" Someone asked. The tank would certainly be directly facing the boss. It would be difficult for the tank to avoid such a wide area breath attack. If the tank left the battlefield, the boss would follow him.

"Normally, this boss requires a secondary tank. When the main tank is hit by the breath attack, the secondary tank will take the aggro. However, we don't need one. Crispy Bean can hold on even with half his health, so you don't need to worry." Clove said.

"Okay okay." Everyone understood and paid their respects to Crispy Bean. Crispy Bean had been waiting for this moment and gave his thanks. Afterwards, Clove explained the strategy. Once the team finished resting, they started the fight.

Crispy Bean was naturally the first to charge forward. At the same time, he didn't forget to look around him. Sure enough, Unrivaled Super Hottie had followed him.

At this point, everyone knew he wouldn't mess up the aggro, so Crispy Bean couldn't say anything about his actions. However, the final boss wasn't a miniboss. It had tricky attacks and besides its bite attack, it didn't have any other single target skills. When it attacked the tank, it would definitely attack the others at the same time. Right now, Crispy Bean really hoped this guy would be sent into outer space by Bone Dragon Aldton's tail.

Crispy Bean used a strong aggro skill to pull the boss. A green glow shone from the two black eyes of Bone Dragon Aldton. It lowered its head and chomped at Crispy Bean.

Crispy Bean had prepared. He raised his shield and blocked the giant fangs. Just like this, he blocked the attack. Due to the shield, the bleed effect wouldn't take effect. This was one usage of a shield.

He took out his sword and attacked the dragon's head. Metal collided with bone, producing a ear-piercing noise. The sound was so bad, Crispy Bean couldn't help but furrow his brow. At this moment, a figure came descending from the sky. With two hands holding a huge axe, he slammed the axe into the dragon's head before it could pull out.

The ear-piercing sound was so loud it made Crispy Bean shiver. Unrivaled Super Hottie's brave strike was like an attack towards his spirit.

Bone Dragon Aldton pulled back its head and flapped its two wings.

At nearly the same time, Crispy Bean and Unrivaled Super Hottie rushed forward together below the Bone Dragon. This was a safe space, where the Bone Dragon's wings wouldn't be able to reach. However, with both Knights running in, the space was a little bit narrow.

“Don’t get in my way!” Whenever Crispy Bean saw this annoying guy and his annoying name, he would feel extremely agitated.

Ye Xiu didn’t reply. After the bone dragon flapped its wings, he immediately rushed out of the safe space.

Aha! You stupid noob! Go die!!!

Seeing this scene, Crispy Bean was delighted. After the bone wings went out, the bone wings would certainly retract and the retraction would also do damage. Rushing out now was still too early. This was a mistake numerous players made against the boss.

“Careful!!” Clove saw the scene and immediately gave a warning.

Chapter 555 - Knight's Spirit

A DPSer like Ye Xiu, who could attack relentlessly without having the aggro go off the tank, might draw some jealousy from other DPS players, but he was definitely loved by the team leader, tanks, and healing classes. However, in this current team, the one who hated this DPSer the most was a tank. Crispy Bean was dressed in a set of superior equipment. Regardless of whether the aggro went off the tank because of DPS or having another DPS surpass his own damage output, he would find it shameful.

However, this DPS was so outstanding that it caused Crispy Bean heart to tremble. He could already feel that Unrivaled Super Hottie hadn't made the aggro go off the tank because of his control. It is only because of that control that Unrivaled Super Hottie's current output damage was below Crispy Bean's.

If this was a DPSer whose role was to deal damage..... the two shameful things would have already happened.

An excellent DPSer should have decreased the pressure that would be placed on the tank, but instead Crispy Bean felt as if his pressure multiplied. He wished that Unrivaled Super Hottie would hurry and die.

Now his wish would finally happen!

Unrivaled Super Hottie unexpectedly chose this opportunity to rush out and misposition himself!

Clove yelled out for him to be careful, but Crispy Bean knew clearly that if he reacted to the warning now, it would definitely be too late. Forwards, backwards, left, or right? No matter which way he went, it would be impossible to be faster than Aldton‘s wing attack.

DIE DIE DIE!

Crispy Bean couldn’t express his excitement out loud, so he could only speak it continually in his heart. In the blink of an eye, the retracting wing already covered Unrivaled Super Hottie. He could hear a faint clashing sound.

What a great sound to hear!

Originally, Crispy Bean hated the clashing sound between bones and metal, but at this moment, he found the sound very pleasant.

Aldton’s bone wing finally fully retracted. Crispy Bean couldn’t wait to take a look at the results. The sight of Unrivaled Super Hottie rolling on the ground from the sweep of the bone wing would be humiliating.

After Aldton retracted its wing, it turned its body and swept its tail towards them.

Not bad! Just like this! Crispy Bean was excited.

He knew clearly that with a Knight’s toughness, a wing attack

was not enough to instantly kill, but the addition of a tail sweep would be just enough. After all, this was a dungeon for ten people and Unrivaled Super Hottie's equipment was poor even with the Dragon Guardian Axe. However, because he used this double-handed weapon, he didn't have a shield. Speaking of defense, there was a significant difference between having a shield and not having a shield.

At this moment, Crispy Bean was afraid Clove would heal him. However, Crispy Bean already thought about it before. Right at the moment when Unrivaled Super Hottie made a mistake in positioning, Crispy Bean also made a little mistake in positioning. Thus, he also entered the wing attack's range. Crispy Bean pretended not to notice and didn't block with his shield.

There was only one Cleric on the team.

For a situation like this, it was obvious whether one should prioritize the tank or the DPSer.

Crispy Bean admired himself for being able to plan so much in a single moment.

When he saw his health gradually recover, Crispy Bean revealed a dark smile. As expected, Clove chose to heal him in this instant.

At the same time, Aldton's tail swept towards Unrivaled Super Hottie. In fact, the boss's current aggro was still on Crispy Bean, so its attack was aimed at Crispy Bean. However, Unrivaled Super Hottie positioned himself there, so he became the first person to

receive the attack.

Crispy Bean, of course, would hate to miss this scene. His unblinking eyes stared towards the direction of Unrivaled Super Hottie. He even continued to scheme evilly, if this tail didn't manage to sweep Unrivaled Super Hottie to death, then……

Just as Crispy Bean reached this thought, his brain suddenly halted for a moment. This was because he saw Unrivaled Super Hottie rolling around. Without any delay, he lay prone and slipped through the only gap as the dragon swept its tail across.

Unrivaled Super Hottie stopped right behind Aldton. As he stood up, he swung his Dragon Guardian Axe in an arc. After straightening up, he continued to use all sorts of attacking skills.

He completed all of the movements in one go. Once everything replayed and connected together, his previous act of continuous rolling became less humiliating. Just from the scene, where he lay prone through the gap under the tail's sweep was thrilling enough to be recorded, watched, and replayed for a hundred times.

"How is this possible?" Crispy Bean's couldn't close his gaping mouth.

This had to be a coincidence!

Crispy Bean thought. This was because under normal circumstances, it would have been too late to use such a method of

dodging. However, at that time, Unrivaled Super Hottie's was already rolling because of the wing attack. The speed of his roll was faster than what could be done by players. He was able to complete such a risky dodge by borrowing the speed generated from being hit by the wing attack.

Crispy Bean hoped it was just a coincidence, but unfortunately it didn't seem like it.

After rolling, Unrivaled Super Hottie continued to attack. He was absolutely calm. Who would believe that he was able to escape from such a desperate situation through luck?

It was certain that calmness originated from confidence. He was confident that he could dodge the attack, so that chain of rolling wasn't a coincidence. He deliberately used Aldton's wing attack to position himself.

A method like this actually existed? Crispy Bean's mental pressure grew.

How about the others? They were also struck dumb with astonishment by this scene. Ye Xiu's Unrivaled Super Hottie continued his attacks at once after rolling. The other members froze for a moment in awe. Even Clove, who was meant to quickly heal Unrivaled Super Hottie, was shocked stiff for a second.

"That was so close!" Clove exasperated while healing Unrivaled Super Hottie after she broke out of her shock.

“Haha, it’s good to have a priest.” Ye Xiu said as he continued to attack.

As Crispy Bean watched Unrivaled Super Hottie slowly recover his health, he gnashed his teeth in anger, but he couldn’t come up with any calculations. Don't tell me that I have to finish this dungeon quietly like this? I refuse!

Crispy Bean looked around to see if there were any other chances, but Unrivaled Super Hottie positioned himself behind Aldton. Between the two, one of them faced the dragon’s front and the other faced its back. The bone dragon’s body was not small. He couldn’t even see Unrivaled Super Hottie in person, so how could he make any further calculations?

Crispy Bean continued to fight the boss half-heartedly. On the contrary, other people were passionate like fire. Especially those who had received weapons from Bone Dragon Abyss threw out damage ruthlessly. They wanted to leave the others behind and get closer to their targets ahead.

For a moment, the competition in the damage charts was in full swing as the players competed with one another. Only the rankings of Crispy Bean in first place, Unrivaled Super Hottie in the second, and Clove in last place were stable. The other seven people competed with one another like a race car match. However, two groups formed between the seven people: those with and without dropped weapons.

However, Crispy Bean wasn’t in the mood to care what happened below him on this list, there was only one name in his eyes:

Unrivaled Super Hottie.

This fellow's name continued to hang behind him steadily from start to finish. It seemed as if he would surpass Crispy Bean at any time. Crispy Bean didn't have any methods to getting rid of Unrivaled Super Hottie, so he could only grit his teeth and try to crush Unrivaled Super Hottie under his name. However, no matter how he fought, he still wasn't able to pull away from him on the damage charts. Unrivaled Super Hottie was like a cat catching a mouse. The cat wanted to catch the mouse, but would restrain itself and patiently follow behind as if teasing the prey.

Crispy Bean's eyes were close to spewing fire. His emotions surged as his performance became more and more chaotic. He would only consider which skill's damage output was greatest and immediately chose to use it.

However, would his total damage rapidly shoot up from blindly using skills with high damage? Of course not! In order to have a higher damage output, apart from optimizing skill cooldowns, one had to take note of random effects triggered by the skill or extending buffs given by skills.

Just standing there and putting out skills? That would be the legendary brainless DPS. True experts at dealing damage might not have it easier than a tank in terms of technique. The reason Crispy Bean had high DPS was because he had good equipment.

But he still continued to grind his teeth and brood about the damage output. He also continued to try making different adjustments. Not only did his damage output become unstable,

even his responsibility of keeping the boss's aggro was influenced.

He was only focused on competing with Ye Xiu. He failed to realize that the other players at this moment were also competing and it became more and more intense. The damage output increased and the boss's aggro also whirled up. Moreover, they trusted him as the chief tank, so they had completely forgotten about controlling the boss's aggro.

Crispy Bean was still grinding his teeth and playing as both DPS and a tank though. Suddenly, the bone dragon turned its body. Its pair of pitch-dark eye sockets changed to glare at another target instead.

"The aggro is off the tank!!" Clove turned pale with fright and yelled out continually. The other seven DPSers had already roughly grasped the set pattern of attacking the boss. Amidst their risky thrills with no danger. They had become extremely excited about their competition. They never thought that with Unrivaled Super Hottie so high up, that they would be responsible for causing the aggro to go off the tank.

At this instant, the person who caused the aggro shift secretly felt satisfied in his heart. This was actually the mindset of many DPS players. To cause the aggro shift was something they were proud of instead of feeling ashamed about. They believed that this was a proof of their mighty DPS.

There was nothing wrong with thinking like this. It was true that causing an aggro shift meant having a high damage output, but there was not much else to it. Having high damage output did not

necessarily mean that they were an expert in dealing damage. Having a high damage output could perhaps only be because of their equipment. On the other hand, experts in dealing damage could have a high result of damage output, while not letting there be any bothersome problems like causing an aggro shift.

The brothers who chuckled to themselves only had time to feel accomplished for a moment before Aldton turned around. The dragon's head raised as it tore through to bite towards them.

However at this time, a bright light shone from behind Aldton as Unrivaled Super Hottie already rushed ahead at a fast pace. He raised his hand to beckon and used a Provoke towards Aldton at this crucial moment.

No, this was not a normal Provoke !

This was Glorious Provocation.

At this moment, Unrivaled Super Hottie's body was flooded with white light, he activated the Knight's level 50 Awakening skill: Knight's Spirit!

Humility, honour, sacrifice, bravery, mercy, honesty, spiritual, justice.

With the buff from Knight's Spirit, the Knight would have enhanced skills and a massive buff in stats.

Chapter 556 - Sacrificial Roar

Provoke was considered a crowd control skill. Its effect could generate a huge amount of aggro, while causing the Taunted target to lose its free movement. It could only attack the character who had cast Provoke for the next 3 seconds. Unrivaled Super Hottie activated his Knight's Spirit, which caused his Provoke to be enhanced to a Glorious Provocation. It generated even more aggro and would increase the forced attacks towards the caster to 5 seconds.

There were many NPC's that were immune to Provoke, but Bone Dragon Aldton wasn't one of them. After getting Provoked by Unrivaled Super Hottie, its attention shifted towards him instead of towards the other players.

Using such a skill in the event of an accident was what a MT would usually do. Crispy Bean was very adept with such methods. The problem was that his Provoke was still on cooldown when it had happened!

Provoke wasn't a skill that would normally be used frequently. It was reserved for dire situations. Crispy Bean had intended to build up aggro while dealing damage. For his own convenience, he used his skills as soon as the skills went off cooldown. The usage of such skills would be able to stabilize the boss's aggro, but this method overlooked the possibility of an aggro shift and there was no backup plan either.

The problem occurred because Crispy Bean had no intentions of stabilizing the aggro. Instead, his intentions were to compensate

the skills, which would generate aggro gradually, with skills that would generate a tremendous amount of aggro in one go to make way for skills that had higher damage output.

This was the main reason he failed to stabilize the aggro, despite casting all of his skills. Even though his high damage generated a large amount of aggro, the calculation for aggro was very complex. Damage wasn't the only thing that was factored in.

Critical attacks, bleed, poison, and armor break.... Each effect would generate additional aggro. As a result, Crispy Bean's way of building aggro couldn't make up for the aggro generated by players that were furiously attacking the Boss. He didn't have a backup plan either.

He was lucky that Unrivaled Super Hottie had reacted in time.

When Bone Dragon Aldton shifted its attention to Unrivaled Super Hottie, the players let out a collective sigh of relief. Unrivaled Super Hottie's equipment had also changed. He was facing Aldton directly with a sword and shield in hand.

"Stop attacking!" Clove shouted as she healed Unrivaled Super Hottie at the same time.

Even though the Boss' aggro had been stabilized after being Provoked, there were still a lot of hidden dangers.

If the aggro wasn't built up properly during the 3 to 5 second

margin that the Boss was Provoked, there was no telling how the aggro would be distributed once Provoke ended.

Under normal circumstances, if the the main tank did his or her work properly and stabilized the aggro within the three to five second window, the boss's aggro would be reset back onto the main tank. The reason others would stop attacking was to give the main tank a chance to build up the boss's aggro again.

Crispy Bean was the only one who ignored the orders to stop. He wanted to use his own Provoke to get the boss back to him, but unfortunately, it was on cooldown, so he had to resort to using other aggro building skills and hope that Aldton's aggro would be onto him once the effects of Provoke wore off.

Who would have thought that when he swung his word, the only thing he hit was air.

Bone Dragon Aldton had actually twisted its body and sidestepped the sword.

Despite its big size, the dragon wasn't slow at all. It managed to dodge Crispy Bean's attack.

If it was just this, Crispy Bean would have certainly shouted in anger, but Aldton's sudden movement not only caused his own attack to miss, but the attacks of the others to miss as well.

These were the players who were unable to stop their attacks

when Clove barked out her order. Unrivaled Super Hottie had moved around after casting the Provoke on Aldton and the dragon moved in an attempt to attack him. With that very movement, it dodged the attacks that were aimed at it.

This was undoubtedly a mainstream main tank strategy. When situation got out of hand, the MT would drag the boss out of range from the other players. After all, not everyone was fast enough to immediately stop attacking.

Unrivaled Super Hottie's action was a textbook maneuver. Crispy Bean would have done the same thing himself. Unfortunately, this maneuver had caused his attack to miss, so he was still deeply resentful.

"Bang!"

Crispy Bean's position was off and his vision was blocked by the Bone Dragon. He couldn't see the skill cast by Unrivaled Super Hottie. All he heard was a thud, which was the sound of a shield being struck.

Was he defending or was he continuing to build aggro?

Crispy Bean was panicking. As a Knight, he knew that a majority of the skills that required shields could generate a large amount of aggro. This was also a way for main tank's to build up monster aggro. Was Unrivaled Super Hottie doing all of this in an attempt to replace him as the main tank?

How could that be okay!

Crispy Bean was becoming desperate. He moved forward and hacked away at the Bone Dragon. He really hoped he could see Aldton's bony skull again after the five second Glorious Provocation wore off.

The five seconds passed quickly. Crispy Bean was so focused on attacking Aldton that he even reposition himself in front of the boss. He had been counting down from five and when the time came....

"Bang!"

Crispy Bean was sent flying into the air. The dragon had caught Crispy Bean in the air with its tail!

Crispy Bean coughed up blood!

The aggro was back on him, but in a very pathetic way! He had been too careless!

The aggro reset meant that the Boss would resume its attack on him, but Crispy Bean forgot that the dragon's attack range had a 360 degrees reach. It didn't need to face its target to attack.

As a result, the instant the Provoke off, Aldon lifted its wings.....

The others were already standing far away after stopping their attacks. Only Crispy Bean was standing behind Aldton, expecting it to turn around. In the end he was sent flying away by Aldton's wing. The dragon followed up with a swing of its tail.

Wing attack, tail whip.

Crispy Bean was helpless against Aldton's combo. He could only block the attack with his shield and prepared to counterattack as soon as he landed on the ground. With the aggro back on him, he could withstand a few of Aldton's attacks, especially with Clove healing him.

Bang!

With another dull thud, the dragon's tail struck Crispy Bean. He had already prepared his shield in front of him, but the impact accelerated him towards the ground. Crispy Bean was well prepared though and had already began Quick Recovering. However, he suddenly heard the DPSers let out a collective curse, "Sh*t!"

Crispy Bean's eyes began to water.

Aldton finally turned around, but its next animation made Crispy Bean cry.

Dragon Breath!

Aldton was going to use its strongest attack: Dragon Breath.

The dragon ignored Crispy Bean when it was supposed to and shifts its attention to him when it wasn't. If anybody laughed at an NPC's intelligence level, Crispy Bean would definitely give that person a heavy slap.

The worst part of the breath attack was that it was aimed in the direction of the damage dealers. The attack would hit everyone else.

If every one of them were hit by the breath attack, they were finished! Aldton displayed a high level of intelligence. With such AOE attacks, wouldn't it finish the lot of them off in an instant?

Crispy Bean recognized the seriousness of the situation. How could the damage dealers not notice it?

But evasion was impossible.

They was quite a distance away from Aldton, placing them right in the center of its breath, there was nowhere to run……

As for the Cleric? She was also a target that would be attacked.

As all hope was lost, a roar emanated from behind Aldton. It wasn't man made. It was a skill called Roar, but with Knight's Spirit's buff active at the same time, it was known as Sacrificial Roar. Glory players gave a nickname to this skill based on its

special effect: shoot at me.

Roar was a skill of similar nature to Provoke. While Provoke was a single target skill, Roar would often be used on a mob. A Sacrificial Roar, buffed by Knight's Spirit, had an increased range. With an increase in range, the number of targets affected would also increased. With the concentrated attacks from so many enemies, the Roar was indeed sacrificial.

Roar didn't have a time limit. It affected its target based on the number of attacks launched. It would force victims to launch a single attack on the caster alone.

In their current situation though, one hit was enough.

Breath was a continuous attack.Despite dealing accumulated damage, it still counted as one hit.

But could Unrivaled Super Hottie survive under the continuous damage of the dragon breath? He wasn't Crispy Bean, who had superior equipment. With the quality of his equipment, he would need normally need a secondary tank to take the hit.

Everyone of the players couldn't help but worry for Unrivaled Super Hottie when Aldton breathed towards him.

Sacrificial Roar... Would he really be sacrificed?

Chapter 557 - The Arrogant Youth Whose Face Was Slapped

After being hit by another strong attack, Aldton twisted its neck furiously. Dragon breath continued to spew out like water from a hose. The ashen dragon breath swept past the dumbfounded team of players and headed straight for Unrivaled Super Hottie.

A shadow swiftly dashed out. It was Unrivaled Super Hottie.

He was running away from the dragon breath in a clockwise direction.

As a result, the others looked like they were watching a scene from an action movie. The ashen dragon breath chased close behind him. Four steps, three steps, two steps away..... It was about to swallow Unrivaled Super Hottie, but at this moment, the dragon breath faded away and Unrivaled Super Hottie came out safe and sound.

“D*MN!!” Everyone else shouted.

Before this, they had been crying in despair at Aldton’s dragon breath.

This time, they were crying out in joy, seeing Unrivaled Super Hottie escaping from the dragon’s breath in such a manner.

“He really is unrivaled!!” Someone remarked.

“TOO COOL!”

“What a hottie!!”

Everyone was praising him, completely stunned by Unrivaled Super Hottie’s performance.

Then, they heard Unrivaled Super Hottie yell: “Heal.”

“Oh!” Clove hastily responded and healed him. After the Sacrificial Roar, the boss cleansed itself from the forced taunt, but it was still attacking Unrivaled Super Hottie. Sacrificial Roar clearly had a huge aggro value, so Aldton’s aggro was now on Unrivaled Super Hottie.

Bang bang bang bang!

After a few quick attacks, Unrivaled Super Hottie shouted out again: “Attack!”

The DPS classes replied and quickly rushed forward.

Crispy Bean felt like he had been forgotten……

No, he hadn’t been completely forgotten. When the others

rushed forward, some of them were whispering to each other about him.

The Berserker actually said if Crispy Bean had run like Unrivaled Super Hottie, wouldn't the problem have been resolved faster?

Crispy Bean really wanted to curse the Berserker "Are you an idiot? I was in the air at that time. Do you think I can just grow wings and fly around?"

Crispy Bean didn't say it though because he knew that was just an excuse. At that moment, even if he had landed on the ground steadily, there was no way he had that sort of awareness. Even if he had that sort of awareness, it didn't mean that he could react in such a manner. Even if he were able to react in that manner, it didn't mean that he would be able to perform such precise moves.

He hadn't been on the ground, but in the air. During his moment of panic, he had even forgotten to Quick Recover and crashed to the ground. How many of them had laughed at him?

Why couldn't he do it?

Crispy Bean ground his teeth. His heart was filled with envy and resentment.

Because he had been sent flying far away, Sacrificial Roar

wouldn’t be enough to consolidate the aggro. Right now, the aggro had been completely locked onto Unrivaled Super Hottie. However, how could he give up?

Definitely not!

Crispy Bean thought. He chased after the DPS classes and also attacked.

Crispy Bean relentlessly used strong damage skills and aggro skills. However, Aldton refused to turn its head. Crispy Bean’s heart trembled. His gaze had already paused on a few skills several times already.

Provoke……

Roar……

Knight’s Spirit. He could use all of these skills too! In addition, if he used them, the skills would be effective. The bone dragon would be forced to attack him for a few seconds.

However, with the aggro already stabilized, if he suddenly used these skills, it wouldn’t be any different than the aggro being dragged from the tank. The others would definitely scorn him.

As a tank, Crispy Bean hated tank-related accidents. If he intentionally caused one, he would be violating the respect he had for his class. As a result, he decided not to use these two skills.

Using such methods and using attacks in order to take back the aggro were very different.

With his equipment, he didn't need to use Provoke or Roar to gain back the aggro.

Crispy Bean's superior equipment became his pride. He continued to attack Aldon. This time, he was completely prepared and picked a good position. If the aggro returned to him, it wouldn't matter what attack the Bone Dragon used. None of them would be able to send him flying away.

Come back! Come back! Come back!

Crispy Bean roared. He obviously wouldn't let Unrivaled Super Hottie tell him to stop outputting damage, otherwise he would lose face.

He could only do his best and hope all the way until Bone Dragon Aldton fell.

What? It died? Just like that?

Crispy Bean couldn't believe it. It only took that much time? How much health did Aldton have? Why wasn't it fighting properly? He hadn't gotten the aggro back, so why did it fall?

He hadn't accumulated enough aggro. Crispy Bean could only flip open the damage charts.

He had actually dropped down to number two.

What type of joke was this!!

Even though he had initially been prioritizing establishing aggro, Unrivaled Super Hottie had switched out his Dragon Guardian Axe and had to balance between putting out damage and establishing aggro. How did he lose in terms of damage?

Crispy Bean couldn't believe what was going on. Seeing how happy the other team members were, including Clove, Crispy Bean couldn't help but feel like he really had been abandoned.

"Leader, what'd we get?" The team wanted to know what the boss had dropped.

"It's something someone in our team can use. Guess!" Clove began to tease the others.

"Is it a weapon?" Someone asked.

"Yes." Clove replied.

"Wow, what luck! This isn't an abyss. It's a weapon storage!" Someone joked.

Everyone laughed.

“Leader, stop playing with us. Hurry up and show us the weapon!”

Clove stopped dawdling and let everyone see the weapon in the chat. It was a Striker glove. Amidst everyone else’s envious gaze, the glove was given to the Striker.

The atmosphere was very warm.

“Shall we continue?” Clove asked. In the Heavenly Domain, dungeons had a run limit. Bone Dragon Abyss could only be run twice a day.

“Continue! Continue!!” Everyone shouted.

“I have something that came up. I won’t be able to continue.” Crispy Bean suddenly spoke up.

“Okay. Good luck!” Clove didn’t try and stop him. After seeing Unrivaled Super Hottie’s performance, she didn’t feel like Crispy Bean was necessary. Of course, she had good intentions too. For someone at Crispy Bean’s level, this dungeon was a waste of time, so Clove didn’t want to trouble Crispy Bean. As for the mistake at the final boss, Clove didn’t have too many thoughts about it. Everyone made mistakes, no? At crucial moments, the off tank often made up for it.

Crispy Bean didn’t think such simple thoughts though. His

arrogance made him unable to accept what had happened. Clove not stopping him suddenly made him feel very unhappy.

Without saying anything more, Crispy Bean left the team and directly left without saying goodbye to anyone. Clove was busy attending to the team, when she suddenly received a message from her guild leader. Senior Exterminate the Heavens: “Crispy Bean says he wants to leave the guild. What happened?”

“What?” Clove was at a loss.

“Didn’t he come help you clear the dungeon?” Senior Exterminate the Heavens asked.

“Yeah!”

“Did something go wrong?” Senior Exterminate the Heavens questioned.

“Nothing went wrong!” Clove was confused. In the eyes of normal players, the run had gone very smoothly, apart from the minor slip-up at the final boss. It wasn’t like anyone died, no?

“Did he get into an argument with anyone?” Senior Exterminate the Heavens asked.

“What did he say to you?” Clove asked back. If that were the reason, then it might be because of Unrivaled Super Hottie. In the beginning, Clove could also tell that Crispy Bean didn’t like him,

but she didn't think he had such a big problem with him. Then again, in the beginning, he had said Unrivaled Super Hottie was a leech, but after playing seriously, he became number in on the damage charts. Crispy Bean had looked down on him as a tank, but Unrivaled Super Hottie later showed incredible skill as a tank. There shouldn't have been any problems! Clove thought from a bystander's perspective. She hadn't thought about it from Crispy Bean's perspective. Unrivaled Super Hottie took number one on the damage charts and then displayed incredible skill at a crucial moment, which made him feel like he couldn't show his face.

This was a story of an arrogant youth being slapped in the face.

"I asked what was wrong, but he said he didn't want to say it." Senior Exterminate the Heavens sent a helpless reply. A normal guild member didn't matter, but a tank was different, especially the guild's chief tank. He was a huge pillar for the guild.

"I'll ask him." Clove didn't feel happy about Crispy Bean's weird attitude. She was quite close with Crispy Bean too, so she asked directly: "I heard you want to leave the guild? What's wrong?"

"It has nothing to do with you, so don't ask." Crispy Bean replied quickly.

"Everything was good before, but after running a dungeon with me, you want to leave the guild? How does this not have something to do with me?" Clove asked.

Crispy Bean didn't reply.

“Is it because of Unrivaled Super Hottie?” Clove asked. Even though she didn’t understood Crispy Bean’s thinking, Unrivaled Super Hottie was the most likely reason behind it.

“Yeah.....” Crispy Bean admitted.

“Why?” Clove didn’t understand.

“No reason. I don’t want to be in the same guild as him.” Crispy Bean couldn’t say the truth.

“What’s wrong with you!” Clove wasn’t happy, but was also too lazy to deal with Crispy Bean. She had found the reason, so she told Senior Exterminate the Heavens.

“Because of that? What exactly happened in the dungeon?” Senior Exterminate the Heavens asked.

Chapter 558 - Test

Clove was an honest person. She described everything that had happened between Crispy Bean and Unrivaled Super Hottie without adding in any flourishes. Clover couldn't understand Crispy Bean's feelings, but Senior Exterminate the Heavens immediately grasped the problem.

Even so, there was nothing he could do.

This issue was clearly a matter of face and wasn't something that could be solved through logic. Unrivaled Super Hottie hadn't done anything wrong. Even if he had, what was he supposed to do? Call him over and make him apologize to Crispy Bean?

This was a game. Face was even more important than one's life! At worst, everyone separated. No one wanted to lower their heads to someone else. Even if it wasn't logical, one should still stand up straight and take it. Apologize? For what reason would he need to? Because he was a tank? Face had nothing to do with being a tank.

Senior Exterminate the Heavens thought about it. If he wanted to resolve this problem, he had to figure out a way to get Crispy Bean out of this embarrassing situation. Unrivaled Super Hottie couldn't get him out. It seemed like it was all up to him.

How depressing..... Senior Exterminate the Heavens was also troubled. Unless he was a famous money warrior or was backed by a Club, a normal guild leader didn't have much status in the game. If a conflict came about, the guild leader better get busy! If the

guild leader succeeded, then it would be worth it. The worse case scenario would be if the conflict didn't get resolved. The guild leader would have to find outside help, which would really be quite depressing.

Senior Exterminate the Heavens sighed and sent a message to Crispy Bean: "Crispy Bean, we've already played together for so long. You plan on leaving the guild, but you didn't even give us a reason. That's not right! When the other members of the guild ask why Crispy Bean left, what am I supposed to tell them? You're our guild's chief tank."

Senior Exterminate the Heavens pretended he didn't know the reason whatsoever. His words suggested three things. First, he played the emotional card, making Crispy Bean recall his fond memories with the guild. Crispy Bean's reason for leaving was very simple. If he had to reason with Crispy Bean, his only choice would be strike at Unrivaled Super Hottie, but if Unrivaled Super Hottie became dissatisfied with the guild too, the damage would be irreversible. Right now, it was only because he was unhappy with Unrivaled Super Hottie. As long as his feelings didn't intensify, Crispy Bean would certainly feel reluctant if he left his guild and his friends in the guild.

The second thing was to tell Crispy Bean about his own problems. This would give Crispy Bean a way out. Crispy Bean was hesitating, but he could excuse himself by saying it was to help him.

As for the third thing, it pointed out Crispy Bean's status. Senior Exterminate the Heavens completely saw through Crispy Bean's

reason, so he emphasized his status to appeal to him.

Senior Exterminate the Heavens was quite skilled. He wasn't an ordinary person. On the surface, he was a normal guild leader, but in reality, he was one of Tyrannical Ambition's core members. He was handling Club matters by expanding their power. In other words, he was on the same level as the tenth server;s Cold Night, an experienced and trusted core member. The only difference was that his relationship with Tyrannical Ambition couldn't be exposed to the public. He could only protect Tyrannical Ambition's interests in secret.

Senior Exterminate the Heavens placed great value on an MT, especially one like Crispy Bean. The core of a team couldn't only have good technical skills. The core had to be reliable. Tanks would usually be trained by the guild and would be treated well. If you just reaped the benefits and then slapped your butt as you left, how sad would that be?

From this point, Crisp Bean being the chief tank was already a form of recognition. Senior Exterminate the Heavens was trying his best to mediate, but if worst came to worst, Crispy Bean would be his first priority.

After Senior Exterminate the Heavens sent his message, Crispy Bean didn't reply for a long time. Senior Exterminate the Heavens had already reminded Clove not to interfere.

Senior Exterminate the Heavens understood Clove's personality. If Clove tried to resolve this situation, she would definitely tell Crispy Bean that he was causing unnecessary trouble. This would

clearly push Crispy Bean away from the guild, so he told Clove not to reveal the truth. Senior Exterminate the Heavens immediately told Clove to continue playing, while he dealt with the matter.

Senior Exterminate the Heavens patiently waited for Crispy Bean to reply, but at the same time, he saw Clove asking repeatedly in the guild chat if anyone wanted to go to Bone Abyss, but there was no reply from anyone. Senior Exterminate the Heavens suddenly had a thought and messaged Clove: “I’ll go with you guys!”

“Huh? You’re going?” Clove was surprised.

“Isn’t that Knight really good? I want to see for myself.” Senior Exterminate the Heavens said.

“Lower your damage output!” Clove replied.

“Of course.” Senior Exterminate the Heavens said before running over to Bone Dragon Abyss.

The nine players in the team waited and waited until the guild leader arrived. The team was naturally very surprised. Even though normal guild leaders weren’t celebrities or anything, they still had a higher status than a tank. The team members saw that today. The chief tank came to play with them in such a weak dungeon and now the guild leader personally joined them. They suddenly felt like the guild’s future looked very disastrous.

‘If everyone’s here, shall we begin?” Senior Exterminate the

Heavens greeted everyone and then laughed.

“Let’s go.” Clove instructed. Even though the guild leader had come, she still led the team.

The team entered the dungeon and began fighting. This time, the tank was naturally Unrivaled Super Hottie. Senior Exterminate the Heavens didn’t care about the others and paid attention to Unrivaled Super Hottie’s skill.

A tank’s proficiency could be seen through the tank’s ability to pull monsters, but to truly see a tank’s skill required the situation to be messy. The messier the situation was, the more a tank’s ability to control the field would be displayed.

As a result, Senior Exterminate the Heavens planned on making mistakes from time to time. For example, he would “accidentally” pull too many monsters! And then an “accidental” mistake to cause the monster’s aggro to go off the tank! These types of mistakes happened often anyways.

Senior Exterminate the Heavens had an excuse ready for his mistakes.

He hadn’t played the dungeon in a long time, so he forgot how many monsters he should be pulling. He pulled the aggro off the tank because his equipment was too amazing. His excuses were fairly reasonable.

With his plan prepared, Senior Exterminate the Heavens immediately put it into action.

“Ah, my bad! I haven’t been here in a long time, did they change the dungeon? There didn’t use to be so monsters on this side!” Senior Exterminate the Heavens cried as he brought a bunch of monsters with him.

The other team members saw this scene, but he was the guild leader. What could they say? Hurry up and save him!

Unrivaled Super Hottie was the most calm though. He directly ignored the guild leader’s three monsters, allowing the monsters to attack the guild leader. All he said was: “Attack those three. Guild leader, hang on.”

The implication: you become a tank for now!

It wasn’t logical according to common sense, especially because the team only had one Cleric. However, Senior Exterminate the Heavens had good equipment, better than even Crispy Bean. Even though his defense couldn’t compare to Crispy Bean’s, if his equipment far surpassed the dungeon minimum requirement, then who cared? Damage was more important.

Senior Exterminate the Heaven’s health dropped fairly quickly, but the health of the monsters dropped even quicker. In the end, he hung on, while the three monsters all died. Unrivaled Super Hottie had only given them a glance to show his concern.

Senior Exterminate the Heavens was depressed. He was too strong. The monsters he pulled along could be killed with him acting as a tank. If he pulled along any more monsters and even he couldn't deal with them, then Unrivaled Super Hottie wouldn't be able to either.

It seemed like this method wouldn't work. Too few monsters and Unrivaled Super Hottie would have him take the role of a tank. Too many monsters and..... Everyone would die. What was the point then?

If that didn't work, then on to the second method.

Senior Exterminate the Heavens was a Striker, a pure DPS class, so he began attacking like crazy, but despite his efforts, no accident came about!

Why was it so difficult to cause an accident? Senior Exterminate the Heavens persevered and continued to try and cause an accident, but before he could do so, the boss fell. Senior Exterminate the Heavens dominated the damage charts, but no accident occurred.

Senior Exterminate the Heavens didn't need to test anymore though. If no accident occurred, it could only mean one thing. Even under his brainless attacking, the tank was maintaining a stable aggro. This Unrivaled Super Hottie had even better skills than Crispy Bean.

"What do you think? Isn't he pretty good?" After the dungeon

ended, Clove messaged Senior Exterminate the Heavens. Unrivaled Super Hottie hadn't made any mistakes in the dungeon run. He had done everything an outstanding tank needed to do.

"Quite impressive!" Senior Exterminate the Heavens nodded his head. This Unrivaled Super Hottie had surpassed his expectations. No wonder Crispy Bean felt pressured. If this person developed, he would certainly take Crispy Bean's position.

Under normal circumstances, he would be extremely happy having such an outstanding player join the guild, but this time, the newly added player had a conflict with the chief tank of his guild. This wasn't an easy situation easy to deal with. Crispy Bean had replied to him during the dungeon run. Senior Exterminate the Heaven's words had failed. Crispy Bean had a deep opinion on Unrivaled Super Hottie. It's either me or him.

Senior Exterminate the Heavens had already made up his mind long ago, but after witnessing Unrivaled Super Hottie's strength, Senior Exterminate the Heavens felt a little hurt to be losing such a talent. From his guild's perspective, this person couldn't be kept, but as a branch of Tyrannical Ambition, it wouldn't be hard to make arrangements for him.

Senior Exterminate the Heavens quickly contacted Tyrannical Ambition's guild leader, Jiang You and told him of this incredible Knight that had just joined the guild. However, because of a conflict with one of his players, he couldn't keep him in the guild, so he wanted to see if Jiang You could bring him over to another guild.

“Something like that happened? I’ll make arrangements! What’s his name?” Jiang You asked. If Senior Exterminate the Heavens couldn’t bear to abandon such a talent, then Jiang You wouldn’t either.

“Unrivaled Super Hottie.” Senior Exterminate the Heavens replied.

“This name…… how arrogant!” Jiang You said.

“It really is arrogant, but he has the skills to back it up. I just dungeoned with him. His control over aggro is incredible. I intentionally tried to cause accidents to see his skill, but I couldn’t even do that. My equipment is far better than his too.”

“That good? I’ll hurry and make arrangements.” Jiang You was moved.

Chapter 559 - Tyrannical Ambition's Four Branches

One could never have too many talents. When Jiang You heard Senior Exterminate the Heavens praise this knight, he also became interested.

Getting him over reasonable was very easy. All he needed to do was send over an invite with Tyrannical Ambition's name.

Tyrannical Ambition and Exterminate the Heavens were on two completely different levels. A Glory player might not be a fan of the team, but the player definitely wouldn't reject a Club guild's invite, unless the player was the type who didn't want to join a guild. However, if Unrivaled Super Hottie had joined Exterminate the Heavens, he clearly wasn't that type of person. Jiang You was only worried if this person might have some sort of grudge against Team Tyranny. For example, if he were a fan of Excellent Era, then it was possible he would refuse an invite to Tyrannical Ambition.

"What details do you know about him?" Jiang You asked Senior Exterminate the Heavens.

"I don't know. He just joined the guild today. According to him, he hasn't played the game in awhile. Judging from his equipment, it seems to be true." Senior Exterminate the Heavens said.

Jiang You didn't have much else to ask. He was just pondering whether this tank, who Senior Exterminate the Heavens thought highly of, had the qualifications for him to personally go out and

invite him.

After thinking about it for a bit, Jiang You decided to play it safe. Even though he trusted Senior Exterminate the Heavens, this tank and Senior Exterminate had only played together in one dungeon. Senior Exterminate certainly didn't dare guarantee this tank's ability. Without knowing exactly how deep this tank's skill went, if he invited him into the guild and he turned out to be sham, he would be laughed at.

As a result, Jiang You found a branch guild leader and had him complete the task. Although it was only a branch guild, it was a guild that Tyrannical Ambition publicly acknowledged and could be considered a part of Tyrannical Ambition. The branch guild's strength couldn't be compared to the official Tyrannical Ambition, but it wasn't bad either. Otherwise, Tyrannical Ambition wouldn't be able to hold onto its image. Publicly acknowledged branch guilds would directly receive help from Tyrannical Ambition, so their resources weren't lacking. For normal players, jumping from a guild like Exterminate the Heavens to a Club's branch guild could be considered a huge success.

In-game affairs were always carried out very quickly. Not long afterwards, Unrivaled Super Hottie received a guild invite.

Seeing a personal invite from one of Tyrannical Ambition's branch guilds, Ye Xiu was quite dumbfounded.

He didn't think things would develop so fast. He had only just joined Guild Exterminate the Heavens and ran two dungeons. He didn't think he had made enough of a commotion yet. Who would

have thought he would be deemed good enough already?

Even if he had ran a dungeon with the guild's chief tank and then the guild leader Senior Exterminate the Heavens as well, and received their recognition, Ye Xiu hadn't imagined he would receive a direct recommendation from Tyrannical Ambition so quickly.

This truly was difficult for someone to imagine.

If Crispy Bean hadn't made things difficult by showing his intent to leave the guild, even if Senior Exterminate the Heavens witnessed Unrivaled Super Hottie's skills, he still wouldn't have immediately asked for a recommendation.

Crispy Bean had forced him to make a decision. He didn't want to give up on Crispy Bean, but he also felt like Unrivaled Super Hottie wasn't so simple. In order to not lose either of them, his only choice was to find a different way to get Unrivaled Super Hottie to stay. After all, Senior Exterminate the Heaven's main goal was to help Tyrannical Ambition.

Ye Xiu wasn't some godly immortal. How could he have known about all of this? Even if he had seen how unhappy Crispy Bean was towards him, they had only just gotten to know each other. How could Ye Xiu know Crispy Bean had so much pride and actually threatened the guild leader.

"Is this the basis for the saying gold will always shine?" Ye Xiu said to Chen Guo.

Chen Guo was speechless. Ye Xiu truly could be considered as gold, but she really didn't like how he called himself gold so calmly. Couldn't you let someone else say those words?

"So you're in....." Chen Guo was also surprised. She sighed thinking of how much effort it had taken her to get into Excellent Dynasty. How infuriating!

Chen Guo was still melancholy. Ye Xiu had already begun talking with the inviter. Ye Xiu directly inquired why they wanted him.

This branch player couldn't say it was because of Jiang You! In the end, he could only say that he had a friend in Exterminate the Heavens who told him of his skill, which was why he hoped to see it for himself.

"Ha ha ha, could I ask who your friend is? He has very good eyes!" Ye Xiu replied.

"Yes, yes." The other side was speechless. Seeing how arrogant this Unrivaled Super Hottie was, he didn't want to chat with him any longer. Honestly speaking, he didn't like this sort of personality.

"Since you look so highly of me, I can't refuse can I? We have to give each other face! Don't you think so?" Ye Xiu said.

"Yes yes yes....." The other side really wanted to end this

conversation.

"How should I do this? Should I leave the guild first? Have you finished arranged everything on your side?" Ye Xiu asked.

"After leaving a guild, you have to wait five days before you can join another. But it doesn't matter. You can come dungeon with us during those five days!" The branch player said.

"So there's something like that. Okay!" Ye Xiu acted like he was reluctant, but then immediately left the guild.

He came and left in a rush. During his time in Guild Exterminate the Heavens, the only thing that he had made an impression of to the guild members was his name. His incredible performance in the dungeon hadn't spread yet!

No one really said much about him joining and leaving the guild so suddenly. However, the ones who had interacted with him before immediately noticed.

Crispy Bean was naturally bursting with joy. Even though the guild leader never said anything directly, his intentions had been made clear. Crispy Bean acted like nothing had happened and didn't mention leaving the guild anymore.

As for Senior Exterminate the Heavens? He had received a message from the branch guild saying the transaction had been successful. He was also satisfied.

The only person who wasn't happy was the innocent girl, Clove.

This girl saw the notification of Unrivaled Super Hottie leaving the guild and immediately became somewhat upset. While complaining to Senior Exterminate the Heavens, she went to ask Unrivaled Super Hottie.

'I didn't. I didn't say anything! I'm still thinking about how to resolve this situation!" Senior Exterminate the Heavens pretended like he didn't know what was going on.

"Then why did he leave the guild without saying bye!" Clove asked.

"How should I know? He didn't say bye to me either!" Senior Exterminate the Heavens continued to put on his act.

Clove didn't reply because she had already received a reply from Unrivaled Super Hottie, who told her someone from Tyrannical Ambition had invited him, so he would be going to their guild.

Clove stared blankly. Had she thought too much? It seemed like he left on his own accord. She didn't have anything else to say.

"Okay." Clove only replied with one word.

"If an opportunity comes up, we should dungeon together again."

Ye Xiu replied. He had good impression of this girl.

“Sure.” Clove replied.

Ye Xiu didn’t say anything else. The branch guild had already called him over to dungeon together. There were a lot of Level 70 dungeons. It wasn’t possible to run all of them in one day.

The two sides found a place to meet. The branch guild also saw the severity of the situation, when they saw Unrivaled Super Hottie’s equipment.

Unrivaled Super Hottie’s equipment wasn’t any different from before. He had taken the Dragon Guardian Axe in Bone Dragon Abyss, but after running the dungeon, he returned it to Clover and let the team deal with it. In the second run, no Knight equipment dropped, so Ye Xiu hadn’t gained anything from there either. Honestly speaking, Ye Xiu looked down on Bone Dragon Abyss’s equipment even more than Crispy Bean.

Even if he got equipment from Bone Dragon Abyss, so what? Would he appear any different in front of others?

Tyrannical Ambition’s four branch guilds were much more powerful than Guild Exterminate the Heavens. The set of equipment on Unrivaled Super Hottie was even more shocking to the branch guild than to Exterminate the Heavens.

Tyrannical Ambition’s branch guild had directly invited

Unrivaled Super Hottie to go into a hundred player group dungeon. They had originally planned on immediately adding Unrivaled Super Hottie to the group to see how he would deal with an extremely difficult dungeon. But now from the looks of it, with his equipment, he didn't even seem close to being qualified to entering the dungeon.

Before adding Unrivaled Super Hottie to the group, everyone was whispering to each other, when they heard Unrivaled Super Hottie laugh out loud: "Wow, so many people are here to welcome me? You're all too nice! To tell you all the truth, I haven't officially joined the guild yet, so all of you should prepare another welcome party five days from now!"

Everyone was speechless. How could a guy with such a set of equipment act so arrogant? It seems like his name wasn't just for show!

"Uh, everyone is here to run a dungeon. We just happen to only have 99 players and have an open spot. Are you interested in joining?" The person speaking was their group leader, Happy Sheep, a Cleric. He was one of the core members of Tyrannical Ambition's branch guild. He had been the one to invite Unrivaled Super Hottie over. The branch guild leader hadn't gone to personally invite him either with the same reasoning as Jiang You. he didn't want to personally invite over a faulty product.

Knowing this, under the guild leader's instructions, Happy Sheep was to pull him over to a dungeon and check his skill. As a result, Happy Sheep directly arranged a hundred player group and planned on bringing Unrivaled Super Hottie along. But after seeing

his equipment, his equipment wasn't good enough for the dungeon. At this moment, the team chat was in a heated debate.

"A hundred player group? It can't get better than that! Which dungeon?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Our group is planning on running the Tomb in the Sky." Happy Sheep answered.

"Tomb in the Sky? That sounds familiar. Wait one second, I'm going to check a guide!" Ye Xiu said.

Chapter 560 - One Hundred Player Dungeon Team

The one hundred player dungeon was undoubtedly the largest scale dungeon type in the game. Naturally, the dungeon's difficulty would be higher than smaller scale dungeons. There was even a difference in difficulty between hundred player dungeons. For example, Tomb in the Sky, the dungeon Happy Sheep's group was planning on running, could only be considered moderate when with other one hundred player dungeons. Although it wasn't too difficult, Happy Sheep's group had yet to complete it. They were still figuring out how to take down the dungeon.

Equipment from one hundred player dungeons weren't common because the dungeons could only be run a limited number of times. Compared to smaller dungeons, which could be run three times a day, each person could only enter a one hundred player dungeon once per week. In addition, most couldn't clear the dungeon until the end. This was because within the dungeon, players only had one life and couldn't be revived by priests. Within a hundred player team, there's one less person every time a player died. So more and more players would be taken out gradually until there wasn't enough manpower. Naturally by then, it would be impossible to clear the dungeon.

However, the rewards for clearing a hundred player dungeon were given out differently than other dungeons, which only gave rewards for finishing the run. The rewards were based on the player's progress, so even if the whole team wiped out and failed to clear the dungeon, the team could still obtain rewards according to their progress percentage.

This was why many ads to recruit people into their groups included their progress through the dungeon. As long as the player joining wasn't a first timer in the Heavenly Domain, prospective players would have a good idea of the group's strength.

For example, Happy Sheep's team had reached 88% completion for Tomb in the Sky. This percent was good enough to be boastful about for more than 95% of the players in the Heavenly Domain. Even though Happy Sheep was only investigating a moderately difficult one hundred player dungeon, his group's strength could already be considered amazing. For guilds on a similar level as Guild Exterminate the Heavens, their teams had only just taken the first step at tackling level 70 hundred player dungeons.

As for guildless wild players, forming a random one hundred player team was like buying the lottery. They would run through as much as they could! However, random groups taking down hundred player dungeons might only be possible if the group of players were Level 70 and the dungeon was Level 60……

As a result, Happy Sheep's prideful team instantly boiled with anger when faced with a guy who immediately went to check a walkthrough after hearing the dungeon's name.

"Reading a guide? What does he think this is? A five-man dungeon from the newbie village?" Someone typed furiously in the group chat. If one hundred player dungeons could be cleared by simply reading a walkthrough, then it wouldn't be so hard. Being able to fight a hundred player dungeon could be counted as a skill. It couldn't be learnt by reading walkthroughs once. It required hours and hours of practice.These people were able to clear 88% of

Tomb in the Sky because they had gone through nine weeks of repetition and hardship. They were only able to exchange their final grade after their skills matured and their equipment improved. Yet this guy just lightly wrote he was going to check a guide. It felt as though he were looking down on hundred player dungeons and felt quite offensive to listen to.

“He’s probably never run a hundred player dungeon before has he? How could a tank like this be any good?” Some people spoke their doubts, blindly shooting off their mouths. In a normal player’s eyes, those who believed that hundred player dungeons could be cleared by reading a simple walkthough were noobs who had never fought in a hundred player dungeon and didn’t know the difference between heaven and earth.

Happy Sheep wasn’t too happy either, but even though he was leading the team, he wasn’t a guild leader level core member. The matter had been reported to Jiang You by Senior Exterminate the Heavens. Then, Jiang You left the task to the branch guild leader, who gave the task to him. Unrivaled Super Hottie’s origin had been lost during this process, so Happy Sheep didn’t really know what responsibility he should take. The guild leader gave him an order and he had just accepted it out of convenience. After hearing Unrivaled Super Hottie say “I’m going to check a guid”, he suddenly felt like this person was overestimating himself.

Guild Exterminate the Heavens? Those who came from such a guild could only be so skilled. Happy Sheep thought, but because he had accepted the task from the guild leader, he couldn’t not do it. Thus, he could only patiently wait for him to look over his guide. At the same time, he looked at the chat to see the others laughing at him. He didn’t intend on stopping them.

The guide for this hundred player dungeon would take a very long time to carefully read. Happy Sheep decided to start the pre-dungeon meeting. The meeting would discuss their mistakes in the previous run and what could be fixed, but not long after starting the meeting, Unrivaled Super Hottie's voice drifted over: "Okay, I'm done reading. When do we start?"

Happy Sheep checked the clock. It had only been ten minutes. He immediately became furious again. Hundred player dungeons were complicated. First of all, the dungeon itself was complex. Secondly, because the team consisted of a hundred players, the class composition was very complicated. Not a single walkthrough covered everything because all of them used teams with different classes. Because of this, many people compared several guides before considering them as a guide, making the guides even more complicated. So ten minutes? He probably didn't even get to the first boss, did he?

Happy Sheep didn't say anything, when the team chat erupted.

"How long have you been looking at a guide? Ten minutes? That's one minute for each boss!"

"Does he think this is a normal small scale dungeon?"

In normal small scale dungeons, the difficulty was mostly concentrated on the boss, so the important parts for these types of dungeons were the bosses. However, in hundred player dungeons, the mobs were all at a level similar to smaller scale dungeon

bosses. When looking at a guide, the player couldn't only look at the bosses. Unrivaled Super Hottie said he had finished the guide in ten minutes, making many suspicious. Everyone looked down on him again and saw him as being too much of a noob.

"Whatever. Let's not talk about it anymore. I'll add him to the team and he can just leech off of us. He'll understand once we go in." Happy Sheep said.

"Why not let him be the main tank and see what he says?" Someone suggested.

Everyone laughed out loud. Speaking of this, if hundred player dungeon runs weren't so limited and precious, they would have certainly agreed so they could laugh at him.

"Don't joke around. We can let him be a tank when we run a different dungeon." Someone else refuted.

"He's just leeching anyways. It's not like it matters whether he's there or not!"

"It'll be more efficient with me!"

Someone suddenly interrupted. Everyone turned. Sweat, it was Unrivaled Super Hottie. This guy had actually joined the chat. They had been chatting too fiercely and didn't even notice the notification of him joining.

“Cough, what? Brother, you want to be the main tank?” Someone followed up.

“Main tank? I looked at a guide. I might need someone to lend me their equipment for the fourth, fifth, ninth, and final boss.” Ye Xiu said.

Sure enough, this guy had only looked at the bosses!

This guy wasn’t here to cheat them of their equipment, was he?

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No one knew what to think, but Unrivaled Super Hottie had already joined the team and they felt too ashamed to say anything to his face. This situation was a bit different than when Unrivaled Super Hottie joined Guild Exterminate the Heavens. After all, Ye Xiu had gone to join Guild Exterminate the Heavens himself. He hadn’t needed to show his skill beforehand, which was why Crispy Bean immediately doubted his skill. In his current situation, Tyrannical Ambition had roped him over. Even if everyone doubted his skill, they could talk behind his back, but if they said it to his face, it would make Happy Sheep, who brought him over, feel embarrassed. They might be doubtful of Unrivaled Super Hottie, but at least, they had to give their team leader face.

“How about you be the main tank for now? When we get to the fourth and fifth tank, we can switch?” Someone said half-jokingly.

“Okay, but I don’t really remember much about this dungeon, so I don’t think I would be able to lead very well.” Ye Xiu said.

Everyone cried. He had only just looked at the guide and he wants to lead them?

Happy Sheep couldn’t bear it anymore: “I’ll lead! Are you sure you’re okay with being a tank?”

“I’ll have trouble with the fourth, fifth, ninth, and final boss.” Ye Xiu repeated.

“Okay okay. I understand. Then let’s start and see what happens?” Happy Sheep said.

“Sure.” Ye Xiu said and then went into the dungeon.

“He thought I was serious! He actually thought I was serious!!” Someone spoke in the chat again. This person remembered that besides the team chat, he could speak in the guild chat, which Unrivaled Super Hottie didn’t have access to.

“He’s already entered the dungeon!”

“As the tank, he’s going to start pulling monsters. Shouldn’t we hurry up and go in?” Another person sneered.

“What are you guys talking about?” The other guild members

were curious.

“A God has come to our guild!” Someone inadvertently said the truth.

“Oh?”

“Yeah, an exceptional God!” The truth continued.

“Who?”

“Unrivaled Super Hottie! Do you see that name!” Someone said.

“How arrogant? How is he a god?” A curious person asked.

“It’s hard to say in a single sentence…….”

“Okay, stop chattering. Let’s go in.” Happy Sheep hastily said. He didn’t think that his team would go to the guild chat to continue this chat. This this……. Wasn’t this equivalent to slapping the guild leader’s face? This guy was the person the guild leader had told him to bring over to the guild, yet his team was laughing at him.

Sure enough, the branch guild leader saw the chat and messaged Happy Sheep privately: “What’s up with this person?”

Happy Sheep explained what had happened to let the guild leader know that his team wasn't trying to slap his face, but that this person really didn't seem like any sort of expert.

"Then let him be the main tank and see what happens." The branch guild leader instructed.

"Fighting in Tomb in the Sky with that equipment?" Happy Sheep felt a scared just saying it.

"What equipment does he have?" The branch guild leader clearly didn't know the details.

Happy Sheep explained. The branch guild leader furrowed his brows and then said after a short pause: "He should be able to fight against the mob monsters, right? Let's have him fight with the mob monsters first....."

"Okay!"

Chapter 561 - I Forgot

“Is he actually going to tank for us?”

The players in Happy Sheep’s team entered the dungeon one after the other. Happy Sheep received a message from the true tank in the team. This tank was clearly a kind person. He didn’t want Unrivaled Super Hottie to make a fool of himself and also thought about the safety of everyone else.

“Yeah, we’ll see how it goes first, but be on the lookout. As soon as he slips up falter, hurry and take over.” Happy Sheep said.

“Okay!” The original tank of the team, Seven Blossom Leaves, listened to Happy Sheep’s orders. He didn’t show any unwillingness to do so and didn’t say anything more after agreeing.

Happy Sheep was also very satisfied. Seven Blossom Leaves was truly a good person. He wasn’t like a lot of other tanks, who would curse at the healer for no reason when the team got wiped. As for Seven Blossom Leaves? Whenever the team wiped out, the first thing he would say was: “My mistake……” Then, he would analyze what he had done wrong.

He had just given him the task of keeping watch on Unrivaled Super Hottie. He could already foresee that if an accident happened, Seven Blossom Leaves would say he had made the mistake. A good person like Seven Blossom Leaves would probably act like this, even for someone as arrogant as Unrivaled Super

Hottie.

Thinking of this, Happy Sheep was deeply moved. He decided that if an accident actually occurred, he definitely wouldn't let Seven Blossom Leaves make himself the scapegoat. It would be okay for our own guild's brothers, but for someone like Unrivaled Super Hottie? He can go kill himself. Why should someone as kind as Seven Blossom Leaves shoulder the blame?

Happy Sheep had been thinking the entire time. When he looked around, he saw that no one was around him anymore. Everyone had already entered the dungeon. He hastily ran into the teleport formation of the hundred player dungeon: Tomb in the Sky.

As the name implied, the dungeon Tomb in the Sky was a tomb in the sky. There were a total of nine minibosses, guarding nine magic-powered engines. After defeating the nine minibosses and destroying the nine engines, the Tomb in the Sky would lose its ability to fly and fall down to earth. At this moment, the Tomb in the Sky's final guardian would appear and was also the dungeon's final boss. If this final guardian was defeated, they would clear the dungeon. This dungeon's hidden boss was the dark soul that resided within the tomb.

Whether or not the hidden boss appeared in the hundred player dungeon depended on luck, just like all of the other smaller dungeons in Glory. The only difference was that in this hundred player dungeon, the hidden boss could be fought after finishing the dungeon and didn't have to be fought immediately. It wasn't like normal dungeons, where the boss could suddenly jump out of nowhere. After all, rewards in the hundred player dungeon

depended on progress made in the dungeon. If a hidden boss suddenly jumped out and killed everyone, it would be too depressing for the players. If the hidden boss was successfully killed, there would be an additional 20% progress reward, even if the dungeon had already been cleared.

When Happy Sheep's team entered the Tomb in the Sky, everyone checked if there was a hidden boss or not. Happy Sheep was the last to enter, but he had already seen from the chat that no there would be no hidden boss for this run.

Even though there was no hidden boss, there would be another point of interest in this dungeon run. Currently, Unrivaled Super Hottie was in the front with his sword and shield up, but there was no one around him. All of the other players stayed back, maintaining a good distance from him as if he were the plague. Happy Sheep thought it was funny, but at this moment, Seven Blossom Leaves walked out from the group and stood next to Unrivaled Super Hottie's side.

"You be the main tank. I'll be the off tank. If you can't hold on, call for me. There's no need to force yourself." Seven Blossom Leaves kindly advised.

"Oh? We only have an off tank? There's no third or fourth tank?" Ye Xiu asked.

The third and fourth tank were the original off tank and third tank. Now that Unrivaled Super Hottie had become the main tank and Seven Blossom Leaves took the position of off tank, the other two naturally fell to the third and fourth tank. Unfortunately, the

original fourth tank now became the fifth tank..... However, the Tomb in the Sky didn't need five tanks! What a tragedy!

The original off tank and third tank, or the current third and fourth tank, clearly weren't as kind as Seven Blossom Leaves. With Unrivaled Super Hottie calling them out and seeing Seven Blossom Leaves look around for them, the two finally stepped forward unwillingly.

"Everyone step it up! Let's try harder!" Ye Xiu cheered.

"....." Everyone wanted to point their middle fingers at him, but resisted.

"Are the Clerics ready?" Ye Xiu asked again.

"....." No one uttered a word. Luckily, one of the Clerics was Happy Sheep. As the team leader, he had the responsibility of upholding the team atmosphere. At this moment, he stood out and replied, "Ready!" The other Clerics felt embarrassed to not say anything now and also shouted out.

"DPSers....."

"Yes yes yes, we're ready!"

This time, Ye Xiu had only spoken a single word, when the DPSers impatiently interrupted him. This guy kept on warning them endlessly. Did he think he was a God or something?

“I was just going to say DPSers, don’t be too hasty.” Ye Xiu grinned.

“……” The DPSers fell silent.

“Then I’m going to pull some monsters over?” Ye Xiu asked.

Go kill yourself! Everyone shouted in their minds. The Clerics wanted to pretend they disconnected, while those who weren’t Clerics wanted to tie up the Clerics.

Unfortunately, these weren’t options. The team leader Happy Sheep said, “Pull!” Unrivaled Super Hottie rushed forward. In everyone’s eyes, his posture was disgustingly ugly.

“He’s going to die immediately.” Someone quietly whispered.

“Yes.” It wasn’t convenient for them to say these things in chat, but they could still talk to each other in private. If this Unrivaled Super Hottie only looked at the bosses in the guides, then he would neglect many difficult problems in the dungeon. For example, when entering the tomb…… However, no one wanted to remind him. Everyone wanted to watch him suffer!

“Be careful, there’s a trap at the entrance!” Someone shouted. This voice wasn’t unfamiliar to them. It was the original main tank, Seven Blossom Leaves.

“Sigh……” Everyone sighed. Seven Blossom Leaves was truly too kind.

“Yi?” Ye Xiu replied.

“Ha ha ha, look at him. It looks like he got a cramp. Did he get sick?” All they heard was a “Yi?” Then, Unrivaled Super Hottie suddenly started shaking. Some of the players immediately began ridiculing him. However, as soon as they spoke, they saw a cold light suddenly jump out from the side of Unrivaled Super Hottie. A spike had shot out of the ground!

Cheng cheng cheng cheng!

Spike after spike pierced the earth and shot out of the ground, all from beneath Unrivaled Super Hottie’s feet. However, not a single one hit him because Unrivaled Super Hottie kept on shaking. It made everyone feel nauseous, but he just happened to dodge every spikes every time.

“Is he dodging them?”

Everyone was astonished. They were clearly seeing it, but they had a hard time believing it. His movements were too minute and quick to see.

Living through this spike trap wasn’t uncommon. The trap had been completely figured out with the bodies of countless players. All of the players in Happy Sheep’s team knew how to walk

through the trap without triggering it. However, getting through the trap in this way was something they had never seen before.

"Oh, there's a trap here. Right, I totally forgot." Everyone heard Unrivaled Super Hottie mumble to himself. Then, he turned around and shouted to everyone: "There's a trap here! Everyone, be careful!"

F*ck, who needs you to tell us!! They once again resisted sending him a middle finger.

"Incredible. You actually dodged all of them." At this moment, Seven Blossom Leaves had already reached Unrivaled Super Hottie's side.

"You flatter me! You're not bad either!" Ye Xiu said.

"You can get past the traps without triggering them. If you forget, then just follow me!" Seven Blossom Leaves walked to the front.

Seven Blossom Leaves, can you not be so kind! Everyone cried. However, they had second thoughts. Someone as arrogant as Unrivaled Super Hottie might say in an arrogant tone: "No need. I can get past the traps even if I step on all of them!"

But in reality, they heard him say: "Really? You can do that? Then let me see how you do it." Unrivaled Super Hottie followed behind Seven Blossom Leaves, leaving everyone speechless.

As a result, besides the few spikes that Unrivaled Super Hottie triggered in the beginning, none of the other traps were set off. They took the safe route and passed by safely.

“Is everyone through?” They heard Unrivaled Super Hottie asked them with a concerned tone.

“We’re all through.” Only a small number of players replied.

Unrivaled Super Hottie didn’t seem to mind. After passing through the traps, he spun around twice: “Two paths? Hm? One second, let me check the guide.”

“Okay okay. You don’t need to look at it. Take the left path.” Happy Sheep said helplessly.

“Okay.” Unrivaled Super Hottie headed the left.

“You……” Happy Sheep only said one word before something happened. The others were elated, but one person still spoke out: “Careful!”

The moment the warning came out, two stone statues on the left path suddenly began moving.

The stone swords didn’t have any light reflecting off of them. As they tore through the air, they headed straight for Unrivaled Super

Hottie.

"Woah!" Unrivaled Super Hottie yelled and immediately rolled.

"F*CK!!" This brilliant dodge made Happy Sheep shout in anger. Because he was the team leader, he had been patient with Unrivaled Super Hottie, but at this moment, he was about to start cursing. The reason was because he was the team leader! For someone who kept on making mistakes, he would always curse at them relentlessly.

Unrivaled Super Hottie rolled forward. Even though he dodged the two swords, he rolled into range of another two statues. His one move lured in four statues!

The smaller creeps in hundred player dungeons were all at the same level as normal small dungeon bosses.

For some stronger teams, defeating four statues at the same time was possible, but for Happy Sheep's team, which seeked safety, they only had high confidence in pulling one statue. After getting familiar with the dungeon, they gradually began pulling two statues. From time to time, there would even be scary moments, but this time, this guy with his ridiculous name actually pulled four statues at once?!

What did he think they were? Tyrannical Ambition's main team?

Chapter 562 - Gather Around The Tank

It looked like he was underestimating this hundred player dungeon. No one was happy. Pulling four statues at once should have meant that he thought very highly of the team, but they still weren't happy. That's why being a tank was difficult.

The four statues were the same class, Blade Masters. They were a bit different from playable blademasters though. They used stone swords, not light sabers, and didn't posses sword aura. They attacked with plain and simple swordplay. Compared to playable Blade Masters, their attacks had lower range. Playable Blade Masters had a variety of skills, such as Sword Draw or attacked by using their sword aura, allowing them to attack farther than their weapon's physical capabilities. However, these four stone statues didn't have these types of methods.

Four statues had been pulled. After Happy Sheep cursed, he immediately raised his voice. He was truly afraid Unrivaled Super Hottie would roll forward once again and pull another two stone statues. Defeating six stone statues at once was a feat that no one had ever pulled off before. Happy Sheep had no intentions on attempting to do so.

Luckily, Unrivaled Super Hottie didn't roll forward again. After another two statues slashed at him, he jumped backwards and dodged another two slashes. However, the first two stone statues had already begun hacking at him again.

A white glow surrounded Unrivaled Super Hottie as if he carried a small Cosmos. He had instantly activated Knight's Spirit.

He took a step, lifted his shield with his left hand, and swung his sword with his right hand. Under the effects of Knight's Spirit, this attack was called Heroic Charge!

Unrivaled Super Hottie moved faster than the stone statue and his sword struck the stone statue's waist.

The stone statue fell, and Unrivaled Super Hottie didn't waste any time.

The Heroic Charge under Knight's Spirit couldn't stop!

Bang!

The second stone statue was also sent flying and smashed into the first stone statue.

As for the third and fourth stone statue? They hadn't been in Heroic Charge's path. Even so, after two bangs, the third and fourth stone statue were also sent flying.

Everyone was stunned, especially the Knights on the team.

"Was that an..... Arc Charge?" The third tank said to the fourth tank after a moment of hesitation.

"It looked like it....." The fourth tank didn't dare to believe his

eyes.

“It must have been.” Seven Blossom Leaves confirmed. He had seen it clearly. If it hadn’t been an Arc Charge, let alone the third and fourth stone statue, even the second stone statue wouldn’t have been sent flying.

The third and fourth tank had no words left to say.

Arc Charge meant the charge hadn’t been pathed in a straight line and travelled along a curved path instead. Moving in a curved path wasn’t difficult, but the hard part was actually getting the result one wanted and hitting the intended target.

Unrivaled Super Hottie’s Arc Charge had actually knocked away four targets that hadn’t been on a straight line. This required incredible precision, calculation, and control. Only an experienced Knight could understand the difficulty of this maneuver.

At this moment, the four stone statues had been sent smashing into one another.

Unrivaled Super Hottie flew up. With a Heroic Leap, he swung his sword downwards at one of the four stone statues. However, the damage was passed through each statue and into the next. The Heroic Leap under Knight’s Spirit also had another name, Fair Heroic Leap.

The original Heroic Leap dealt large amounts of damage to a

single target, while the remaining targets would receive damage from the shockwave. However, Fair Heroic Leap would deal the same amount of damage to every target. The damage dealt depended on the defense of the target that had been hit by the leap. The others would receive the same amount of damage as well.

Unrivaled Super Hottie's attack did the same amount of damage to each of the four statues. The grouped up statues couldn't stand up for a moment.

"Attack!!" Ye Xiu shouted.

The others saw him fighting the four stone statues alone and were somewhat dazed. When they heard him shout, they finally woke up.

Some attacked, while others hesitated.

Four stone statues? How were they going to win?

The Clerics felt awkward raising their staffs because they didn't have anything to do for now. When Unrivaled Super Hottie fought the four stone statues, he hadn't received any damage.

"Everyone, forward!" Seven Blossom Leaves suddenly shouted to the third and fourth tank, while advancing.

"Heroic Charge!" Ye Xiu yelled.

“Understood!” Seven Blossom Leaves seemed like he already knew as he charged forward with a white aura surrounding his character.

Even though he didn’t have the ability to knock down all four statues with a single Arc Charge, the four statues were all in the same spot, so he only needed to charge straight forward.

The first smashed into the second, the second smashed into the third. The third smashed into the fourth. The charge didn’t lose momentum either because this was also a Heroic Charge.

Bang……

It sounded like there were echoes.

The four stone statues were sent flying to the side by Seven Blossom Leaves, knocking them back into their original stone platforms.

Seven Blossom Leaves had done the charge quite quickly. He leaped into the air and crashed down with a Heroic Leap. The four stone statues had just recovered and steadied themselves, but were immediately slammed back into the ground once more.

The attacks from the DPS classes had already surged forth. The stone platform instantly turned into an eye-dazzling scene. The space was too narrow. Many of the close ranged classes couldn’t

get near and could only stay back.

“I’ll send you one!” Someone shouted. One of the stone statues unexpectedly rushed out. Unrivaled Super Hottie was in front, running in an ugly manner. He was waving his sword around in a shameful way, provoking the stone statue.

“This time, you don’t need to learn from me.” Ye Xiu didn’t forget to tell Seven Blossom Leaves.

“I know.” Seven Blossom Leaves laughed, “Third tank!”

The third tank, the former off tank, heard Seven Blossom Leaves’ shout and got ready to take over from him out of habit.

When he saw Seven Blossom’s Leaves’ actions, he immediately understood what to do.

He activated Knight’s Spirit, Heroic Charge, and then Fair Heroic Leap.

The three stone statues were powerless to fight back. They only had enough time to do something, when they were sent flying by another Knight.

The last one had been pulled by Unrivaled Super Hottie over to the close ranged classes that couldn’t squeeze into the space.

The Clerics were also on this side. Unrivaled Super Hottie hadn't taken any damage when fighting against the four stone statues. Now that he had pulled one over, that stone statue began doing damage to the other players. It was as if Unrivaled Super Hottie was giving the Clerics work to do.

"Control the field well! Throw a Shururu!" Seven Blossom Leaves directed the battle.

The Witches didn't dare delay for the true tank in their hearts and immediately threw their Doll Shururus.

"Fourth tank!" When the situation couldn't be controlled any further, Seven Blossom Leaves called out.

The fourth tank had been prepared. He activated Knight's Spirit before using Heroic Charge and Fair Heroic Leap.

The original arrangement ended at this moment. The four Knights couldn't make this an endless loop. Heroic Charge and Heroic Leap didn't have too long of a cooldown, but Knight's Spirit wasn't a shared skill that those under Level 20 could use. It had a very long cooldown……

However, the team had five tanks.

The fifth tank raised his sword and shield in preparation.

However, another Knight wasn't enough to make it an endless

cycle. The cycle would still fall here, but seeing the health values of the stone statues, the experienced players had already come to a conclusion.

Even though the stone statues were as strong as normal dungeon bosses, the number of players here wasn't five or ten players. With so many players attacking, they did much more damage than what five or ten players could ever do.

As long as they controlled the battle and attacked freely, they would kill these stone statues at the same speed as killing mobs in normal dungeons.

The fifth tank finally acted.

When he completed his set of skills, complete control over the three stone statues ended. Without Knight's Spirit, the effects from Charge and Heroic Leap were different. The two skills wouldn't be able to knock down all three stone statues.

The three stone statues were almost dead though, so it looked like they could still persevere.

Seven Blossom Leaves suddenly felt his head hurt! Because they had completely controlled these stone statues' movements, they hadn't kept track of the aggro. After their control over the statues ended, who would they attack?

No one knew.

Confusion over aggro usually resulted in a team wipe out……

“Everyone spread out!!” Seeing that the three stone statues were still alive, Seven Blossom Leaves immediately ordered and then shouted.

This wasn’t a regular shout, but a skill: Roar!

All three stone statues were within Roar’s range, so all of their attacks were now directed at him.

Seven Blossom Leaves raised his shield to defend against the three incoming sword strikes. Under the heavy blows, Seven Blossom Leaves stumbled and his health dropped to half. With the three stone statues aggroed onto him, if he took another attack from all three, he would die!

At this moment, there was another shout.

The third tank had used Roar too.

Seven Blossom Leaves let out a sigh of relief, but soon discovered that the small amount of time he had rescued wasn’t being used by the DPSers, who were in a frenzy.

“HURRY UP AND ATTACK!!” Seven Blossom Leaves roared. He knew the DPSers hadn’t yet reacted. With his shout, the three

stone statues rushed forward and lifted their swords.

They couldn't waste any time! Seven Blossom Leaves was worried. After shouting, the DPSers woke up and immediately began attacking the stone statues heading towards the third tank.

The third tank blocked the attacks and his health dropped as disastrously as Seven Blossom Leave's.

The fourth tank was ready too. He stood a certain distance away and then roared. The three stone statues immediately switched targets. This time, the DPSers didn't need any reminders and hastily chased after the statues.

The fifth tank was eager to try as well. He chose a spot just on the edge of Roar's range to force the stone statues to run a bit more and win more time.

His time to shine quickly came. The fifth tank immediately Roared, but Seven Blossom Leaves shouted in response: "Not good!"

"What's not good?" The fifth tank stared blankly. Weren't the three stone statues coming towards him? He had stood in a good spot.

"Behind you!" Everyone shouted.

The fifth tank turned around. Sh*t. He had forgotten about the

fourth stone statue! With his roar, not only had he pulled the three stone statues, but the fourth one as well. The combined attacks of four statues..... The fifth tank’s face went pale. He knew his own stats. His equipment wasn’t as good as the previous three tank's’ equipment. He definitely wouldn’t be able to take all four hits.

But before the attacks came, he heard another roar, followed by someone’s voice: “What’s there to be afraid of? There’s still another tank that hasn’t moved out yet!”

Chapter 563 - Bro, Slow Down

Right when the four stone statues were about to attack the fifth tank, they suddenly turned around and charged towards a different target: the self-proclaimed tank Unrivaled Super Hottie.

In this instant, no one had time to refute his self-proclamation. Everyone knew what was important at this moment.

“Hurry up and attack!” Their accepted tank Seven Blossom Leaves and their team leader Happy Sheep shouted at the same time.

The DPSers didn’t dare to be slow. At this crucial moment, they didn’t care about whether or not their attacks would cause the aggro to go out of control or waste mana. They just fired whatever damaging skills they possessed.

The path lit up with the bright effects from all of the different types of skills. The four statues enshrouded in light could clearly be seen. The stone statues had high resistance, so many of the crowd control skills had no effect on them. It didn’t matter though. They just needed to get rid of their last slivers of health.

Bang!

Finally, a stone statue crumbled and fell to the ground with a loud rumble. Soon afterwards, the second and third also followed. All that remained were bits of stone that no different in size from pebbles on the road.

Only the fourth stone statue was left!

Because the damage output hadn't been equally spread amongst the statues, the rate at which their health dropped differed. This fourth stone statue still had quite a bit of health left and was still rushing towards Unrivaled Super Hottie.

However, the crisis had been averted. A single stone statue wasn't anything difficult to deal with. Unrivaled Super Hottie had defended against a stone statue before, so there weren't any problems. Seven Blossom Leaves had originally planned on using a Provoke to get the stone statue to attack him instead, but he realized it wasn't necessary. Thus, he decided not to use Provoke and went forward to provide assistance.

Then, he saw a huge storm of skills fly out, engulfing the fourth stone statue and Unrivaled Super Hottie.

Seven Blossom Leaves was startled.

Even though Unrivaled Super Hottie wouldn't take damage, this type of attack affected the tank's view and decision making. The tank would usually dodge the attacks anyways. However, seeing how the battle was at its end, there was no point in fussing over trivial matters, so Seven Blossom Leaves decided not to say anything.

The kind Seven Blossom Leaves couldn't have known that this wave of attacks represented the team's resentment! The attacks

wouldn’t kill Unrivaled Super Hottie, but it would still feel good to see the attacks land on him, no?

Bang!

Another rumble and bits of stone flew out from the light. The bits of stone landed on the ground and crumbled into dust. As the light faded away, the fourth stone statue was already missing its head. It rocked sideways and then crashed to the ground.

Everyone let out a sigh of relief.

When the other three stone statues had fallen, the crisis had passed, but they could only relax after the entire battle had concluded.

After taking a deep breath, they turned towards Unrivaled Super Hottie and glared at him.

Of course, only the people in real life could glare. In game, it just looked like everyone had turned towards Unrivaled Super Hottie. It was also quite a spectacular sight.

“Comrades, good work.” Unrivaled Super Hottie turned to look at everyone and waved his hands.

“F*CK!” Everyone shouted.

“Let’s keep going!” Unrivaled Super Hottie pointed his sword forward and ran out.

Happy Sheep watched him run forward. Everyone was already beginning to turn towards him. If he didn’t say anything, the others would lose respect for him. He immediately chased after Unrivaled Super Hottie and shouted: “Bro, wait one second.”

“Hm? Are you talking to me?” Unrivaled Super Hottie turned to look, but his feet didn’t stop moving.

“Yes, yes. I’m talking to you. Hold on for one second.” Happy Sheep yelled.

“Oh?” Unrivaled Super Hottie stopped. He saw the others weren’t moving either. Their gazes were all on him.

“Did you make a mistake? Were we not supposed to take the left path?” Unrivaled Super Hottie asked.

“No.” Happy Sheep hastily replied, “It’s like this. Bro, slow down. Let’s not pull four stone statues at once. The pressure is a bit too much.”

“Didn’t it go smoothly?” Unrivaled Super Hottie asked.

Happy Sheep was suddenly stumped. From the results, there didn’t appear to be any danger. However, the battle made their hearts jump in fear the entire way through. If they didn’t achieve

the ideal crowd control effects, the four stone statues would attack the Knights and the Clerics would have too much pressure on them. For tanks, if they had milk, they were gods. If they didn't have milk, they were melons. If the tanks turned into melons, the entire team would turn into a melon farm. Anyone could be plucked away at a moment's notice. This was why when four stone statues had been pulled, Happy Sheep felt like the risk was too big. No, this was what the entire team felt.

"This. If someone makes a small mistake and the statues aren't controlled well, wouldn't it be disastrous?" Happy Sheep reasoned.

"There's me!" Unrivaled Super Hottie said.

It's because of you that there's so much trouble! Happy Sheep cried in his mind. At this moment, other players interrupted: "You? Can you control all the statues by yourself?"

"With me setting up the foundation, everything becomes quite easy." Unrivaled Super Hottie said.

Those who weren't skilled enough couldn't grasp the meaning behind his words. Seven Blossom Leaves immediately understood though and asked: "You have confidence in using Arc Charge to gather monsters?"

"A piece of cake." Unrivaled Super Hottie said.

Everyone hissed as a sign of displeasure. Only Seven Blossom

Leaves honestly said: “Respect.”

“If you just practice a bit, you can get it down too.” Unrivaled Super Hottie encouraged Seven Blossom Leaves. The hissing noise increased in volume. Seven Blossom Leaves was such a good person! His popularity within the team didn’t need to be mentioned. He was one of those guys who, even if you found him disagreeable, you couldn’t hate him. When they heard Unrivaled Super Hottie act like he was giving advice, quite a few felt angry in place of Seven Blossom Leaves. Right when they were about to speak up for Seven Blossom Leaves, they heard him speak first: “I can’t. I’ve practiced for a long time. I still can’t get it.”

“Hm..... there’s nothing I can do then. It doesn’t require intense mechanical skill. It depends entirely on experience and awareness and is executed by relying on intuition. If you need to make calculations beforehand, then you won’t be able to act on time.” Unrivaled Super Hottie explained.

“Yes, yes. It’s exactly so.” Seven Blossom Leaves agreed.

Seeing how Seven Blossom Leaves had a why-couldn’t-we-have-met-earlier look, they could only stare blankly. Happy Sheep wanted Unrivaled Super Hottie to follow their usual strategy. Then, they saw their guild’s accepted tank, Seven Blossom Leaves, move farther away. After a short moment, he brought back four stone statues.....

“F*CK!” Everyone cursed, but in the blink of an eye, the two Knights brought the stone statues to them.

“These four stone statues seem like Battle Mages. They’re different from the previous Blade Masters. This is the troublesome part about using Arc Charge because you must be able to make adjustments according to the target. Actually, the current situation is fairly simple. If our opponents were targets with completely different stats, then using Arc Charge may make it impossible to hit every target. For circumstances like these, if you decide to use Arc Charge, make sure you don’t leave any openings. If there’s an opening and you meet an expert, your opponent will attack and interrupt you right in the middle of it.” The others could hear Unrivaled Super Hottie chattering non-stop.

“Right right right, you’re right.” Seven Blossom Leaves felt moved.

The others were speechless. What could they say? The monsters had been pulled already, they had to attack! Then, they suddenly heard Unrivaled Super Hottie shout: “Not good!”

“What’s wrong?” Seven Blossom Leaves asked.

“I forgot to look at my cooldowns! Knight’s Spirit isn’t up yet!” Unrivaled Super Hottie yelled.

“Uh oh!!” Seven Blossom Leaves immediately understood the severity of the problem. Without Knight’s Spirit, they would just be using normal Charges. Only Heroic Charge would be able to achieve the desired effect. The entire team heard this and felt like crying. F*ck, was the team going to wipe out?

“A crisis has come, comrades!” Unrivaled Super Hottie shouted.

“It’s all your fault!!!” Everyone replied together.

“It’s my mistake. I forgot to wait for my cooldowns to come up.” Seven Blossom Leaves began to take the blame for him.

“Everyone pull one!” Unrivaled Super Hottie said to the Knights.

“Our healing won’t be able to keep up!” Happy Sheep panicked.

“We only need it for a short while!”

“The aggro will shift off the tank easily like that……” Happy Sheep was depressed! Usually, the Clerics would take care of one tank together. This didn’t mean all the Clerics were necessary to protect the tank. This was done in order to control the aggro. Against a boss with high attack, if one or two Clerics rapidly healed the tank, the Cleric might establish enough aggro for the enemy to chain to them.

To put it simply, it was like if a DPSer attacked an enemy with the same strength as a boss. With such a high damage output, it would be strange if the aggro didn’t shift from the tank to the DPSer.

Even though there were differences in aggro for healing and

damage, the theory was the same. Boss' did a lot of damage with their attacks. If the healing class healed all of that damage, the aggro would naturally accumulate, but with many Clerics, the healing and aggro would be distributed among all of them. If a single Cleric had to take responsibility for the healing, let alone being able to heal all of that damage, the aggro would pulled off the tank. With the healer dead, the tank would turn into a melon and the rest of the team would also turn into melons too..... This was a team.

"Don't be afraid. You just have to hang on for a bit. My cooldowns are almost up! When pulling the monsters, pay attention to their positions. Try to make it easier for me to charge at them." Unrivaled Super Hottie shouted.

"How about you not go forward?" Happy Sheep saw Unrivaled Super Hottie was about to pull one and immediately called out to him.

"What?"

"Your equipment. If you get hit... the aggro will go off you immediately." Happy Sheep explained.

"Then isn't it fine as long as he doesn't hit me?" Unrivaled Super Hottie grinned. He turned around and attacked a stone statue. This time, the four stone statues were Battle Mages. The one attacked by Unrivaled Super Hottie used Dragon Tooth and stabbed at him with its stone spear. Unrivaled Super seemed to have predicted it. He dodged and slammed his shield into the stone statue.

Chapter 564 - Hold It Steady!

In the previous wave, Unrivaled Super Hottie had pulled one of the stone statues away for the melee classes, who couldn't squeeze in, to attack. At that time, several Clerics surrounded Unrivaled Super Hottie waiting to act, so they had a good idea of how much damage Unrivaled Super Hottie would take from an enemy attack. This was why Happy Sheep was worried.

Many of the players rolled their eyes when they saw Unrivaled Super Hottie's attitude, but the Knights had already engaged with the stone statues in battle and several rounds passed in the blink of an eye. For Seven Blossom Leaves and the other tanks, the Clerics supporting them were busy healing. As for Unrivaled Super Hottie, the Clerics that Happy Sheep arranged to support him had their staffs raised, staring blankly at each other.

Why? Because there was nothing to do! The other Knights lost health rapidly while fighting against the stone statues, but Unrivaled Super Hottie hadn't even taken a single hit yet.

This scene made everyone rub their eyes. The DPSers hadn't moved yet. They were still waiting for the Knights to establish enough aggro. However, this allowed them see the distinct contrast between the Knights. Seven Blossom Leaves and the other Knights constantly had a white glow around them; their Clerics were very busy. Unrivaled Super Hottie didn't have any glows around him; the surrounding Clerics could set up a table and start playing mahjong if they wanted to.

"This..... this.....:"

Everyone was speechless. They couldn't find any words to describe the scene in front of them. What should they do? If he keeps fighting like that, did he even need them? Couldn't he just kill it by himself?

Everyone was still in awe, when they suddenly heard a thump. Unrivaled Super Hottie had been hit by the stone statue's spear. Seeing this attack hit the target, everyone unexpectedly let out a sigh of relief. If he actually kept on dodging and didn't get hit by the stone statue, then he shouldn't even be playing in the game.

The Clerics around Unrivaled Super Hottie scrambled to begin healing. Even though it had only been one hit, Unrivaled Super Hottie truly had lackluster equipment. A single hit from a hundred player dungeon monster hurt quite a bit, but with three Clerics, Unrivaled Super Hottie's health quickly rose back to a safe level.

In addition, Unrivaled Super Hottie didn't get hit by the follow-up attack. The next attack was dodged by him. His character was constantly moving; there was never a moment where he stood still. Everyone could see clearly now. Unrivaled Super Hottie's fighting strategy wasn't the normal strategy of a Knight. He treated the battle like a PvP match and was trying hard to make the enemy attacks ineffective.

This type of strategy relieved the need for the Clerics' help. Using three Clerics to support Unrivaled Super Hottie was clearly excessive. The three had gotten into overhealing situations several times. Overhealing meant the amount they healed was greater than the health their target lost, which wasted mana and

established needless aggro, so it wasn't good.

The DPSers on Unrivaled Super Hottie's side were very depressed too because with Unrivaled Super Hottie constantly moving around, the stone statue wouldn't be staying still either. The melee DPSers had to constantly move around and the long-ranged DPSers had to constantly predict where the statue's next move would be.

In any case, it was still easy dealing with the stone statue. No accidents came about, but this strategy relied on the player's skill.

Because it depended on a player's skill to work, it meant it had higher risk. As soon as the player made a mistake and the Clerics had to rapidly heal, the aggro might go off the tank. So even though the Clerics didn't have much to do, they were still very focused.

The rest weren't sure what to think of the situation.

They were obviously afraid that Unrivaled Super Hottie would make a mistake because a single mistake might get the Clerics killed. If the Clerics died, then the run would be over. They could kill off small monsters, but it would be difficult to beat any of the bosses.

But if this guy didn't make any mistakes, then it meant that this guy had some serious skill. Most of them didn't have that type of skill, so the guy that they had been looking down upon, suddenly became far greater than them. This wasn't a good feeling.

To put it simply, it was a birds of a feather flock together issue.

The weak ones would be looked down upon. The strong ones would be pushed out. Only those at a similar skill level could coexist harmoniously.

The weak ones could be laughed at, but strong ones would leave a sour feeling when being excluded.

Most people hoped that others would be weaker than them, never stronger.

Thus, most of the players in Happy Sheep's team hoped to see Unrivaled Super Hottie fail. However, their hopes never came true. Nothing dangerous had happened yet for Unrivaled Super Hottie, but the fourth tank had gotten into a crisis.

"We can't heal enough! We can't heal enough!!" The Clerics supporting the fourth tank shouted.

With these knights' skill, even if they couldn't hang on forever, they shouldn't have fallen into a crisis so quickly. However, the fourth tank had been distracted by Unrivaled Super Hottie and didn't block an attack properly with his shield. The spear struck his body. The drop in health exceeded the Clerics' expectations. Seeing the fierce incoming attacks, the Clerics immediately felt pressured and hastily called for help.

The fifth tank heard the call and went over. The team had a total

of five tanks including Unrivaled Super Hottie. At this moment, the fifth tank didn't have any monster to pull. He originally thought he would need to help Unrivaled Super Hottie, but who would have thought the fourth tank would need it first.

"Pay attention to that side! What are you doing staring at me the whole time?" Ye Xiu spoke. He had three Clerics on him, but they weren't very busy. In order to prevent overhealing, the three took turns healing. When the fourth tank encountered a crisis, the three were distracted and Ye Xiu had to remind them.

The three Clerics woke up and immediately went to help the fourth tank. This didn't take them long because they stood in a position where they could cover the entire field and specifically cover the tanks.

The fourth tank's situation quickly turned around. As for Unrivaled Super Hottie? Nothing happened to him.

Glory had all types of statistics, including healing. Some of the players opened up the healing charts to take a look. The amount of healing Unrivaled Super Hottie had received was actually a bit lower than the other three tanks.

Unrivaled Super Hottie had way inferior equipment to the other three. The amount of damage that he received per attack was much greater than the what the other tanks would take. The amount of healing he received was less than the other tanks too, which meant that Unrivaled Super Hottie had taken way fewer hits. His continuous dodging was very effective, but was used to make up for by his lackluster equipment.

This situation couldn't last until the stone statues died though. The knights were gradually losing health. If not, why would they be scared of pulling four stone statues at once?

The main purpose was to wait until Unrivaled Super Hottie's Knight's Spirit came back up. Then, he could use Heroic Charge to gather the monsters. They could kill off the monsters this way.

However, Unrivaled Super Hottie was using Arc Charge. The problem was exactly what Unrivaled Super Hottie had told Seven Blossom Leaves. Their dungeon run depended entirely on this extremely difficult maneuver. The ones who understood this were very nervous.

How much longer until Knight's Spirit came off cooldown? This data was available to everyone, so some of the players remembered it. Ye Xiu wasn't the only one counting down.

"It should be soon....." Many of the players quietly thought to themselves. Suddenly, they heard a voice: "Pay attention to your position! Pay attention to your position! My Knight's Spirit is almost off cooldown."

Seven Blossom Leaves saw Unrivaled Super Hottie's position and immediately pulled his stone statue over to a good spot. The other Knights originally didn't think much of Unrivaled Super Hottie, but seeing how he was doing the exact same thing as them with lesser equipment made it so that although they might not like Unrivaled Super Hottie, they couldn't look down on him either.

Especially when they saw Seven Blossom Leaves act so sincerely towards Unrivaled Super Hottie, there was nothing they could say. After all, Seven Blossom Leaves was accepted by them. If they accepted him and he accepted Unrivaled Super Hottie, what else could they say? It was true that Seven Blossom Leaves was a good person, but even a good person shouldn't respect such an ignorant idiot right?

As a result, the third and fourth tank saw Seven Blossom Leaves follow Unrivaled Super Hottie's instructions and even though they didn't want to, they did so anyways.

"Good good good! That's perfect. Don't move." Seeing the three move, Unrivaled Super Hottie shouted.

Seven Blossom Leaves was trying to improve. When he heard Unrivaled Super Hottie's approval, he felt puzzled: "Isn't it a bit off?"

"You guys are good enough. I'm going to go for it!!" Unrivaled Super Hottie yelled and then took over for the other three.

The four knights were all in different spots, but their stone statues were all in a straight line. Unrivaled Super Hottie activated Knight's Spirit and yelled, "I'm coming!"

In the end, he didn't need to use Arc Charge. He just charged forward in a straight line. Bang bang bang bang! The four stone statues were hit by Heroic Charge and their situation became the

same as the previous four Blade Master statues.