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Chapter 1081: The 28,000,000 Transfer

Sun Xiang and One Autumn Leaf.

If Excellent Era were still a powerhouse in the Alliance, this would have been a very cheap price for Samsara. No character in the Alliance could compare to the Battle God, One

Autumn Leaf. Even if his three-peat had been achieved a long time ago, characters

didn't age. The legend of the Battle God's era would forever be etched onto

him. Along with his former owner Ye Xiu being excessively low-profile, all of the

people's hopes went onto the Battle God's shoulders. No other Glory character

could compare in this manner.

28,000,000. If Excellent Era hadn't fallen so far, this price might not even be enough to buy One Autumn Leaf alone. Even if his prowess wasn't that much greater than the other God-level characters, One Autumn Leaf had always been the symbol of Glory's king. If you asked any Glory player which character was number one, everyone would answer One Autumn Leaf. There was no other answer. Even though Zhou Zekai's Cloud Piercer had won two championships in a row, he didn't have the same legacy as One Autumn Leaf. In the past two three years, he was the most popular among the new generation of players. However, even greater achievements had been accomplished by another in the past. In more people's eyes, number one still belonged to One Autumn Leaf.

But now, Excellent Era had capsized. One Autumn Leaf hadn't stood at the top for a long time. In the end, One Autumn Leaf was abandoned along with the team by Tao Xuan.

20,000,000. This was the price that Ye Xiu had heard from Lou Guanning for One Autumn Leaf's price. Clearly, due to Excellent Era's current situation, One Autumn Leaf's value sunk along with the team. Of course, different teams might get different offers. For example, the price of 20,000,000 given to Heavenly Swords might be different than what Samsara was offered. If the price was also 20,000,000, then Sun Xiang's transfer price would be 8,000,000. Compared to the price that Excellent Era had paid for him, it was higher instead of lower. That didn't make sense. Even though his talent and genius had been recognized by the scene, after Sun Xiang

transferred, Excellent Era had been relegated. Then, after a year through the Challenger League, they ended up losing the finals. Even if these disastrous results weren't because of him, his value would still be greatly affected. Excellent Era was currently on a sale too. His value increasing instead of decreasing wasn't logical.

Neither side revealed how this price had been negotiated. However, from the total price of 28,000,000 and Excellent Era's current situation, Excellent Era had gotten a good price. Or perhaps Samsara hadn't negotiated too hard. It was also possible that there were many others wanting to buy, so with Samsara's ambitions, Samsara didn't negotiate too much and quickly slammed down the hammer.

There were numerous guesses. In the end, most people thought it was because of this type of reason.

After all, whether it was Sun Xiang or One Autumn Leaf, who wouldn't want them? Excellent Era might be in a difficult situation, but those two were very valuable. There was no need to worry that they could not be sold. The buyers had competition, so it was hard to avoid the price not being raised. If you thought about it like that, it was easy to see this current outcome.

But in any case, this wasn't the focus of everyone's concern. Everyone cared more about the result itself: Samsara had taken in Sun Xiang and One Autumn Leaf.

As the newly championed team, it was somewhat surprising to see them make such a huge move so quickly. Sun Xiang and One Autumn Leaf joining the Alliance again wasn't an easy decision to make for any team. A core-level God, the number one character, it was a huge transfer that could completely remake a team.

However, Samsara had Zhou Zekai, the indisputable number one player in the Alliance. No one believed that Zhou Zekai would choose to leave the team. Even less people thought that Team Samsara would change their core that had brought them victory all this time.

But now, there were two core players. How was Samsara planning on resolving this issue? It was a different situation than Tyranny. Tyranny's four ace players sounded even more problematic, but in reality, it was different. For one, when Han Wenqing declared something, even the club's boss would retreat. His authority in Tyranny was untouchable. What's more, Zhang Jiale and Lin Jingyan were at the ends of their career. They came to Tyranny because their desire to be the champions had yet to die. As for their core position, they didn't care anymore. They had been the core for so many years and were done it with long ago. Champions. They wanted to be champions. Zhang Jiale had given up so much for that goal. Who cared about being the core?

Samsara was different. Zhou Zekai's brilliance on stage might be spectacular, but he himself was like a piece of wood. He was a reliable ace player, but he definitely wasn't a good leader. Samsara's players were able to faithfully play alongside him, but what about Sun Xiang? He was a very prideful person. His addition to the team would be a huge challenge towards Zhou Zekai's weak leadership. Would Team Samsara stay as harmonious as before? Would they put Sun Xiang as the core and Zhou Zekai as the support? That didn't seem to be possible. For one, a team had to consider the fans. Such an upstage would definitely not go well with them. What's more, Sun Xiang didn't really seem to be much of a leader? And from what they had seen from him so far, if Zhou Zekai's leadership ability tended towards zero, then Sun Xiang's leadership ability was a negative number.....

Samsara was going to be busy this summer!

Everyone in the Glory scene sighed. They clearly thought that the conflicting chemistry between the two would be a difficult problem to resolve. However, in the new Esports Home issue, besides this transfer, there was an article, written by famed author with the penname Cha Xiaoxia, commenting on the transfer.

Cha Xiaoxia felt that although Samsara's championship victory seemed to be a huge victory, a great danger hid beneath it. Tyranny's problem with their old players' stamina had given them an opportunity to win. If Tyranny had been able to keep up their peak form all the way through, it would be hard to say

if Samsara would have been able to win. From the first match in the finals, Tyranny had a way to suppress Zhou Zekai and Samsara's tempo. Facing Tyranny's stable formation, the problem with Samsara's lack of a direct attacker could clearly be seen.

Samsara had been able to win because of the tournament format. That was what Cha Xiaoxia believed. If it had been the previous format, it wouldn't have been as exhausting, and Cha Xiaoxia believed that Tyranny would have most likely won in the end.

Samsara absolutely recognized this issue. So even though they won the championships, Samsara wouldn't be like last year and not make any changes. This was because there was a team that could suppress them.

Next season, Tyranny's old generals would definitely focus on fixing their stamina issue. Samsara couldn't hope for Tyranny to stay the same. Samsara needed to take the initiative to improve. However, improving wasn't something that could be done by fixing up their original foundation. Samsara had reached a bottleneck and needed to break through. As a result, they transferred over Sun Xiang and One Autumn Leaf.

This might be why Samsara was willing to spend 28,000,000 to quickly complete the transfer despite winning the championships. Cha Xiaoxia wrote. They needed a direct attacker. This type of attacker needed to be able to break through the concrete defense formed by Han Wenqing, Zhang Jiale, Lin Jingyan, and Zhang Xinjie. Just from that requirement, very few players qualified. This wasn't something that an average pro player could hope to do. The only ones that could shoulder that burden were the Alliance's top attackers and top close combat characters.

Thus, Sun Xiang and One Autumn Leaf. In addition to Excellent Era's current plight, anyone would make this choice. The key to their breakthrough had been found. However, it came

with a problem. Sun Xiang was certainly a qualified choice, but because of how qualified he was, how to resolve the inner conflicts in the team would be big issue. With how prideful Sun Xiang was, would he be willing to revolve around Zhou Zekai as the core?

Cha Xiaoxia also discussed this question in his article. He was optimistic about Samsara dealing with this problem. First of all, he looked favorably upon Sun Xiang's transformation. Getting relegated from the Alliance, losing the Challenger League, up until now, no God in the Alliance had suffered through such losses. Sun Xiang had once been a very prideful player and he still was in the Challenger League, but after these consecutive failures, shouldn't he turn his head to look at how he fell so far and examine himself?

Sun Xiang's attitude would undoubtedly play a critical role in this problem. If he became more mature after learning from these failures, melding in harmoniously with Samsara wasn't impossible.

In addition, Cha Xiaoxia mentioned the "most underrated player in the Alliance", Jiang Botao.

Samsara's vice-captain Jiang Botao had placed fifth in total votes for All-Stars. This seemed contradictory to "underrated" since he was clearly thought of very highly.

However, Cha Xiaoxia felt like Jiang Botao was thought highly because of Zhou Zekai's halo and the team's identity as champions. There were even people who claimed that even their grandma could pair with Zhou Zekai and win the championships.

That statement was naturally an exaggeration, but the contempt inside it was clear as day. Every player in Samsara had this issue. Whenever Samsara did well, everyone would credit it with Zhou Zekai. As for the others, they were just there to bask in his light.

Cha Xiaoxia didn't think this was the case.

Cha Xiaoxia wrote that Jiang Botao was adept at communication. Anyone would feel comfortable interacting with him. He could show consideration for everyone in any scenario, and he wouldn't steal the spotlight either. Outside of the stage, Jiang Botao was this type of person. On stage, he was an expert at connecting everyone together. If he could successfully meld Zhou Zekai into Samsara, he should be able to do the same with Sun Xiang. Jiang Botao was the glue that held the team together.

Cha Xiaoxia straight up gave Jiang Botao a nickname. After excitedly analyzing the transfer and talking about his expectations for the battle of dragons between Tyranny and Samsara next season, he suddenly switched topics: people undoubtedly had high hopes for these two teams, but he felt like there was another team that shouldn't be ignored --- the other champions this year, Team Happy.

"People are treating their declaration to win the championships next season as a joke, but I believe in them. What can I do? I'm already a Team Happy fanboy." Cha Xiaoxia wrote.

Chapter 1082: Excellent Era Tagged Transfers

As an experienced writer, Cha Xiaoxia had quite a lot of influence in the Glory scene and quite a few fans as well. His analysis was accurate and logical, and as soon as his article was out, agreement spread among his readers: that's right, it was exactly as how he said it was. Then, with the last half-joking sentence about being a fanboy, many people began to take Happy more seriously. Happy's true strength immediately became a hot topic online, and many people were all eagerly anticipating an analysis of Happy's strength from Cha Xiaoxia.

Apart from these hot topics, a few less eye-catching transfers were also happening in the background. During this time each year, there would definitely be a few free transfers. With everyone's attention on the Golden Generation, they had overlooked a few others. Among these free transfers, there was actually one rather well-known player.

Liu Hao.

The old Excellent Era vice-captain had come to Thunderclap in exchange for Xiao Shiqin's transfer. In this season, Thunderclap performed rather well, hovering around the playoffs area throughout the entire season. Even though they didn't manage to get into the playoffs in the end, it wasn't someone people would look into. Thunderclap had also viewed Liu Hao as their core during this, although he never managed to do as well as Xiao Shiqin had.

Even so, Liu Hao had refused to renew his year-long contract with Thunderclap. He had never planned to stay in Thunderclap long. He had even planned on leaving during the winter transfer window. Who

would have expected that the winter transfer window would coincide with the big update? All the teams in the market became cautious. No one wanted to fortify their strong teams during an uncertain time like just after a big update. As a result, Liu Hao's hopes were crushed.

Now, he was a free player whose contract had expired. As the previous vice-captain of Excellent Era, Liu Hao's ability was quite outstanding. He hadn't managed to be voted into All-Stars, but he hadn't been too far from getting in either. It was just unfortunate that one of his competitors of the same class was Jiang Botao. With Samsara rising through the ranks, Jiang Botao's popularity skyrocketed and unfortunately, Liu Hao found himself squeezed out .

Liu Hao wasn't at all satisfied with this situation, and he looked down on a team like Thunderclap, so he refused the offer to renew his contract. When summer arrived, Liu Hao finally received the offers he was hoping for. Among them, there was finally a powerhouse that he was satisfied with.

Team Wind Howl!

Liu Hao transferred to Wind Howl. This big news in the beginning of July was second only to Sun Xiang and Su Mucheng's transfers. These people were all coincidentally from Excellent Era. Even though Liu Hao had already left Excellent Era for a year, it was clear that his Excellent Era tag was far larger than his Thunderclap one.

In this time, the three transfers had people feeling that it was quite a shame to see how far Excellent Era had fallen. As for Liu Hao joining Wind Howl, people viewed this as a strong addition to a strong team. Ace player Tang Hao, the God of playing dirty Fang Rui, Best Rookie Zhao Yuzhe, and then the addition of Liu Hao. This lineup didn't look extremely spectacular, but it was very solid. With the positions of all the core members on the teams stable, getting a player like Liu Hao, who was just slightly worse than the others, was a good upgrade.

However, Liu Hao's transfer reminded everyone of another person.

Xiao Shiqin. His contract had also expired. Even Liu Hao, who had been traded by Excellent Era for him, had already left, but there was still no news on Xiao Shiqin. Xiao Shiqin would naturally also receive a significant number of offers, and he would definitely have a wider range of choices than Liu Hao. Where would he go?

In the discussions, the powerhouse teams were the most commonly brought up. No matter which one took in Xiao Shiqin, they would gain an incredibly spectacular lineup. The Alliance seemed to be walking towards an era where the greatest players all gravitated towards each other.

But when news of Xiao Shiqin's transfer came out, it made everyone's eyes pop. He had chosen to return to Team Thunderclap.

To become a champion, he had left Thunderclap and came to Excellent Era in pursuit of his future. Then, a year later, Excellent Era hadn't managed to even return to the Alliance and instead was facing disbandment. A few mean and sarcastic fans had already begun bringing up his past choices and mocking him for it. No one had ever guessed that he would return to Thunderclap. Everyone had thought that after Excellent Era's defeat, Xiao Shiqin would work harder to prove that he had made the correct decision in leaving Thunderclap and join a team that was likely to win the championships.

However, he returned to Thunderclap instead. This was no different from personally admitting his mistake in leaving. Did Xiao Shiqin not even have the courage to prove himself anymore?

No matter what rumors flew about, all of Team Thunderclap, including most of the fans, warmly welcomed Xiao Shiqin.

"Welcome home!"

The day Xiao Shiqin came back to Club Thunderclap, he saw many fans gathered outside with signs welcoming his arrival. When Xiao Shiqin had chosen to leave, they had accepted his decision, and when Xiao Shiqin was in an awkward situation, they still supported him.

Xiao Shiqin couldn't hold it in anymore, his tears falling onto his glasses. He got out of the car crying and returned to his old club amidst his fans. He had returned home.

Then, Team Thunderclap announced that the club would be taking back the Mechanic account Life Extinguisher, who had left with Xiao Shiqin a year ago, as well as transferring Excellent Era's Cleric, Zhang Jiaying, over for a club record transaction of 9.5 million.

This was a very low price for an All-Star level account and the main healer of a powerhouse team. However, Life Extinguisher was a character that Thunderclap had brought up. Returning to Thunderclap with Xiao Shiqin didn't seem like a fortification. It was Zhang Jiaying's arrival that was considered a strong addition to the team. With their original healer having announced their retirement, Zhang Jiaying's timely arrival was a boost to their strength.

Thunderclap had another player who had been transferred over last year, Elementalist player He Ming. However, his contract was not just a year long like Liu Hao though. He was very anxious seeing Liu Hao leaving, while himself being unable to leave since he couldn't transfer yet. He had been prepared to ask if he could be transferred. But now with Xiao Shiqin's return and Thunderclap's commendable act of managing to snatch Zhang Jiaying as well, He Ming suddenly felt that Thunderclap might not be so bad. After all, he wasn't as outstanding as Liu Hao. With all the powerhouses having stable lineups, he would have a hard time joining a powerhouse team as a core member. With this, it seemed that staying in Thunderclap, he might at least become the main part of a team that could make the playoffs. There was still hope.

Just as He Ming was feeling satisfied with this future, he received a notice from the club that he wasn't a part of the club's future plans. The club had decided to transfer him, and he could contact possible other teams himself. The club would support him.

He couldn't leave when he wanted to, and he had to leave when he wanted to stay. He Ming was gritting his teeth so hard they might break. Plus, the club had already clearly stated that he couldn't just stay here and refuse to leave either. Pro players needed to compete, and those who weren't a part of the club's future plans naturally wouldn't be asked to do so. Getting an income without needing to compete? This seemed like paradise, but for pro players, this was an act that would destroy their futures. He Ming was a person with some aspirations, so he could only go and find a new team, seeing Thunderclap's attitude.

Samsara, Tyranny, Tiny Herb, Blue Rain? He Ming wanted to go to these teams, but which one would pay him any attention?

In the end, Thunderclap contacted a new club for him. He Ming nearly cried when he was informed of the team. Team Miracle! The team that had only just gotten approval to join the Alliance, the team that would be fighting to stay in the Alliance. He seemed to remember being Excellent Era's sixth player. It didn't make sense that he would fall to a team like this. He Ming wanted to refuse, but after the successive rejections from powerhouse teams, his confidence had taken a hit and he was a little afraid that no team would accept him. Just as he was hesitating, Miracle contacted him with all sorts of promises, such as how Miracle would continue to strengthen itself and definitely wouldn't accept being a team of the lowest tier.

He Ming, seeing that no other team seemed to have any visible intentions to take him in, was rather moved by all that Miracle had promised him. He thought to himself, chicken head and phoenix tail. If he couldn't be the tail of a phoenix, it wouldn't be bad being the head of a chicken. At least he could enjoy the feeling of being a core member for once.

In the end, He Ming agreed and joined Team Miracle for 2,000,000 RMB. Team Miracle was delighted, mysteriously telling him that there would be a surprise for him.

He Ming paused. Surprise? What surprise?

Could it be that Team Miracle was planning on poaching an All-Star level account like Windy Rain for him to use?

Soon enough, the surprise Miracle had planned came.

Excellent Era players Shen Jian and Wang Ze transferred to Team Miracle for a total of 1.725 million.

He Ming wanted to cry. This was the so-called surprise? When the manager of Team Miracle asked him cheerfully, "How does it feel to be reunited with your old pals", he really wanted to kick the guy's face in.

1.725 million. Just the price made He Ming feel embarrassed for Team Miracle. Just the twenty thousand tagging on was enough of a joke, but you even added another five thousand to that! How much did you negotiate to bullshit a five thousand at the end of a transfer worth over a million? He really had been overthinking it wondering if the team had bought Windy Rain! Never mind Windy Rain, it would be good enough if they could even get back their original characters.

But they didn't.

Shen Jian and Wang Ze had already arrived at Miracle and He Ming hadn't caught wind of any news of Miracle purchasing characters.

The three old Excellent Era teammates looked at each other when they met in the practice room that reminded them of a mountain village primary school, speechless and feeling like they wanted to cry.

Chapter 1083: Excellent Era Hasn't Fallen

The series of transfers at the beginning of July were practically all related to Excellent Era. Now, everyone was thoroughly convinced that the rumors of Excellent Era being put on the market weren't

baseless. Even One Autumn Leaf had been renounced, shredding the last sliver of hope for the Excellent Era fans. No matter how much they protested, it would not be able to change Excellent Era's decision.

Who can save Excellent Era?

Questions like this appeared in every corner of the Glory scene. Countless Excellent Era fans were signing a petition, but where were their hopes supposed to be sent to? Every Excellent Era fan was at a loss. They could only wait there foolishly.

Then, all they saw were players leaving and characters being sold.

Su Mucheng, Sun Xiang, Xiao Shiqin, Zhang Xinjie.....

Dancing Rain, One Autumn Leaf, Life Extinguisher...

After that, Club Excellent Era's training center constantly had people conducting on-site inspections. For Excellent Era, this was their training center, but buildings didn't have life. With just a bit of renovation, this place could become an office, a shopping center, anything people needed.

This portion of the sale seemed to be unrelated to Glory. The team emblem on the club's main entrance had been removed.

Everything related to Glory was being erased. The only thing that had yet to change was Excellent Era's stadium. There were rather limited applications for this type of building. There wasn't much of a market for it, but with Excellent Era gone, the existence of this stadium was meaningless. Perhaps this stadium might turn into a place for sporting events, but the people would no longer be seeing their familiar team and their team's matches.

What would Excellent Era's future be like? A better question might be: did Excellent Era still have a future? No one knew the answer, but what they did know was that things related to Excellent Era were disappearing bit by bit. Their players and characters were being transferred to other teams. Excellent Era's facilities were being renovated. In the game, Guild Excellent Dynasty members discovered that the resources in their guild storage were decreasing day by day. These were all the various materials that Guild Excellent Dynasty had accumulated after many years of work. It was the symbol of Excellent Era's prosperity. And now, these materials were disappearing to who knew where.

The sale of these materials wouldn't be reported in too much detail. From these series of changes going on in Excellent Era, the media had determined that the end of Excellent Era was set in stone.

At this point, Excellent Era's former opponents, even Tyranny's fans, were finally unable to continue mocking them. They wanted to see Excellent Era being beaten by them again and again and hoped to see Excellent Era tumble over and over, but they had never wished for Excellent Era to completely die.

Without Excellent Era, there would be a lot less brilliance.

A sigh of sorrow from a Tyranny fan voiced out the thoughts and feelings of many. But so what? Regret, grievance, sorrow, these emotions wouldn't be able to solve any problems.

At Happy, their second floor renovation was completed and now being used.

The entire second floor had been divided into five sections: the practice room, strategy meeting room, research and development, Guild Happy, and the lobby. It was small, but complete 1 . All of the core departments necessary in a pro team fit into this small second floor. Of course, if they expanded, they would also need departments such as human resources, financial affairs, external affairs, and so on. But for the current stage that Happy was at, Boss Chen alone would need to burden herself with these matters.

"What do you all think? Pretty nice, no?" Chen Guo excitedly led everyone around to take a look.

"It totally feels like a secret base! It's like Robotech! Come on, don't deny it!" Steamed Bun said.

Everyone laughed.

"Research and development." Guan Rongfei stood outside the R&D room and read the plate on the door. He grabbed the door handle and opened the door.

"Right, this is where you..."

Bang!

Chen Guo introduced the room, while getting ready to let everyone take a look at their R&D department, but Guan Rongfei had already slammed the door closed, cutting off Chen Guo.

Chen Guo was stunned. Fortunately, she had been in touch with Guan Rongfei for awhile, so she had some understanding of him. After this guy got the data for the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella, that was the only thing on his mind. Ye Xiu once asked if he could help him compile a practice routine, but this guy was unwilling to do it. It took a lot of effort to get him to agree.

Once he started working, the materials that Happy had accumulated disappeared swiftly. Chen Guo wanted to die. Ye Xiu immediately reminded that guy: this isn't Excellent Era. You can't squander these materials. Please try to be conservative and put more time into solidifying your theories. Don't just immediately start experimenting as soon as a tiny sliver of an idea appears in your mind. After that, his consumption of materials stabilized, but the materials were still disappearing at a heartbreaking rate. This let her understand that to raise a capable research developer, money was secondary. Whether or not you could provide enough resources for that developer was the main issue.

The department under the most pressure was Wu Chen's guild department. These past few days had been sleepless nights. Taking advantage of the enormous amounts of attention towards Happy recently, he was pulling in players to join the guild like crazy, rapidly strengthening the guild. With more guild members, there were more small matters to deal with. Wu Chen didn't have a helper right now, so he had to do everything himself. Chen Guo saw him working and felt bad. A professional team's guild definitely shouldn't be managed by a single person, so she talked with Wu Chen and started picking helpers from the guild. Chen Guo also allocated 2 million for Wu Chen to use. Those managing the guild wouldn't be doing it just for love. They needed a contractual obligation to do it too.

Seeing Guan Rongfei shut himself in the R&D room, Wu Chen felt like he couldn't be slow either. He stepped in front of the door marked "Guild Happy" and asked: "I'm here, right?"

"Yeah..." As soon as Chen Guo affirmed it, Wu Chen went inside. Chen Guo stood in the middle of the hallway, stunned. Everyone else was stunned too. But not long afterwards, those two came back.

"No Internet?"

"Yeah, people will be coming in the afternoon to hook up the wifi. Let's go along a different route." Chen Guo didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

Guang Rongfei and Wu Chen were helpless. They could only follow along with the team again.

"This area is our strategy room. Come come come. Let's all go in and take a look." Chen Guo led everyone into the strategy meeting room.

The meeting room had a rather large window. The room itself was bright and clear. Right when they walked in, they suddenly heard a crash.

"What happened?" Someone said in surprise. Following afterwards, everyone went to the window. The sound had come from outside.

When they got to the window, everyone was silent.

The noise had come from their neighbor across the street. Club Excellent Era's wall had been pushed over. This wasn't a riot. Excellent Era's facilities had clearly been sold already. It was probably the new owner renovating this piece of land.

"Excellent Era... really has disbanded..." Chen Guo felt moved. Her Internet cafe had prospered thanks to Excellent Era. As the Internet cafe across street from Club Excellent Era, Excellent Era fans would naturally have an amicable feeling towards it and happily gathered here to play Glory.

But after establishing Team Happy and challenging Excellent Era, the two had become enemies. Happy's business had been considerably impacted by that. In particular, many familiar faces stopped showing up at Happy. These people had almost been like friends to Chen Guo.

And now, Happy was still here, but Excellent Era was gone. Where did those familiar faces go?

When she finished thinking about all this, Excellent Era's wall had turned into a mess. Before anyone could say anything, an employee from the Internet cafe suddenly called out: "Where's the boss? Someone's looking for her."

"Who's looking for me?" Chen Guo said as she walked out.

"He says his surname is Xia. He's waiting downstairs." The employee said.

"Surname Xia?" Chen Guo was surprised. She didn't remember having any friends surnamed Xia.

"I'll go down." Chen Guo called out and then went downstairs with the employee. There were quite a few people standing outside Happy Internet Cafe, looking at the destroyed Excellent Era.

"He's over there." The employee pointed at a figure. Chen Guo went over and was once again stunned. Surname Xia. It was actually Xia Zhongtian.

"Xia... Hi, Mr. Xia." Chen Guo greeted.

Xia Zhongtian turned his head and looked at Chen Guo. He nodded his head: "Hi."

Chen Guo saw that there was a youth standing next to Xia Zhongtian..... Isn't he Excellent Era's Qiu Fei? Chen Guo had already realized something.

"Come in. Let's go up and talk." Chen Guo was certain that he wasn't here just to say hello. He definitely had something to say. After telling them to go up, she told the employee: "Tell Ye Xiu to come over to the lobby."

On the second floor, Ye Xiu was brought over by the employee. Right when he got to the lobby, he saw Chen Guo sitting together with Xia Zhongtian and Qiu Fei. He was also surprised.

"Senior." This time, Qiu Fei greeted first.

"Hi!" Ye Xiu waved his hand and the four went into the lobby together.

"I'll be taking over Excellent Era." Xia Zhongtian clearly wasn't someone who liked to mince his words. He immediately went straight to the point.

"Oh, that's great!" Ye Xiu smiled.

"Congratulations." Chen Guo also said. She pointed outside the window: "What are you planning to do there?"

"I'm only taking over Excellent Era. That stuff's not included." Xia Zhongtian said.

"Ah?" Chen Guo didn't understand.

"Taking over Excellent Era is a personal matter. With my personal financial resources, I don't have the money to purchase Excellent Era's facilities. I can only guarantee that the name Excellent Era won't disappear." Xia Zhongtian said.

"You've even got a player with a lot of potential!" Ye Xiu smiled at Qiu Fei.

"Qiu Fei almost went to Tiny Herb. Fortunately, I had already talked to Excellent Era and convinced him to stay." Xia Zhongtian said.

"Amazing." Ye Xiu said, "Both of you are amazing."

"Praising us won't do. We'll definitely take revenge on Happy!" Xia Zhongtian said.

"Hm?"

"But this time, I'll have to thank you for your suggestion last time, but Excellent Era won't be owing Happy." Xia Zhongtian said. He took out a document from his briefcase and handed it over.

"This is something I've helped you win over. It's a 1.4 million RMB sponsorship by Ch'ien Tea Green. The formalities have already been arranged. All you need to do is sign it." Xia Zhongtian said.

"Arranged?" Ye Xiu skimmed through it, "What if we don't want it?"

Xiao Zhongtian's eyes jumped. Chen Guo hastily grabbed it from him: "He's just joking. We want it, we want it." She quickly signed it.

"The contract is only for one year. Next year, whether it's renewed or not will depend on you." Xia Zhongtian said.

"Us? Don't you mean you?" Ye Xiu smiled.

"Me? I'm no longer a part of Ch'ien Tea Green. I'm going to lead Excellent Era and beat your Happy!" Xia Zhongtian said.

"You'll be playing on stage?" Ye Xiu asked.

Xiao Zhongtian's eyes jumped again. Unfortunately, he couldn't personally take revenge on Happy. He had been destroyed ten times by Ye Xiu in just five minutes.

"Senior, next time, let's meet on stage." Seeing that they were going to be leaving, Qiu Fei called out to Ye Xiu.

"I'll see you onstage." Ye Xiu smiled.

"I'll be going." Xia Zhongtian was already at the door.

"You're going to be leaving already? As a newbie, don't you want to learn from Happy's newly renovated center?" Ye Xiu said.

Xiao Zhongtian glanced at the tiny second floor layout. After a long time, he squeezed out "Not bad" and then left.

Excellent Era hasn't fallen.

Chapter 1084: Change

Someone was finally taking over for Excellent Era.

The news came out on the day that Xia Zhongtian and Qiu Fei came to visit. The fans of Excellent Era, who had fallen into despair, were all suddenly brought back to life. Especially after they heard who had taken over, they were even more excited. Which City H person didn't know Ch'ien Green Tea's influence?

But soon enough, in the press conference Excellent Era held, they found out the truth.

The decision to buy Excellent Era was completely a personal decision made by Xia Zhongtian. It had nothing to do with Ch'ien Green Tea. In addition, Ch'ien Green Tea Didn't intend to sponsor Excellent Era because of their relationship with Xia Zhongtian. The ones that they were sponsoring was Team Happy, who had defeated Excellent Era and joined the Alliance.

What was going on? The excited Excellent Era fans didn't have the calm to try and figure it out. It wasn't as wonderful as they first thought, but Excellent Era still existed and there was nothing that was more of a delight than that. It was just a shame that One Autumn Leaf left them. They hoped that the symbol of Excellent Era would stay with them and fight beside them forever.

But it was all too late for that.

Qiu Fei, Combat Form.

For the press conference, this was the way that the fans saw Excellent Era's future. The Excellent Era of the new season would continue to compete in the Challenger League. This time, they were no longer a powerhouse, no longer an insurmountable presence in the Challenger League. They would fight with their all against every team and keep winning until they eventually reached the end and returned to the alliance to rebuild the glory of Excellent Era.

Long live Excellent Era!

Tonight was the first time in a long time that Excellent Era fans had tasted happiness. Their hopes were not in vain. No matter how small hope was still hope.

Goodbye, powerhouse. New Excellent Era has begun its journey!

The news used headlines like this to report Excellent Era's final transactions. By now, it seemed that all of what made up Excellent Era had been sold.

The old Club Excellent Era had been completely reconstructed and New Excellent Era had moved to the place 20 kilometres away next to Stone Road. Everything had become very simple and crude, but everything was still there

As for Happy, they had all settled into their new headquarters. Everyone had started doing what was done on holidays in their own rooms.

"Brother Ye, someone is looking for you." That was when one of the employees of the Internet cafe came up to deliver this message. Since the upper floor was Happy's headquarters now, they naturally wouldn't let just anybody come up.

"Coming," Ye Xiu replied, leaving his computer. After exiting the training room, he took the chance to light a cigarette and took a few quick puffs.

Smoking wasn't allowed in the training room. That was a rule that Chen Guo had took from the other clubs. This made Ye Xiu and Wei Chen extremely uncomfortable. However, the veterans of the team should be role models for the others, so the two had to endure it. What made things even more painful was that there was no point in them being role models because they were the only ones who smoked in the team.

"Who's looking for me?" Ye Xiu took a few steps towards the Internet cafe employee, and by then half his cigarette was already gone.

"He said his surname was Tao." The Internet cafe employee said.

"Surname Tao?" Ye Xiu paused for a moment, looking down. It was Tao Xuan.

"Want to come up and chat?" Ye Xiu asked.

"That's not necessary, I'm about to leave," Tao Xuan replied.

Ye Xiu noticed the luggage beside him. It seemed like he was going somewhere far away.

"You...?"

"After being exhausted for so long, I plan to go and enjoy myself," Tao Xuan said.

"Where?"

"Somewhere out of the country! All these years and I spent most of it locked up indoors. I want to go out of the country and experience what life has to offer," Tao Xuan said.

"Oh? Are you going to check out foreign Glory leagues and their Glory teams?" Ye Xiu asked.

Tao Xuan paused for a long while before nodding. "Maybe!"

"I wish you success," Ye Xiu said.

"And I you."

"Goodbye."

"Goodbye."

Cigarette burn out.

In the time it took to smoke half a cigarette, Tao Xuan had left. He had come all this way to visit, but left with just a few simple words.

Were they still friends? Ye Xiu didn't know either.

He knew that everyone had their own path. These paths might converge, but they might also diverge. No matter what, you had to walk your own path. He would continue to walk down his. Tao Xuan would too, probably.

Ye Xiu threw the cigarette nub away, returning to the upper floor. He entered the training room and returned to his own seat.

"Who was it?" Su Mucheng's current seat was beside his and she asked him nonchalantly.

"Tao Xuan," Ye Xiu said.

"Tao Xuan, what did he come here for?"

"He said he's going to visit some other countries," Ye Xiu replied.

"Is it necessary? To hide so far?" Su Mucheng said.

"Is he hiding? Maybe!" Ye Xiu smiled, putting his headphones back on and going back to the game.

"Where did you all go?" Ye Xiu send the message into the guild chat, Guild Happy.

They were still playing in the online game.

Even though they had entered the Alliance and become a pro team, for a grassroots team like Happy, their pro players couldn't leave the grunt work to others. They had to fight in the online game to deal with their lack of resources. All this was like how the Alliance was when it first started. The players of every team spent all of their free time in the game. They trained as they earned materials and equipment. Back then it was common to see all those famous IDs in the game.

But now, even if a player wanted to do this, it wouldn't be the same. If the current pro players wanted to play in the online game, they had to use a smurf account. As for their pro accounts, most of them were parked in the Arena.

For Happy, We had to continue working hard in the game. In fact, they had to work even harder because their future opponents would all be at the level of the final boss, Excellent Era, in their last season. They couldn't ensure that their skill would peak each match and they would achieve a miracle every single time. They had to improve, improve continuously. This was like a race. From the very beginning, they were never on the same starting line as their opponents.

Happy was working hard in the online game, but this time, it wasn't just them who was working so hard.

"We prepared for this match for a full year."

That was what Ye Xiu had answered in the first press conference he attended after he won the championship of the Challenger League. The memory was fresh in Xiao Shiqin's mind.

Happy's defeat of Excellent Era was known as a miracle.

However, miracles couldn't lack hard work. Happy had worked hard and accomplished a miracle.

What had Excellent Era been doing in this year?

Excellent Era was also working hard, but all of the hard work was directed towards the Alliance. The only thing that they discussed was what they would do after returning to the Alliance.

They had neglected the Challenger League because they thought that this was something that couldn't go wrong. Even Xiao Shiqin had thought the same way. If he didn't think that way, then he would have never joined Excellent Era.

It wasn't until Ye Xiu and Happy slowly surfaced, that Xiao Shiqin found that even though Excellent Era said that they didn't think Happy was any sort of threat, in their hearts, they were actually terrified of Ye Xiu. It was then that Excellent Era started taking the Challenger League seriously, but this seriousness was only directed at Ye Xiu.

To win the finals, Excellent Era had also worked hard. However, compared to the full year that Happy had spent, Excellent Era hadn't done nearly as much.

Opportunity always smiles on those who are prepared.

This was something that was always said, something that everyone said, but when everyone was prepared, who would opportunity smile upon? It was obviously those who were more prepared. Happy had been more prepared, so they were the ones that were given an opportunity, an opportunity that was called a miracle.

Most people would think that Xiao Shiqin had wasted a year, but Xiao Shiqin thought that he had been taught an important lesson in this year.

Now, he had returned to Thunderclap. He would never again be the person who wasn't prepared enough. He had to be more prepared than anyone. From the very first day, he began to prepare with the entire team.

It had been a year since the big update, but things had yet to stabilize. As the competitions came to a close, the players of the pro teams wouldn't invest so much into the online game. Now the start of the summer holidays, Xiao Shiqin felt that this was the perfect time to fortify his team. To defeat Excellent Era, a team like Happy could prepare for a year. If they, Thunderclap, wanted to do well in the Alliance, then they would have to start early.

Dumb birds fly first. Why had he never thought of that before?

"Captain Xiao, Team Three's four members have arrived at their positions." The voice coming from the game brought Xiao Shiqin back to the present.

"Oh, tell them to make sure to keep hidden. Chengtai, take a team to the right flank; Yanqi, you go with Chengtai."

"Hey, you've only come back for a few days, captain, and you're already chasing me away. I want to stay with captain." Dai Yanqi sulked.

"Don't joke around, hurry up and follow." Xiao Shiqin started to sweat. He hadn't seen her for a year and she had got an even bolder, daring to tease even him. She was Thunderclap's Devil. Who knew what Thunderclap would be like if she ever became the captain?

However, Dai Yanqi was merely joking around. Her Elementalist had already begun following Chengtai's team as she spoke.

"Captain Xiao, Captain Xiao!" That was when a character ran over, yelling for him.

"What's wrong?"

"Another guild has arrived." The newcomer said.

"Which one?"

"It's Happy!"

Happy... Just hearing this name would cause Xiao Shiqin's emotions to go haywire, but he soon composed himself. "How many people and how far are they?"

"About one team, they'll be here in about 5 minutes," the newcomer said.

That guy would definitely be in Happy's formation. Compared to the Challenger League last season, the Pro League would be even harder. They would definitely start preparing earlier and spend a lot of time in the online game. This was something that he had taken out of their book.

He hadn't thought that they would have the chance to fight again so soon.

"Everyone over here, come with me. Avoid Happy for now." As Xiao Shiqin spoke, he led the team away from their original hiding spot.

"Traps! Don't leave traps, go and dismantle them!" Xiao Shiqin acted as if he were leading a pro match, serious and careful.

Thunderclap's players all felt that after their captain had left for a year and come back, he had changed.

In the past, his arrangements and tactics had given the feeling of doing all you could under heaven's mandate. Now, it felt like he wanted to rebel against fate.

Thunderclap would definitely change because of this!

Chapter 1085: The Rookie That Doesn't Listen

Under Xiao Shiqin's careful commands, Thunderclap's players didn't leave a trace. Xiao Shiqin and two of his teammates, Fang Xuecai and Zhang Qi, were left behind.

Fang Xuecai was an Assassin. He had joined Thunderclap a year after Xiao Shiqin and was a good friend of his, who had played alongside Xiao Shiqin for many years. Zhang Qi was a rookie that had become a pro player only last year. Xiao Shiqin had already left by the time he joined. This rookie hadn't been very accepting of Xiao Shiqin's choice to leave, but all he felt from the other team members was their heartfelt respect for Xiao Shiqin. Once, he inadvertently said something a bit disrespectful and had been admonished by Dai Yanqi, who had acted as if she were his senior, despite only joining the team one year earlier than him. The expression of the other team members were very unfriendly as well.

Zhang Qi felt gloomy. He was just a rookie though. How could he complain? He could only silently endure it. When he heard the news of Team Excellent Era losing, Zhang Qi rejoiced at his misfortune. But then, Xiao Shiqin unexpectedly returned to Team Thunderclap. This made Zhang Qi somewhat spiteful of him. The other team members cheerfully accepted Xiao Shiqin's return though, making Zhang Qi feel even more disappointed in his team.

No backbone.

The players and the team didn't have any backbone.

This was the feeling in Zhang Qi's heart, but he didn't dare criticize anyone. When he saw how Xiao Shiqin's return was treated so well, his heart only became more unbalanced.

Soon afterwards, Xiao Shiqin immediately assumed the position of captain. Then, he called for everyone to go into the game and fight bosses for materials.

Is this something a pro player should be doing?

Zhang Qi looked around. No one in the team seemed to object. He didn't dare break away from the entire team, so he could only go into the game with the team. Now, he was following behind this no-backbone Xiao Shiqin. They were hiding in a bush for who knew what reason.

"They're here!" Fang Xuecai suddenly whispered.

"Got it." Xiao Shiqin replied.

Zhang Qi shifted his camera and saw a bunch of Guild Happy characters majestically enter the woodlands on this hillside.

Zhang Qi turned his head and looked at Xiao Shiqin, who wasn't sitting far away from him. Not only did he look vigilant, he even seemed nervous.

Really? We're just playing in the game. Zhang Qi thought rather disdainfully.

"Zhang Qi, when you turn your camera, be gentler." At this moment, Xiao Shiqin's voice suddenly came in from his headphones.

"Ah?" Zhang Qi stared blankly.

"They'll notice the rustling of the bush." Xiao Shiqin said.

"Oh." Zhang Qi replied. As for his real thoughts: hmph, coward.

Zhang Qi didn't treat Xiao Shiqin's warning seriously. He didn't think that this caution was necessary. After Happy's people arrived, they rapidly dispersed.

"Take note of each team's whereabouts." Xiao Shiqin assigned this role to three players. Zhang Qi checked the direction that he was responsible for.

"Gently, gently!" Xiao Shiqin reminded again.

Annoying!!

Zhang Qi nearly blurted it out, but he was able to stop himself. But under this urge, not only did he not turn gently, he turned even more roughly. Since he had already finished turning, it was too late for Xiao Shiqin to say anything more. Xiao Shiqin furrowed his brow, but didn't say anything in the end.

Zhang Qi was bored to death as he watched that direction attentively. Guild Happy had two teams coming this way. After coming to a certain distance from them, the two teams split up. One team continued straight at them, while the other team moved diagonally to the left.

What's there to look at?

Zhang Qi was distracted. Suddenly, he heard Xiao Shiqin shout: "Not good! Run!"

Then, he saw Xiao Shiqin and Fang Xuecai run out from the bushes at the same time. Their movements were extremely fast.

Zhang Qi hadn't been very focused. He didn't respect Xiao Shiqin's orders either. Whenever an order came out, he would always complain in his mind first before doing anything. That was practically a habit now. Now that an order required his immediate action, how could he not be slower than the others?

A Satellite Beam descended from the skies, directly hitting this bush. Xiao Shiqin and Fang Xuecai had promptly escaped to dodge it, but Zhang Qi was hit because of that slight hesitation.

"F*ck!" Zhang Qi cursed as his character started wobbling away. But then the Satellite Beam split into eight smaller pillars. He had taken the Satellite Beam straight to the face and now he was about to be hit twice.

Where's the attack coming from?

Zhang Qi was too busy to figure out the answer to that question. Escaping was more urgent. He saw a gap between two pillars and rushed towards it.

"Slow down!" Xiao Shiqin shouted.

Only you would slow down!

At a critical moment, Zhang Qi complained even faster. He completely ignored Xiao Shiqin's warning to slow down. His character continued to sprint. Suddenly, he saw that gap flash and one of the pillars split into two, filling up the gap. His character just happened to be caught by it.

Zhang Qi turned pale with fright, but his character was already in a stunned state from this attack. Light pillar after light pillar smashed into his character. Eight? No, there were clearly twelve of them. The Satellite Beam pillars that initially hit him weren't two, but three! Two of them had been overlapping, making it difficult for Zhang Qi to distinguish between the two.

But Xiao Shiqin had warned him to slow down. Could he have seen through it?

Zhang Qi felt somewhat ashamed. Let alone anything else, just being hit by every single light pillar from Satellite Beam was shameful enough.

Right when that pillar of light finished sweeping the area, he saw a Battle Mage with a Guild Happy tag charge towards him.

Do these guys think I'm that easy to bully?

I'm not an ordinary player!

Zhang Qi angrily welcomed his opponent, swinging his sword with a Destruction Slash. He was planning on giving this Battle Mage, who didn't know how high the heavens were, a lesson. But when his sword flashed, that Battle Mage didn't slow down and nimbly dodged it. The Battle Mage's spear thrust towards him at the same time. Zhang Qi's Destruction Slash wasn't completed yet. However, that Battle Mage's Dragon Tooth had already arrived.

Zhang Qi was once again alarmed. It was too late to cancel his skill. Dragon Tooth hit, and he was put into a stunned state. The other side used a Sky Strike to knock him into the air and then went behind him, sending him flying away with a Falling Flower Palm.

Bang!

Zhang Qi's Berserker tumbled in the air. At the very last moment before he was sent flying away from his original location, he saw Xiao Shiqin and Fang Xuecai rush over to try save him. That Battle Mage welcomed them fearlessly.

Zhang Qi's Berserker fell to the ground. He didn't forget to Quick Recover at least as his character got up. However, he soon discovered that he was trapped. A whole bunch of characters surrounded him.

"I..."

Zhang Qi was only able to utter a single word when the enemy weapons fell, unleashing all sorts of skills. The wave of focused attacks instantly killed him.

I'm a pro player!

Zhang Qi had wanted to yell that out, but he was instantly killed before he could say anything.

What just happened?

Zhang Qi had trouble regaining his composure. Everything had happened too quickly. A few seconds ago, he had been waiting in a bush, throwing insults at Xiao Shiqin in his head. A few seconds later, he was a corpse lying on the streets.

Are you joking? He had never died so quickly even on the pro stage!

Zhang Qi was stunned.

The ghost world was deathly silent. Everything on the battlefield had nothing to do with him. But Zhang Qi could hear sound --- Xiao Shiqin's voice.

He was giving orders.

He and Fang Xuecai were crossing swords with the other side.

Zhang Qi turned his head to look over. Xiao Shiqin looked focused and also nervous.

What's there to be nervous about? Those were his thoughts a few seconds ago. Now, the not-nervous him was already dead.

Zhang Qi prepared to revive. Suddenly, a notification flashed: Cleric Haruir has cast Resurrection on you. Do you want to revive or not?

Zhang Qi immediately clicked yes. His character stood up and then pounced forward.

"What are you doing!!" Zhang Jiaying's voice came from the practice room.

Zhang Qi was at a complete loss. He discovered that all of his teammates were looking at him as if he were an idiot.

"Wait until the right opportunity to revive..." Zhang Jiaying mumbled to himself. He was a newcomer, after all. For Thunderclap, he was even newer than Zhang Qi. If this were Excellent Era, he wouldn't let this matter go with just a word or two. A healer's status in the team was quite high.

Zhang Qi finally woke up. He actually chose to revive while trapped in the enemy ranks. This decision was extremely stupid. Trying to deny it would be stupid.

"Sorry, my bad." Zhang Qi said.

"Zhang Qi, pay attention to orders." Fang Xuecai followed up.

"Okay....." Zhang Qi replied dumbly.

If he had had listened to orders, would things have turned out differently? Zhang Qi couldn't help but glance at Xiao Shiqin. He was the same as ever, focused but also nervous.

"Team one, don't advance. Retreat five coordinates."

"Team four, take the place of team three."

"Team five, hold on. Support will be arriving soon. Team six's healers, support team five."

Thunderclap's support hurried over, clashing with Happy. Xiao Shiqin didn't plan on deciding the winner here though. He noted their goal: to kill the boss, not to win versus any other guild. Fighting Happy was

out of helplessness. However, he soon realized that Happy's offensive wasn't that fierce. It seemed like they were also clear-headed. They also knew that this battle was pointless.

The leaders of the two sides had a mutual understanding. With neither side suffering too heavy casualties, the troops on both sides started to retreat. Not long afterwards, the battle stopped.

Amidst Happy's troops, a Battle Mage walked out with a spear on his shoulders: "You're working hard!"

Xiao Shiqin saw that it was the Battle Mage that sent Zhang Qi's Berserker flying.

"So it was you." Xiao Shiqin said.

"Who'd you think it was?" Ye Xiu said.

"Who else could it have been?" Xiao Shiqin said. Apart from Ye Xiu, there was only Tang Rou.

"If it were her, she wouldn't have been so low-profile." Ye Xiu smiled.

Xiao Shiqin suddenly thought of Tang Rou's Dragon Breaks the Ranks. For her Battle Mage, the image of that skill gave the deepest impression. Where was she hiding now though? The previous battle hadn't been too intense. Xiao Shiqin hadn't found Happy's other players yet. As a result, he could only instruct his troops: "When we fight again in a bit, pay attention to that Battle Mage. Kill him in one wave!"

At the same time, in Happy's troops: "When we fight again in a bit, pay attention to that Mechanic. Kill him in one wave!"

"The boss is here!" At this time, the two sides received the news.

"FIGHT!!" The two leaders gave the order.

Thunderclap immediately focused on that Battle Mage!

Happy immediately focused on that Mechanic!

Chapter 1086: Focus Fire

Dragon Swordsman, the level 75 wild boss of Dragon Highlands, was their target today.

By now the eight level 75 wild bosses had been completely figured out by the players. Out of the eight, there were six that were each experts of single class type. The other two were amalgamations of three different class types. Figuring out the class of a boss wasn't just to make the battle easier, but also to understand the rewards that the boss could drop. The drops from the boss would naturally coincide more with the class of the boss.

Dragon Swordsman was one of the six class type experts. His class type was obviously the Swordsman class, if his name was anything to go by.

There would be events that signalled Dragon Swordsman's respawn, and the guilds that noticed these events would naturally prepare to welcome the boss beforehand. That was what Thunderclap had planned, and also what Happy had planned. It was just unfortunate that they bumped into each other.

They exchanged blows, but tried their best to preserve their strength. It hadn't been a minute since the Dragon Swordsman had spawned.

"Attack!"

The two teams simultaneously received the order, but no one charged towards Dragon Swordsman.

All of Thunderclap's players focused on Ye Xiu's Battle Mage without any hesitation. All of Happy's players focused on Xiao Shiqin's Mechanic without hesitation.

Having hundreds of people focus on one target was just in theory. In reality, the DPS methods of healers were limited, the melee classes needed to switch places as they attacked, which had a method to it because they couldn't all attack the same target all at once, and ranged attacks needed space: Gunners needed a path for their bullets while Mages needed a good angle to cast spells from.

The two teams had only just received the order to focus fire and hadn't had the time to arrange a formation for attacking and positioning. This wave of attacks was rather hapdash.

Perhaps it was enough against normal players, but Ye Xiu and Xiao Shiqin were both at the top of the Glory scene, and the top of the top at that.

Battle Mage, Mechanic, the two figures weaved in and out of the attacks, parrying the strikes from melee classes, and dodging the blasts from ranged classes. When they did receive damage, it was only the smallest loss possible at the time.

Both sides were stunned.

The offensive launched by the other side made them feel like they were looking in a mirror. They all turned their views and saw two characters running around desperately.

"One Wave Rush!" Even their yells were exactly the same. The two sides had come across each other, but the battle between them hadn't erupted yet. Both sides were focused on accomplishing their orders and had sort of switched places. After all, Happy's players were in a position where it was easier to hit Ye Xiu's Battle Mage while Thunderclap was in a position closer to Xiao Shiqin's Mechanic.

In that moment, people from the two guilds had mixed together and it was hard to tell who was friend and who was foe. From the overall situation, it looked more like Ye Xiu and Xiao Shiqin were on the same side.

How merciless!

A focused attack like this wasn't easy to deal with, even for a God like Ye Xiu. While parrying, his Battle Mage managed to throw in a few Neutral Chasers and rely on these Chasers to increase movement speed. Ye Xiu's Battle Mage sprinted across the field, quickly looking around, spotting a massive tree root lying across the ground. He charge wildly towards it and jumped over the root, immediately crouching and finding cover against the ranged firepower.

In almost the exact same moment, he saw a Mechanic using accelerator, practically rolling on the ground as he swerved over from the other side of the tree root.

The two characters looked at each other.

"Hahaha...."

The two couldn't help but laugh.

"I'll draw their attention, you all go and steal the boss!"

The team chat of the two guilds once again flashed with the same message at the same time.

Then, Xiao Shiqin's Mechanic flicked his hand and threw a Grenade, while sneakily setting up a Mechanical Seeker. Ye Xiu was even more vicious. His Battle Mage directly activated Dragon Breaks the Ranks and charged at Xiao Shiqin. Grenade? Mechanical Seeker? These skills couldn't stop the momentum of Dragon Breaks the Ranks. Xiao Shiqin quickly jumped back thrice, barely dodging the attack, but Ye Xiu had already completed his attack. Low-leveled skills like Dragon Tooth and Sky Strike flew out. Mechanics did have some close combat ability, but it was nothing compared to Battle Mages.

Ye Xiu naturally didn't want to drag this out either. He hadn't forgotten that Thunderclap's army had their eyes set on him. When Xiao Shiqin swerved around the tree roots from the other side, he had already been prepared to keep fleeing. But, then he saw that the army that had been hunting him down had switched targets.

Ye Xiu was stunned. At the same time, Xiao Shiqin also realised that Happy, who were hunting him down before, had gone elsewhere.

In that moment, next to the tree root, the leaders of both sides stood there alone.

Caw caw!

A crow landed on the tree roots, shuffling its feet for a moment before flying away after losing interest.

"Ha..." Xiao Shiqin said, "They all left...."

"Why aren't you leaving yet?" Ye Xiu asked.

"I want to leave." Xiao Shiqin said. This wasn't a courtesy. The current distance between them meant that Battle Mages had the advantage. Leaving gave Xiao Shiqin the advantage. Pulling away meant that the Mechanic could gain the upper hand.

"Then I'll escort you." Ye Xiu didn't say anymore, striking out.

This time Xiao Shiqin didn't fight for his life, especially the last knockback attack. He just stood there and took it.

With the Mechanic sent flying, Ye Xiu understood what Xiao Shiqin wanted, not bothering to pursue. Instead, he immediately ran towards his own team. Xiao Shiqin did the same. When his Mechanic quick recovered, he immediately got his feet and headed towards Guild Thunderclap.

"What's the situation?" Ye Xiu quickly returned to his team, asking for the current battle situation.

"It's very lively." Wu Chen said. In reality, he was the leader when it came to Happy in the online game. Of course, with Ye Xiu here to help, he would naturally give up command. Any club guild would do the same.

Ye Xiu looked around. As expected, it was very lively.

With Dragon Swordsman's spawn method having warnings, it gave the players plenty of time to prepare. Usually, by the time he spawned, several guilds would have already arrived. It wasn't like other bosses that would usually have been snuck away by one guild and the others who arrived later would chase after it.

Right now, the teams from Blue Rain, Tiny Herb, and Hundred Blossoms had arrived, and their scouts said that Void's people were on their way.

There were only eight level 75 wild bosses in total, and their class characteristics were exceptionally obvious. Each guild would naturally place importance on them in accordance to their own needs.

Dragon Swordsman was a part of the Swordsman class. There was no need to explain Team Blue Rain and their two Blade Masters. Team Tiny Herb had Liu Xiaobie's Blade Master, while Team Hundred Blossoms had Yu Feng's Berserker. As for the rapidly approaching Team Void, the Ghostblade Duo were clearly of the Swordsman class as well!

It wasn't very feasible that one team would have all 24 classes, but having all 6 class types was rather common. However, characters would have different levels of importance within their team. Of the four guilds, Blue Rain, Hundred Blossoms, and Void had Swordsmen as their core classes. As for Tiny Herb, their Swordsman was just a level of importance below that. Then there was Happy who had Qiao Yifan's Ghostblade and Ye Xiu's unspecialized. In comparison, Thunderclap seemed more like a bystander. The Blade Master in their team was Zhang Qi's character, and this rookie hadn't even become a core player yet!

The teams of the guilds had all gathered and Dragon Swordsman seemed like the huge bonfire on Bonfire Night. Currently, no one had gone up to him yet. They were all looking at one another and waiting for the right time to break the stalemate.

"Quick, you go up and light a fire first," Ye Xiu messaged Xiao Shiqin on QQ.

"You first," Xiao Shiqin replied.

"Hurry up! What are you waiting for?!" Ye Xiu and then went and messaged Huang Shaotian.

"Holy f*ck where are you!?" Huang Shaotian immediately replied back. He didn't use many words, but used a bunch of emojis instead, almost 30 of them.

"God Jiexi, hurry up. You guys look like a team of janitors. Hurry up and come out and sweep." Ye Xiu then went to bother Tiny Herb's Wang Jiexi.

"There's plenty of time." Wang Jiexi was very calm. Tiny Herb did have quite a few Witches, and they were all holding brooms. Janitors? Wang Jiexi looked around. Come on...

"Comrade Li Xuan, don't blame me for not reminding you. Ghosts Boundaries have to be set early. If you throw down a bunch now, you'll definitely come out on top." Ye Xiu then sent a message to Void's Li Xuan.

"Are you trying to fool ghosts*?" Li Xuan replied.

"I'm not joking."

"But we're not even there yet..."

"Really? Then you don't need to come. It's already finished, seriously. Tiny Herb's janitors are already sweeping up the remains," Ye Xiu said.

"Hahahaha...." Li Xuan sent back.

There was also Hundred Blossoms. Ye Xiu glanced over his QQ friend list, but didn't immediately see anyone. He wasn't very close to Hundred Blossom's Yu Feng.

"Has anyone else not arrived yet!?" Ye Xiu yelled.

"Old Ye, where are you come out come out I hear your voice!" Blade Master stepped out of the crowd on Blue Rain's side, swinging around his sword and showing off.

"It's Huang Shaotian, quick, don't hesitate! Kill him!!" Ye Xiu yelled.

Boom boom boom!!

The guilds really didn't hesitate. They were all throwing attacks at Huang Shaotian's Blade Master, and most of them were ranged attacks. For a moment, it looked like Blue Rain was having a fireworks party.

"Ye Xiu, fuck you! I'm going to kill you!" Huang Shaotian ran around, desperately dodging the attacks. Blue Rain's entire team had to back away as well. All the attacks were focused on Huang Shaotian's Blade Master, but they weren't that accurate, especially not the AoE ones. Amongst these, Tiny Herb's members were the most outrageous. All the witches threw a bunch of Lava Flasks over, covering the ground with lava like a volcanic eruption.

"Shot with Sorrow is Ye Xiu, don't hesitate, focus your fire on that Battle Mage!" That was when yelling erupted from Thunderclap's formation, and it seemed like it wasn't just one person.

"Don't fall for it everyone, I have eight computers and I'm logged onto eight alts. If I die I'll just switch alts, so killing me is a waste of time. Don't fall for the enemy's lies*!" Ye Xiu yelled back.

"Enemy's lies, my ass! We're all enemies, anyways!" Huang Shaotian, having been focus fired, somehow hadn't died and had hidden into some corner, but refused to give up the chance to speak.

In Happy's training room, everyone was glancing at each other. What eight computers? Whenever you open your mouth, all you say is bullshit and you manage to shit it out so fluently too.

"Peace Breaker is Xiao Shiqin, don't hesitate everyone. Focus that Mechanic!" Happy yelled in revenge.

"Don't fall for it everyone, I have ten computers and I'm logged onto ten alts!" Xiao Shiqin yelled back.

"Hahahaha, Xiao Shiqin are you trying to fool Void's Ghostblade Duo*? Your Thunderclap doesn't have enough extra computers for you!" Ye Xiu laughed.

The pro players that had visited Thunderclap before thought for a moment. That was right, Thunderclap's training room didn't have so many free computers, so let's hurry and focus him!

In that moment, there were some attacking Ye Xiu, some attacking Xiao Shiqin, and some continuing to attack Huang Shaotian. Under this situation, pro players were a target.

TN: 哄鬼 “Fooling Ghosts” means to lie or speak nonsense. Fooling Void’s Ghostblade Duo is a pun on that because Ghostblades are known as ghosts.

*The enemy’s lies is a phrase 挑拨离间 “Provoke and sow discord”, meaning to spread false rumors in order to drive a wedge between people on the same side. -Jouissance

Chapter 1087: Misdirect

The entire situation was in chaos. The guilds kept switching targets. The players felt as if there were numerous bosses out there. In reality, the real boss, the Dragon Swordsman, was still sitting peacefully in the center of the circle. Although it was chaotic, not a single attack actually hit the boss.

It was clear that there was clear thinking and decision-making behind this madness. They all knew what would truly tip the scales of battle. They couldn’t touch the Dragon Swordsman yet. Whoever did would become a target for everyone. With everyone so happily attacking all at once, whoever stood out and became a target would end up as minced meat.

Thus, all the guilds hoped that someone else would make this mistake, but they found that all the other players were just as rational.

Ye Xiu’s Battle Mage suddenly darted out from the crowd as if in a panic and came to a position where he stood out a lot.

Killing Gods was something everyone found enjoyable. It was just that after the first wave of attacks, everyone would be making sure to protect their own Gods while they attacked others. As a result, it became more and more difficult to find their target. However, at this moment, Ye Xiu’s Battle Mage had exposed himself to the guilds!

Don’t hesitate!

Everyone’s attacks turned towards him. However, Ye Xiu’s Battle Mage was faster than a rabbit, darting off in another direction with a whoosh.

"He’s going after the boss!!!" Someone suddenly realized that Ye Xiu’s Battle Mage was about to step into the Dragon Swordsman’s aggro range.

"Did he get careless?" The pro players of each guild were delighted. Ye Xiu had panicked and made a mistake. With him pulling the boss into this battle, the others didn’t even need to discuss with each other. They would definitely all cooperate to kick Happy out of the competition first.

He’s in! He really charged in!

The Dragon Swordsman moved. When sensing someone approaching, he would attack immediately. It seemed like Ye Xiu had only just realized this, hastily swerving in a different direction.

He’s too late.

As many thought this gleefully, the Dragon Swordsman had started attacking. Then, everyone saw him jump up high with an impressive Collapsing Mountain directed right at Guild Thunderclap.

"What the fuck!?" Guild Thunderclap panicked, but Xiao Shiqin had realized something was wrong ever since Ye Xiu swerved towards a different direction.

F*ck, this was a misdirection!

Xiao Shiqin felt like crying. Since they were all impatient to kill off Ye Xiu, some of Thunderclap's attacks had hit the Dragon Swordsman when Ye Xiu's Battle Mage had swerved. Even though Ye Xiu's Battle Mage had gotten into the boss's aggro range first, that aggro was nothing compared to the aggro pulled by directly attacking the boss.

As the Dragon Swordsman crashed his way into their formation, the other guilds immediately took the chance to add to their misfortune.

Explaining would do nothing, Xiao Shiqin knew this. Xiao Shiqin wouldn't believe that such an obvious misdirection could be missed by the experts presiding over each guild today. However, these guys would all go with the flow at a time like this. They'd pretend to not understand the reality of the situation and instead cooperate with the boss to send Thunderclap out of the competition as was convenient.

Xiao Shiqin felt dejected. Why did Ye Xiu misdirect the boss to Thunderclap and not the other guilds? Why didn't I think of misdirecting the boss before Ye Xiu did?

"Prepare to retreat..." Thunderclap wouldn't be able to endure the combined assault of the boss and the other guilds' harassment, so Xiao Shiqin resolutely gave the order to retreat.

With this chaos, another guild immediately tried to cut in and take over the situation.

"Ghost Boundaries, set!!"

Void would never lack Ghostblades and under the command of the Number One Phantom Demon, Li Xuan, all the Ghostblades charged forth. It didn't matter if they were Sword Demons or Phantom Ghosts, all of them summoned their Ghost Boundaries.

In an instant, phantasmic power spread across the field. Void's Ghostblades must have undergone special training for this. Currently, the Ghost Boundaries covered the field and very few overlapped. A huge area had been locked down all at once.

Because of a team's core classes, the guilds would usually have a majority of players playing specific classes. The surplus of a single class was a pain in dungeons, but in PvP, they could also easily find ways to execute unique team attacks using their advantage in numbers of a certain class. For example, the current Void Walk had covered such a large area with Ghost Boundaries. None of the elites in the other guilds could achieve this; they didn't have so many Ghostblades!

Although they might not have Ghostblades, they had other classes!

That was when the Witches of Tiny Herb came forth, launching attacks as one. Lava Flasks were thrown everywhere and Magic Rays crisscrossed in a wide net.

"Blade Masters, charge!!!" Blue Brook wouldn't be left in the dust either. With a single command, their most abundant class, the Blade Masters, charged into the fray courageously as a single group, using Triple Slash to dart right in with extreme speed. Their Warlocks, only slightly fewer than their Blade Masters, directly opened up a circle of Death's Doors.

"Hmph, we've been expecting this." Blossom Valley's people entered the battle fearlessly as well. Not only were their Spitfires numerous, but they all liked to imitate their ex-captain, Zhang Jiale's Hundred Blossom Style. They might not be as skilled, but the combined chaos of so many people sending out skills created some impressive lighting.

"How chaotic..." Ye Xiu commented from the sidelines. When he had charged up to misdirect the boss, he had given Happy an order. In that instant, not only did Happy abstain from attacking Thunderclap, they retreated even faster than Thunderclap. Thus, as the other four guilds went with the flow and clashed in an intense battle, Happy had pulled out and became spectators.

Ye Xiu looked over the raging battle before glancing at Happy's formation. A new guild like them didn't have such obvious class differences. Though Ye Xiu's unspecialized was a very tempting choice, it was extremely hard to train up an unspecialized in these times. No normal game expert could complete the Heavenly Domain Challenge at level 50. Now, the level limit had gone up by another five levels, so the Heavenly Domain Challenge had become even harder, but unspecialized characters would still have to complete it at level 50. The possibility of being able to train up an unspecialized had dropped again.

The other guilds noticed that Happy had quietly retreated, waiting to benefit from the aftermath. They could only grit their teeth though. They couldn't do anything. They had already sent arrows flying, so there was no turning back. It wouldn't be feasible to even try and get everyone to turn their fire on Happy now. After all, they fighting were in groups of hundreds of people, it wasn't so easy to pull back and stop.

"Save your strength!" All four guilds had the same thought. With that, defense became the main focus of the battle and the pace of the battle slowed immensely. Seeing this, they realized that this wasn't too bad. If they slowly came to a stop, it wouldn't be impossible to turn their fire on Happy. Should they make a pact? Right now, the different guilds had clashed, they wanted to cooperate with each other, but they were also terrified that someone would only pretend to cooperate and take the chance to strike. This was quite the conflict. Guild wars were even more complicated than pro battles sometimes; at the very least, this sort of chaotic all-out brawl wouldn't happen in a pro match. In a pro match, it was clear who were enemies and who were allies, unlike guild wars where an ally might turn their back on you in the next moment.

These guilds were still debating their next arrangements when a flash of sword energy flew out, parting the crowd. The Dragon Swordsman then charged out of the encirclement.

Everyone was shocked. The Dragon Swordsman wasn't programmed to run away. Could it be... that someone stole the aggro?

Everyone turned to look and saw that, in the direction the Dragon Swordsman was heading, there was a Launcher, cannon shouldered, directing blast after blast at the Dragon Swordsman. It was only until the Dragon Swordsman was almost on top of them that they began to retreat. However, no player's movement speed was good enough to kite a boss, or else they'd be far too easy to kill. A few steps away

from the Launcher, the Dragon Swordsman raised his sword and flung out a Spellblade's Ice Wave Sword towards the Launcher. The speed of the skill was enough to get any Spellblade player drooling.

But this Launcher reacted extremely fast. With a jump, twist and blast from the cannon, the character rapidly switched directions, dodging the Ice Wave Sword.

Launcher...

The Number One Launcher of the Alliance had already gone to Happy. Apart from a player at Su Mucheng's skill level, how many people could manage to accurately cause enough damage to steal a boss' aggro under such chaos?

But if you do this, aren't you just pulling even more aggro for Happy?

Thunderclap had only hit the Dragon Swordsman because of Ye Xiu's misdirection, but hadn't managed to pull much aggro. Just Void's Ghost Boundary net was enough to grab the aggro. Even so, at a time like this, no one was willing to take the boss' aggro. They had to control the situation first. They would only start trying to deal the most damage when the situation was stable.

The boss' aggro was like a ticking time bomb. No one wanted it. So after Void grabbed the aggro, they quickly misdirected it towards Tiny Herb, who had launched a fierce offensive. Tiny Herb was rather generous, shoving the aggro at Blue Rain. Blue Rain was even worse, dodging it entirely and misdirecting it at Hundred Blossoms. Seeing that this wasn't very good, Hundred Blossoms threw it back to Void.

Going back and forth like this, trying to cheat one another, was because no one wanted to establish a solid hold on the aggro then. That was why Su Mucheng managed to pull the boss away so easily.

However, her purposeful stealing of the aggro was very different from the misdirections that had occurred between everyone before. With the boss getting pulled away, it was enough for the guilds to come to a ceasefire and charge over with no need of further prompting.

The Dragon Swordsman still wanted to chase after Su Mucheng's Launcher, and naturally, Happy's members would come and help prevent the boss from doing this. The other guilds quickly arrived, ready to send their own attacks. But that was when they saw the positioning of Happy's members. The pro players present were stunned.

This positioning was like a super misdirection formation. If the guilds launched their attack, the Dragon Swordsman would probably immediately turn his attention back to them. Happy had used the fact that none of the guilds wanted the aggro to turn the Dragon Swordsman into a shield for them to use.

However, could this really work? The guilds also had experts here. If they couldn't even deal with this, then they wouldn't be called experts. Immediately, the guilds had their members stop before rapidly rearranging their formation. But that was when Happy's members scattered and the Dragon Swordsman began to charge over like an uncaged tiger.

"What the hell? No one attacked it, did they?" Everyone was shocked. Then, someone noticed what had happened and wanted to cry. When had Su Mucheng gotten behind them? Happy had been using the Dragon Swordsman as a shield and now they were using the other guilds as a shield.

There were many pro players here, but after being played so many times, they had to admit that Ye Xiu's knowledge and decision-making when commanding in these sorts of situations had gone far beyond them due to his full year of experience in the online game.

Chapter 1088: Disparity

A 5v5 confrontation is absolutely not the same thing as a 100v100 battle. Although pro players were admittedly very skilled, much better than the average player, they only had the background of a pro. On the other hand, Ye Xiu's year and a half of madness in the online game, frequently fighting and stealing bosses had greatly increased his skill level in this aspect, revealing a great disparity.

Pro players admittedly had a higher level of tactical understanding, but but on this kind of stage, they weren't necessarily better than the club guild leaders at maintaining balance and control. In situations like these, pro players relied more on their overwhelming ability in order to stop their opponents from seeing their plans to fruition, and using their skill to directly tear their enemies apart. Except now, hidden within the opponent's army was an individual of unparalleled skill in online battles: Ye Xiu. This gap was one that they had no way of closing at the moment.

Dragon SwordsmanKnight directly charged at Su Mucheng's Launcher, charging into a few groups of guild troops. As they charged their hands did not stay still, instead swinging their swords wildly left and right. It was as if these few guilds had drawn the aggro of an OTed boss. What made this more awkward was the fact that, although they had no way of controlling this situation, they also couldn't just sit around and do nothing. Su Mucheng's Launcher was still moving, leading the Dragon Swordsman through the opposing armies to dish out damage and kill.

Focus fire on Su Mucheng?

It wasn't as if they hadn't thought of this, but Launchers possessed the greatest range. It wouldn't be easy to focus fire on her location. Furthermore, with a controller as skilled as Su Mucheng, this wasn't really realistic ...

"Charge at Happy!!" At this moment, no one was sure who suddenly came forth with this idea, directly shouting this out from within the crowd. The people who heard it thought it sounded reasonable. They immediately ignored the Dragon Swordsman and charged towards the players of Guild Happy.

However, Happy's players had long prepared for this. As soon as they saw that several of the guilds were planning to join forces to attack them, they immediately turned and ran without another word. Moreover, they split up as they ran. Their entire army had dispersed at a moment's notice, throwing everything into disorder.

At a time like this, should they chase or not chase? Who should they chase? How far should they chase? All of the pro players once again felt very confused, not knowing what to do. It was the guild leaders of the various guilds who, incomparably experienced when it came to these battles, seeing that Happy appeared to want to lure them away, immediately frantically went to check on the location of the boss.

Because of the careful avoidance of these few guilds, the Dragon Swordsman charged outwards from amidst their troops, continuing to throw himself straight at Su Mucheng's Launcher.

As for Su Mucheng's Launcher? At this moment she had indeed run very far away. Sure enough, she was trying to bring the boss away ...

"Watch the boss! Pull it back!"

Every single one of the large guilds panicked. They hadn't come here to battle with Happy. What was the point of fighting for this long if the boss was going to be stolen away like this? This was the bad thing about wild bosses; they weren't like normal bosses, which were restricted to a certain area. Those bosses, if brought too far away, would automatically reset and return to their areas. But for wild bosses, the whole map could be seen as their permitted movement area. If you had the capability to continuously drag the boss around without being hacked to death, then you could take it to travel the entire world. 1 **

Once the various guilds noticed that Happy was trying to steal Dragon Swordsman, how could they just ignore it? Outputting damage to pull back the aggro wasn't something that could be done in just the blink of an eye. At a time like this, they obviously had to rely on Knights' aggro skills to forcefully control the boss. For a moment, Knights charged forward from every guild, all using Provoke against the Dragon Swordsman.

The effects of Provoke could override another instance of the same skill. All of these players fired off this skill at once, and for a moment, no one could tell whose skill had ultimately taken effect. In short, Dragon Swordsman charged back like a fiend. Every guild hastily adjusted their Knights' rhythm, methodologically trying to establish control. Seeing that her purpose had not been achieved, Su Mucheng once again fired back, bombing indiscriminately from afar. But if one was truly talking about generating aggro without taking damage output into account, then Knights were the one class that generated the most aggro. With the addition of specialized aggro control skills, their advantage in this respect was unparalleled among the classes.

Although a vast majority of the Knight players present could in no way compete with Su Mucheng, let's not forget that there were also pro players present! Currently, Xu Bin was the Number One Knight player in the Alliance, and so naturally he was also the one who stood out most among the Knights. Ultimately, it was him who pulled the aggro of Dragon Swordsman.

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Thus, Dragon Swordsman target became Herb Garden. This wasn't a situation that Tiny Herb wanted to see. Fortunately, the aggro currently on Xu Bin was only because of a CC skill, so it wasn't stable.

Should they release it once again? Xu Bin was at a loss. They had pulled it back, but now they wanted both to release it and to not release it. This kind of back and forth, what did it mean? He couldn't seem to figure it out himself.

Kill Su Mucheng first?

Someone had thought of this, but when they took a look at the situation again, Su Mucheng fired a few shots and then started running as if she had given up. However, Xu Bin, who was keeping the boss's aggro under control, was very clear that the boss's aggro was still on Su Mucheng's Launcher. If he released the boss, the boss would immediately run in that direction. However, if he didn't and established the aggro, wouldn't Herb Garden become the target of everyone?

At this time Xu Bin felt embarrassed, not knowing how to proceed.

"Release!" In the end, it was still Wang Jiexi who made the decision. Not releasing would be unfortunate for their Herb Garden, but releasing the boss would at least bring misfortune to all of the other guilds too.

Xu Bin released the boss, and the Dragon Swordsman charged out. All the surrounding Knights all stood stupidly, not knowing how to proceed. For now, none of them wanted the aggro of the boss, yet they also couldn't just let Happy lead it away. They couldn't block, but they also couldn't not block. Then, what should they do?

"Follow the boss, and push Happy away!" Finally, someone came out with a suggestion. The Dragon Swordsman was currently chasing after Su Mucheng. There was no way her Launcher could single-handedly lead the boss along forever; the other side would definitely need to send people to block the Dragon Swordsman in order to buy her some time. Couldn't they then just chase after the boss, while also seizing the chance to roll over Happy?

As a result, they all swarmed, charging forward. On Happy's side, everyone also swarmed, helping Su Mucheng buy time. They actually managed to utilize the strength of the entire guild.

Both sides thoroughly collided at last. At this moment, Herb Garden, Blue Brook Guild, Blossom Valley, and Void Walk felt that they had a common enemy, surprisingly banding together to fight against Happy. Happy's players were put on defense, yet they were still unable to withstand the combined offensive of these four guilds. When it came to the strength of normal players, they were inferior to these professional guilds.

"Not good!"

As a result, these guilds bullied Happy with glee, only to suddenly discover that even as Happy's players risked everything in order to defend their position, the Dragon Swordsman had already been led even further away. Already, they had lost sight of Su Mucheng's Launcher. The Dragon Swordsman's silhouette also disappeared behind the mountainside in the blink of an eye.

Within the four guilds, normal players and pros alike broke into chaos. How could they continue to pay attention to the players from Happy in front of them? So this giant crowd was just a distraction after all. Now, Dragon Swordsman had completely escaped from their frame of view. What corner would he be dragged off to now, to be secretly killed?

Several hundred people hurried chased over, only to realize that the mountain was far too tall, and the earth far too vast. It was as if the Dragon Swordsman had never spawned at all. Where would they even begin to search? The various guilds scattered their troops, dispatching them to go search. As for the pro players, they all seemed a bit lost. They couldn't figure out how Happy had led the Dragon Swordsman away, just like that ...

This would need a thorough tactical analysis.

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The pro players naturally pondered the problem from their customary point of view. Just like when they carefully reviewed their opponents strategies after a match, they felt that the situation that had just come to pass should also be analyzed thus.

The online game was extremely easy for pro players since they didn't have any opponents at their level. However, when an opponent at a high skill level appeared, then the game became quite a bit more complicated than even normal pro matches.

None of the players that had been sent out to search for the Dragon Swordsman had brought back any news, right up until the point where the system announced that the Dragon Swordsman had been slain by Guild Happy. As for where this had occurred, and who had participated, the club guilds surprisingly had no clue.

Everyone present was dejected, gloomily going through the motions of cleaning up in the aftermath. Those who could respawn did so, and any dropped equipment was picked up. In this process, it was difficult to avoid altercations with the other guilds. Still, no large scale confrontations occurred. These players all had habits acquired through years of works, and they normally wouldn't argue over such small issues. The aftermath of a boss being stolen felt like the aftermath of a professional match, continuing to fight seemed completely pointless. After all, they were all guilds that had grown so large. Killing each other wasn't going to destroy a guild. For example, after Samsara's championship victory last year, Blue Brook Guild and Guild Samsara had engaged in a brutal conflict, the fires of war spreading throughout the world of Glory from guild members to wild fans alike. The result? It could only be said that both sides had suffered. After all, this was an online game, a character that died could respawn in the blink of an eye. It was true that equipment could drop, but it could also be picked up, turning into a back and forth cycle of you drop I pick and vice versa. Ultimately, which side profited? Neither, because in the end both sides would suffer losses. Only some lucky passerbyers stood to gain.

Thus, these kinds of battles were something the guild managers tried to avoid at all costs. It was only after important competitions, when the fans felt the need to vent, that the guilds felt compelled to stand firmly beside them. Even though they knew very well that this was not the sensible thing to do, they didn't really have a choice. They could only think of it as a tax of sorts to the fans.

But now, they had simply lost a wild boss, and their feelings were unlikely to be that strong. The various players all felt a bit like they couldn't really compete against Ye Xiu, yet the guild leaders were all desensitized at this point. Bringing in the cream of the crop to compete against Ye Xiu, and still losing the wild boss to Happy? Wasn't this just another day in Glory?

Except ... their guild had now brought pro players into the game as well. How come Happy could still so easily carry out their plans? This question was one that the various players from the club guilds couldn't really find an answer to. In their eyes, pro players were in a completely different league. Whether they hadn't played the online game for a long time, or had only played a little, Ye Xiu's presence for the past year and a half was a very valid reason for their failures. But they had completely neglected this battle ... just when would they win?

Chapter 1089: Dragon Spine Marrow

"What dropped?"

An elite member from Happy's guild gave the last hit to kill the boss, Dragon Swordsman. At this moment, he was standing around the Dragon Swordsman's corpse, looking nervously and expectantly at the materials scattered all over the ground.

Guan Rongfei's addition to the team put Happy's equipment development in the right track. Although he wanted to focus more on the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella, after being in this line of work for so many years, he was still very clear on what his responsibilities were. All of Happy's Silver equipment would be developed by him alone.

Guan Rongfei had already come up with several ideas based on Happy's current materials. And Happy's vast amounts of Level 75 uncommon materials broadened his horizons. Happy couldn't compare with Excellent Era in terms of Level 70 and below materials. Happy couldn't compare with other club guilds in terms of Level 75 normal materials either. However, for Level 75 uncommon materials, Happy instantly stood out. In the Level 75 update, Happy had established their position in the Heavenly Domain wild bosses battlefield. Their allies, Heavenly Justice, Radiant, Parade, and Conquering Clouds, had considerably fatter guild storages as well. And once Wu Chen joined and the guild had gradually grown, the guild drew less and less from the other four guilds, focusing on enriching their own guild's storage.

For the other guilds, their materials were like a pyramid, the more high-end the material the fewer there was. But for Happy, it couldn't be said that it was completely the opposite, but at least relatively speaking, their guild storage outdid the other club guilds.

A professional like Guan Rongfei knew very clearly what this implied. This meant that although the overall number of Silver equipment possessed by Happy might not be able to catch up to the powerhouses in a short amount of time, Happy might not lose to any other guild in terms of Level 75 Silver equipment. Don't look at how the other guilds already had Level 75 Silver equipment, while Happy had none. That was only because Happy didn't have many Level 70 Silver equipment. Happy also didn't have a professional like Guan Rongfei working for them.

Wei Chen and Ye Xiu. Wei Chen's knowledge was mostly limited to his Warlock class. Most of it was through experience. He lacked the theoretical foundation, so it was difficult for him to deduce many things from one case. As for Ye Xiu, his knowledge base was broader than Wei Chen's, but his time was limited. Just a single Myriad Manifestations Umbrella was already making his head dizzy. He also needed to study strategies, watch over the growth of his players, and deal with in-game matters. He really couldn't handle everything. As a result, for their Level 75 Silver equipment, Ye Xiu just didn't bother spending any of his time and efforts into this area.

But with Guan Rongfei here, Ye Xiu was now completely free from this area. With a professional like him, the progress towards their equipment sped up considerably. After Guan Rongfei received the information on the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella, he really wanted to hurry up and upgrade this equipment. He had all sorts of other crazy ideas too.

For this Dragon Swordsman, Guan Rongfei had a clear request.

Dragon Spine Marrow!

This was the name of the material that Guan Rongfei requested. Happy originally had four pieces of this material, but Guan Rongfei had expressed that the amount was far from enough.

"Four isn't enough? How many do you need?" Ye Xiu asked.

"The umbrella ribs." Guan Rongfei replied.

"Umbrella ribs....." Guan Rongfei's boldness surpassed Ye Xiu's imagination. The umbrella ribs were the frame that supported the umbrella. It required a rather high quantity of materials. This part had always been made using normal materials. However, Guan Rongfei was domineering. This guy actually wanted to use uncommon materials here. Was he planning on using only Level 75 uncommon materials for every part of the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella?

"Isn't that too extravagant? Is there a need?" Ye Xiu was a bit doubtful. Uncommon materials were usually used for a few important parts of a Silver equipment. There had never been a case where a Silver equipment was completely made up of only uncommon material.

"It has to be." Guan Rongfei was certain, "The structure of this piece of equipment is extremely complex. It can't compare to other equipment. Along the way, you've probably already noticed that it needed more uncommon materials at higher levels. This is because if the quality of the material isn't raised, getting such a complex structure to improve to a higher level isn't possible."

"Are you sure this is the only reason? And not because our Level 75 uncommon material reserves are still good, so you wanted to create a beautiful piece of Silver equipment composed of entirely uncommon materials?" Ye Xiu asked questioningly.

"That's only the third reason." Guan Rongfei said.

Third reason... this guy really had this kind of thought. Ye Xiu really wanted to very politely give this guy a scolding, but Guan Rongfei followed: "There's the second reason: this way is relatively economical."

"Economical?" Ye Xiu felt like he had heard wrong.

"Yes, if you insist on using common materials, that's fine too, but this will undoubtedly require more research into the other options. The amount of materials needed for the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella is already several times that of other equipment. The other options make things even more complicated. There are far more types of common material than uncommon material. If the choice of a common material turns out to be a mistake, then the amount of waste produced overall will be many times greater than other equipment." Guan Rongfei spoke frankly and confidently when he talked about equipment. It was a completely different attitude than when he talked about anything else.

Ye Xiu felt like this was very logical. In the end, it was because Level 75 materials had only been around for half a year, not like Level 70 materials that had been studied for three years now. In addition, the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella was exceptionally complex. An unprecedented upgrade like for this umbrella was much more difficult.

However.....

"Is it really necessary to use all uncommon materials?" Ye Xiu said.

"I think it's more dependable this way." Guan Rongfei said.

"Are there enough Level 75 materials to upgrade the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella?" Ye Xiu asked. There were currently eight Level 75 wild bosses. No matter how high their efficiency was, their production rate wouldn't be able to compare with Level 70 uncommon materials. There were around twenty Level 70 wild bosses.

"Don't look down on uncommon materials!" Guan Rongfei said solemnly.

"Then I'll listen to you..... What are your thoughts right now?" Ye Xiu asked.

As a result, Ye Xiu received a list of materials that Guan Rongfei needed. Because of their half a year of accumulation, they already met quite a few of the requirements. It was just this Dragon Spine Marrow.....

"12." When Guan Rongfei said he needed 12, it was as if this task was as easy as obtaining 12 lighters.

"Shouldn't there only be 8 umbrella ribs?" Ye Xiu asked.

"But if it's Dragon Spine Marrow, then I need 12." Guan Rongfei's reply practically said nothing, but Ye Xiu understood that Guan Rongfei meant that this material would be different than past materials, whether that was in length or bulk, which required 12 instead of 8 to accomplish.

"Don't look down on uncommon materials?" Ye Xiu took Guan Rongfei's statement and asked it back to him.

"It's worth the money." Guan Rongfei said.

And now, the Dragon Swordsman had finally fallen. As for the Dragon Spine Marrow? Was there any? They were missing 8 pieces still. This boss only spawned once a week and it wasn't guaranteed that they would kill it every time. Even if they did, it wasn't a guaranteed drop.....

How long had it been since Ye Xiu had looked forward to boss drops? This time, he deeply felt it.

Materials were scattered all over the ground. Wu Chen sucked in a deep breath of air and then began picking up the drops. Right now, he was a permanent resident of the game. The others only logged onto alternates and joined when they were needed. More often than not, they were on their mains and practicing in the Arena. Several practice routines had been implemented into the dedicated program that Guan Rongfei had created. Compared to the past, they didn't need to go into the game and look for the correct environment anymore.

Item after item flashed in the team chat every time he picked up a drop.

Jade Cloud Sand, Burning Heaven Cloth, Mountain and Sea Ice.....

Drop after drop jumped up in everyone's eyes. These were all valuable Level 75 uncommon materials, but at this moment, no one cared about them. Finally, everyone saw the three words that they were looking for.

"Dragon Spine Marrow!!" Chen Guo was the first to shout. They were still missing seven.

"Another one!" Chen Guo yelled again.

A large number of materials usually dropped, so it wasn't rare for several of a single type of material to drop. Everyone wished that all eight Dragon Spine Marrow would drop all at once.

"Three!" Chen Guo called out again, but her shout wasn't as fast as Ye Xiu's click. The moment that she shouted, everyone saw that two Dragon Spine Marrows had popped up on screen. A total of four Dragon Spine Marrows had dropped.

Are there anymore?

Everyone was staring at the ground. There weren't many materials left.

Wu Chen continued to click rapidly. The numerous materials scattered on the floor were quickly swept clean. Chen Guo's counting hadn't been able to keep up with his speed. After three shouts, she closed her mouth. Everyone was looking at the team chat. Another one and then another one.

"Could all eight actually drop?" Wei Chen was stunned.

Reality wasn't that crazy. In the end, six had dropped.

"D*mn, only six." Ye Xiu sighed.

Everyone was speechless. Due to how often they hunted wild bosses, they had a good understanding of the drop rate of wild bosses. It wasn't rare for two or three of the same materials to drop. Four or five was rather rare, but it seemed to be their first time getting six of the same drop at once. He shouldn't feel sad about that, and there definitely shouldn't have been an "only" attached to it.

Once their harvest ended, Ye Xiu and the others logged off. Wu Chen took the materials along with the other guild members back to the city and continued to do his work.

This summer definitely wouldn't be a relaxing one!

Ye Xiu opened up a file. It contained all of the material needs that Guan Rongfei had requested. Ye Xiu changed Dragon Spine Marrows from 8 to 2. Just this change alone wasn't able to block the dazzling list contained in this file.

Chapter 1090: A Summer Not to be Overlooked

Ye Xiu couldn't help but sigh at the list of materials sent by Guan Rongfei. If this list had been sent to any other club guild, it wouldn't have just been a sigh. A huge storm definitely would have erupted.

Failing to get a wild boss was a common occurrence for any club guild, but frequently losing to a single guild somewhat broke the balance. And this imbalance had lasted for a year and a half already. Happy might not be completely monopolizing all of the wild bosses, but their profits this past year and a half far surpassed any other powerhouse. This was an undeniable reality.

When the clubs did an inventory of their storages at the end of season nine, the guild departments all presented unsatisfactory reports. There were only so many wild bosses. One more wild boss won by that guild was one less wild boss for this guild. And now, Happy had taken so many wild bosses away. With

just the remaining wild bosses, how could there be enough for any of them to reach their expected goals?

The guild departments were embarrassed. Their bosses had unsightly expressions.

However, their bosses couldn't scold them too harshly. It was no secret how powerful Guild Happy was. Guild Happy had a God like Ye Xiu watching over. If their guild leader could beat Ye Xiu, then their guild leader would have been promoted to the team long ago to win the championships.

Their only consolation was that their losses weren't special cases. Their other competitors were also knitting their brows over this issue.

During this year and a half, they had tried all sorts of methods to solve this problem. When the Level 75 update came around, they even had their pro players rush into the game to increase their competitiveness without regard for their pro players' conditions.

The effectiveness of the pro players joining in was very clear, but it wasn't absolute. After the update, it was still Guild Happy that led the pack.

For example, their defeat at the battle for the Dragon Swordsman was not a unique case. It wasn't the first time that Happy had taken down the boss from the hands of other pro players.

It was just that in this battle, there were top tacticians like Yu Wenzhou, Xiao Shiqin, and Wang Jiexi participating. These tacticians had distinctly felt a reality: they couldn't keep up with Ye Xiu's tempo in these in-game battles.

Why is that?

These experts instantly figured it out.

Even though they also stood at the top of Glory, they had been separated from the game for a long time. They still held an extremely large advantage when clashing against normal players, but when facing an equally-skilled player like Ye Xiu, this difference only became more obvious.

Although a bit exaggerated, one analogy would be that they were like noobs being beaten by an expert with far more experience than them.

This was certainly an awkward situation. The guild players had in-game experience, but they weren't as skilled as Ye Xiu. The pro players had the skill, but they lacked the experience in large-scale wild boss battles.

This wasn't a minor issue. Happy's dominance was somewhat inevitable.

After the Dragon Swordsman battle, the participating guilds were all deeply reflecting on this issue.

Right now, it was summer break in the league. For the pro players, this break was an official holiday. The clubs didn't have the legal right to demand them to do anything. They also had no obligation to undertake these in-game tasks. Even more importantly, helping out in the game was to improve their team's strength. However, with the summer transfer window open, players might very well switch to another team. Consequently, players without too stable of a position would find it difficult to improve

their team's hardware. They would rather improve their own individual skill and improve what could be regarded as their software.

Every player had their own thoughts, but no matter the case, every player was chasing after their dream for glory.

For Team Thunderclap, their players didn't seem to have any apprehensions about getting transferred away. They didn't even go back home this summer and instead stayed to help out the team.

For Team Tiny Herb and Team Blue Rain, they had talented rookies with lots of room to grow. They didn't want to waste these two months of the summer, so they made training their rookies the name of the game. Both rookies were training intensely and receiving pointers from their respective teammates.

For Team Hundred Blossoms, after rebuilding the team and experiencing a series of trials, they had finally walked out from their lowest point. Even though they had lost in the playoffs to Tyranny, everyone could see the fighting spirit of the new Team Hundred Blossoms. They were filled with ambition towards the new season. The day after being eliminated from the playoffs, they had already started preparing for the new season. When Team Tyranny lost to Team Samsara in the finals, Zhang Jiale, who had come out of retirement and joined Team Tyranny, inevitably received hate from a few Team Hundred Blossom fans, but it was less than what people had expected. This was because more fans were invested in the new Team Hundred Blossoms. The fans had walked away from the past, looking forward to the new Team Hundred Blossom's future.

Apart from that, there were other teams too.

For Team Tyranny, the old generals hadn't given up yet. Would season ten be their last chance? No one knew the answer to that. Team Tyranny themselves might not know either, but they would treat it like their last chance and do everything they could because they could already feel that time was mercilessly dragging them from this world little by little. They needed to treasure every minute, every second. They definitely wouldn't let two months of vacation wear away their fighting spirit.

For Team Samsara, while people were still in celebration over the defending champions, the team had snatched Excellent Era's Sun Xiang and Battle God One Autumn Leaf at lightning speed. Their determination for the new season could easily be seen from this. Three consecutive championship victories was the mark of a new dynasty. Team Samsara was walking the road to an even greater glory. This summer, they wouldn't be resting either.

For Team Wind Howl, astonishing everyone became a common occurrence, getting them to third place in the regular season. They had progressed into the semifinals, but were beaten cleanly by Samsara and eliminated from the playoffs. Losing to the eventual champions couldn't be considered shameful, but for these proud and ambitious youths, this season had been like a tiger's head but a snake's tail. A loss was a loss. Even if others sympathized and forgave them, they didn't feel good about it at all. They wanted wins from start to finish.

There was also Misty Rain, Void, 301, Royal Style, Conquering Clouds, Radiant, and Parade.....

With Glory's season ten, the Glory competitive scene will have been around for ten years. It would be the first complete season with Level 75s. Every team seemed to have a reason for not losing. Every team

appeared to be more proactive. Because of their burning fighting spirit, this summer would blaze even more intensely.

Another Level 75 wild boss battle.

This was the focal point of the club guilds. It directly affected upgrading their team's Silver equipment to Level 75. If Ye Xiu had a list of materials from Guan Rongfei, how could the other guilds not have their own list?

Barrier Mountains, Shadow Commander Shaan, a boss that mainly dropped Nightwalker class equipment and Nightwalker materials.

Team Blue Rain's Warlock, Swoksaar. Team Blue Rain's Ninja, Dark Forest. Team Wind Howl's Thief, Mysterious Ghost. Team 301's Assassin, Scene Killer.

These four Nightwalker class All Stars were undoubtedly their team's core. The Shadow Commander Shaan were their biggest priorities. Apart from that, there was Samsara, Void, Thunderclap, and so on.... These teams all had Nightwalker classes as part of their main roster and wouldn't miss this opportunity. As for Happy, they had two Nightwalkers: Wei Chen's Warlock, Windward Formation, and Mo Fan's Ninja, Deception.

At a mountain stream in Barrier Mountains, Shadow Commander Shaan spawned. A mantle covered his body. He seemed to blend into the shadows as he walked along the cliff. When the guilds received the news, they quickly crammed into the mountain stream. But when they saw the terrain, their heads immediately started hurting.

To the left and right of the mountain stream were high cliffs. There was no way to arrange any proper formations. The mountain stream itself wasn't wide enough. There was only enough space for one group to fight with the boss, but right now, there were one, two, three, four.....

F*ck, there's more groups than can be counted! Everyone was grumbling to themselves. Their guild leaders all kept silent because they were only the leaders in name. With the pro players watching over them, they tactfully stepped down to give them the authority, especially when the pro player was the captain.

"Captain Yu, this isn't a good place to fight!" At Blue Brook Guild, guild leader Changing Springs was currently discussing the situation with captain Yu Wenzhou.

"Mm..." Yu Wenzhou replied. His left hand was tapping the edge of his keyboard. He was also pondering over their situation.

Huang Shaotian wasn't as quiet. He had dragged along Lu Hanwen, and the two Blade Masters had gone into hiding to who knew here. The only thing that Yu Wenzhou could hear was Huang Shaotian's voice rattling on from outside the game.

"This time, we have to stay calm. We can't reveal our identities so easily. Ye Xiu is a very despicable player. As soon as he finds out it's us, he'll definitely try to kill us as fast as possible. It's just like last time. You know." Huang Shaotian was currently lecturing Lu Hanwen.

"Senior, last time it was just you who revealed yourself, no? Who are you talking about when you say "we"?" Lu Hanwen asked.

"Excuses! If you don't concentrate, he'll easily see through you." Huang Shaotian scolded.

"But..... he doesn't seem to be here? I don't see Guild Happy." Lu Hanwen said.

"Hmph, impossible." Huang Shaotian snorted, "He was just asking me on QQ where I was. He's definitely here. He's just hiding, that's all."

"Oh, I get it." Lu Hanwen nodded his head, "Even if he wasn't originally going to be here, since you replied to him, telling him where you were, he'll definitely be on his way."

"What?" Huang Shaotian stared blankly. Something didn't seem right with this logic?

"Hanwen..... " Huang Shaotian spoke with heartfelt sincerity, "You know, my hands are incomparably fast. They move much faster than my mind. When I play, it's like that. Sometimes, by the time I realize what the problem is, it's like that too."

"I get it. No wonder our captain often stresses that you need to control your hand speed. Lu Hanwen said.

"Hahaha, that's because he doesn't have this problem!" Huang Shaotian laughed out loud.

"The captain's looking at us." Lu Hanwen had noticed that Yu Wenzhou seemed to be interested in their conversation.

"Shut up! FOCUS! Do you know what focus means, Lu Hanwen!!!!" Huang Shaotian shouted loudly.