

Avatar 1711

Chapter 1711: The Chance in the Iron Plate

Luck!

Those who understood the true reason for Steamed Bun's actions would all think this way. After all, this wasn't a prediction that had come from Glory experience or awareness, it was just a childish instinct. Steamed Bun probably didn't understand the true danger of the attack that Wu Qi had Cruel Silence execute.

But this kind of childish instinct, was it a type of intuition? It was hard to say. In any case, what happened now was that Cruel Silence was stopped short by Steamed Bun's Paralysis Needle, and after that, well, Tang Rou had never stopped Soft Mist's attacks. When Cruel Silence suddenly appeared right in front of her, his dagger just about to hit her, Tang Rou had been extremely startled. In this kind of crucial moment, she had acted without thinking. Her attacks immediately focused on Cruel Silence.

Without Steamed Bun's interference, Tang Rou's instinctive reaction really might not have come fast enough. But now, with Steamed Bun disrupting things, Tang Rou's immediate change of target became a huge burst!

If she hadn't burst forth with an attack, then she would have been hit. In this kind of dangerous moment, did Tang Rou's ferocity even need to be mentioned?

Ye Xiu's Lord Grim had come over to help. But he didn't go to attack Cruel Silence; instead, he headed toward Sun Xiang's One Autumn Leaf, blocking Sun Xiang's close-range support.

Zhou Zekai's Cloud Piercer and Su Mucheng's Dancing Rain were in a similar situation. Because these two characters were standing at a long-range, no one was coming to disrupt them. Zhou Zekai readjusted his aim to try and force back Happy's surging counterattack.

At this moment, Jiang Botao was truly a bit speechless.

He still remembered that not long ago, he had been the focus of Happy's fire. How come, in the blink of an eye, his Empty Waves was left hanging out to dry? Happy's four characters, he couldn't see the face of a single one. What were they doing? Was there still a clear strategic goal? Was there still a firm plan?

It was a mess, completely a mess.

Right now, this was just a mess of a battle. Happy didn't have a clear goal or intent, they were just chaotically fighting. Samsara could only deal with the attacks as they came. With Happy's strange rhythm, Samsara had actually been forced on the defensive.

This can't continue!

Left to the side, Jiang Botao had a clear view of the battle. Happy didn't seem to have any organization, nor any strategy, but they definitely still had a goal. This kind of large chaotic battle was a frequent sight in Glory's in-game Arena. It was a path for the unskilled. Happy's skill was of course much higher than that of in-game players, but they couldn't change how low-end this kind of chaotic fight was.

But this was exactly Happy's goal. They wanted to drag Samsara down into this low-level rhythm and atmosphere, and then use their thorough low-level experience to defeat Samsara. Right now, they could already see the effects. Samsara was being forced on the defensive, because this didn't follow the match logic that they were used to. The pro players on the field right now were used to taking a step and looking three steps ahead. But now, they couldn't see three steps ahead, Happy took one step and they followed one step, and then, that was all...

They had to control the rhythm. They couldn't be dragged along by Happy.

Jiang Botao was very conscious of this, and the other three from Samsara had noticed this as well. But Happy was pressing hard on Sun Xiang's One Autumn Leaf and Wu Qi's Cruel Silence, so for now the two of them could only follow Happy's rhythm. On the other hand, Zhou Zekai's Cloud Piercer was far away, and no one was interfering with his adjustments.

No longer protecting those two people. No longer trying to disrupt Happy's offensive. Cloud Piercer's attack suddenly had a clear direction.

Lord Grim!

Ye Xiu's Lord Grim.

Well done.

Jiang Botao praised him internally. Zhou Zekai's judgment was as fast and accurate as ever. Focusing Lord Grim was the best way of breaking the current situation. There was in fact some order hidden in the chaos of Happy's fighting, and Ye Xiu was the only one taking responsibility for it. It was his Lord Grim that used the fast rhythm of switching between low-level skills in order to connect everyone else.

Attack Lord Grim, and Happy's chaotic fighting would truly be reduced to nothing but a low-level struggle, and Sun Xiang and Wu Qi would be able to find a breakthrough point.

One after the other, Zhou Zekai and Jiang Botao began a pincer attack. The two didn't communicate in their team channel, but the coordination of their offense demonstrated a tacit understanding beyond compare. Even though Zhou Zekai and Sun Xiang were the Best Partners of this season, but Jiang Botao, who had tied together Zhou Zekai and the rest of Samsara when he joined the team, was unquestionably the player that understood Zhou Zekai the best. It was only because he wasn't as flashy onstage as Zhou Zekai or Sun Xiang was; his coordination, his understanding, it was always demonstrated quietly.

Right now, for example, Zhou Zekai's Cloud Piercer began firing powerful shots toward Lord Grim. In comparison, Jiang Botao seemed less hurried, Empty Waves' movements seemed to be slower by half a beat, but this half-beat difference perfectly cut off Lord Grim's path of retreat.

The one who would shine beautifully on the battlefield would be Zhou Zekai's Cloud Piercer. And amidst this beauty, Jiang Botao would be doing the tiring, dirty work. He quietly supported Zhou Zekai. This was what he had always done after arriving at Samsara.

Dodge!

Under Cloud Piercer's offensive, Ye Xiu had no choice but to control Lord Grim to dodge.

But to the right was Soft Mist and Steamed Bun Invasion. If he dodged in that direction, the fire would interrupt the rhythm of those two. If he dodged back, Empty Waves' Wave Slash had already caught up, he had no way of stepping back and adjusting. Right now, it seemed he had only one choice, going left...

Going left, he would leave the three-person offensive unit he'd established; going left, he would be acting within Samsara's predictions, and there would definitely be a more difficult offensive waiting for him.

But aside from this, did he have any other choice?

Go forward?

Today, Happy had already demonstrated their courage numerous times. Under this kind of pressure, they frequently surged forward to fight fire with fire, even using their healer as an additional source of raw power. When they remembered Lord Grim swiftly charging forward, dodging the bullets that flew his way, with his Myriad Manifestations Umbrella shifting hundreds and thousands of times in his hands, countless people were already jumping with excitement. But this time, Ye Xiu let them down.

Lord Grim didn't charge forward to Cloud Piercer, but nor did he move to the left as Samsara was hoping.

He stepped back!

Jiang Botao was stunned.

Ye Xiu hadn't chosen to meet Cloud Piercer and his gunfire head on. He'd instead chosen to retreat backward, he was running toward the area under Empty Waves' control.

A huge surprise!

Everyone had been mentally prepared for him to charge through Cloud Piercer's fire, but retreating backward, breaking through Empty Waves' end, no one had expected this.

Because Jiang Botao's movement was slow by half a beat.

This seemed as though his reaction was delayed compared to Zhou Zekai, but this was his strength. Acting just a hair slower meant that his movement was more effective. He waited to see Zhou Zekai's offensive before confirming how he would coordinate with him. With no attitude of fighting for the spotlight, his actions seemed simpler, yet they were more useful.

It could be said like this.

Although Cloud Piercer's fire was sharp, Empty Waves' coordination was more dangerous.

But there was a prerequisite, this danger depended on Cloud Piercer's powerful offensive. Without the pressure of this offensive, this so-called danger no longer existed.

Jiang Botao's style was completely different from Wu Qi's. He wasn't trying to hide the deadly amidst the beauty. He simply used a more pragmatic style to support the beautiful offense of his teammates, especially that of Zhou Zekai.

And his kind of pragmatism was more solid and reliable, so much so that although people would think of charging Zhou Zekai's spearhead, no one thought of charging Jiang Botao's iron plate. But Ye Xiu did exactly that.

"What's this guy trying to do?"

The pro players all let out exclamations of surprise. Everyone understood Jiang Botao's style and his way of cooperating with Zhou Zekai. They all knew that under these circumstances, Jiang Botao's area would pose a greater threat.

But after everyone expressed their surprise, they all couldn't help but exchange glances.

"Reverse thinking?" Yu Wenzhou said.

"That's bold," Huang Shaotian said. As Glory's most famous opportunist, he could understand Ye Xiu's thought of "this isn't an opportunity, but I'll make it one." But this didn't necessarily mean that this was a beautiful choice, only that it was an extremely bold one.

No one would think that this was an opportunity, no one would make this kind of choice. As time went on, even Jiang Botao himself had gotten used to this kind of situation. He hadn't slacked off because of this, but when Ye Xiu's Lord Grim charged at him, he discovered that he was extremely unfamiliar with dealing with this kind of situation. He discovered that, in reality, he didn't have much experience in facing this kind of powerful charge. Most of the time, the opponent would be scared into retreating, and those that charged forward didn't do so with courage and belief, they had simply had a lapse of judgment and made the mistake of crashing against the iron plate.

Ye Xiu hadn't made a mistake, Ye Xiu had acted on purpose. What he demonstrated was still that one word: fast.

Turning around while retreating, beginning a skill while turning, moving at a high speed while beginning the skill.

Jiang Botao saw all of this, but he couldn't keep up with this kind of rhythm. His awareness, his control, it all seemed to have entered cooldown. His controls hadn't stopped, but he himself knew, slow, too slow, compared to Ye Xiu's fast, he was far too slow.

In the blink of an eye, Lord Grim had arrived before him. That Wave Wheel Slasher that had been viewed as an iron plate was now fluttering like a tissue in the wind. Cloud Piercer's bullets were still chasing Lord Grim, but at this moment, in a trance, Jiang Botao almost felt like those bullets were coming at him, that they were covering Lord Grim's offensive.

Colliding Stab!

Lord Grim crashed into Empty Waves. Right after, Tang Rou, Steamed Bun, those two characters also switched their target immediately, suddenly rushing in this direction as well. Su Mucheng's heavy firepower on the other end of the map had already begun blasting toward Empty Waves.

Switch... switching targets again?

Happy's rhythm had truly made Jiang Botao dizzy. There was no organization sometimes, yet in just a moment, this kind focused fire could burst forth. This rapid switching meant that Samsara was always chasing Happy's rhythm. They'd firmly lost the initiative!

Chapter 1712: Fight Two Together

Had Happy already established the upper hand?

It was clear that Happy had the initiative on the field right now, causing many people to think this way. But while the situation on the battlefield was always fluctuating, the overall advantage could be seen from the data.

Health.!

After such a long battle, the health of all eight of the characters still on the battlefield had been depleted. Especially since there were no healers left, comparing this stat became extremely clear.

Before this, in terms of total health, Happy was lagging behind. In the two exchanges earlier, Happy had been catching up under unfavorable situations. In order to catch up and complete their own attacks, they had no choice but to suffer some additional damage that may have been otherwise avoidable.

But after these two exchanges, Happy grasped the rhythm, and they had focused Jiang Botao's Empty Waves twice already.

Focusing fire was the main way of killing an opponent during a team battle, but when to focus, when not to focus, when to stop focusing, there was much to learn. Even if five players controlled their characters to fire all of their attacks toward one target, that didn't guarantee that this was a successfully threatening focus. If focused attacks weren't timed at a good opportunity, they might not even be able to successfully focus the target in the first place.

Right now, Happy had seized a good opportunity to focus. Lord Grim and Dancing Rain's attacks were already on display, and Soft Mist and Steamed Bun Invasion were close behind. Then now, how long this focus could last, when to stop focusing, these were the important questions. If they simply outputted damage without any thought, then they might discover that after dealing an amount of damage that they were satisfied with, the damage they suffered might be even greater than what they'd dealt.

But right now, Samsara didn't even want to give this question to Happy. They hoped to stop their focusing offensive before Soft Mist and Steamed Bun began attacking. Even though they had the upper hand when it came to overall health, Jiang Botao's Empty Waves had the lowest health remaining out of all eight characters still on the battlefield. He was the only one who had fallen below 50%. If Happy actually succeeded with this focus, and Samsara wasn't fast enough in disrupting them, he might actually die to this offensive wave.

Even if they saved him in the end, they had no healer. A character with extremely low health would be a great burden. In the team competition, 50% damage split between five characters, versus 50% damage taken by one character, those were two entirely different situations. The advantage would shift drastically.

Shadow Clone Technique!

With this kind of “I’d rather take damage as well than let Jiang Botao suffer alone” attitude, Wu Qi directly used his fastest movement skill. With a Shadow Clone Technique, Cruel Silence directly threw himself into the center of Happy’s offensive.

This position was even more convenient for Happy to target than Empty Waves’ current position. He was right at the center of Lord Grim, Soft Mist, and Steamed Bun Invasion’s lines of attack.

Switch targets?

Then this focus fire would be split, and Empty Waves and Cruel Silence would take it together.

Don’t switch targets?

The position that Cruel Silence had taken now was an obstacle to Soft Mist and Steamed Bun Invasion’s offensives as well.

A choice dangled in front of Happy, sugar hiding poison.

Lord Grim attacked.

Did they switch?

Wu Qi was prepared. Of these two choices, switching targets brought more benefit. If they didn’t switch, this focus fire might be broken; if they switched, at least they could take out a chunk of Cruel Silence’s health.

But Wu Qi, of course, hadn’t prepared to just obediently stand there for Happy to grab. He had made such a decision, so how could he not have made some plans? He wasn’t Steamed Bun, who just randomly walked step by step. He was a proper pro player, who took one step and looked three steps ahead.

So, the position he’d taken with this Shadow Clone Technique was carefully selected from the start. He was slightly closer to Lord Grim, so that when Happy switched, Lord Grim would attack first, and Jiang Botao would immediately have a chance to breathe. And he wouldn’t immediately facing a pincer on three sides. He and Jiang Botao could cooperate to deal with this situation, making things a bit more difficult for Happy.

Lord Grim lifted his hand.

Grab!

Wu Qi saw it very clearly. He thought, Ye Xiu must be trying to throw his Cruel Silence away, and with that, Happy could continue to focus Empty Waves. As expected, Ye Xiu wasn’t the type to settle with the way things were. He was an expert who created more opportunities from the options he was given.

But, how could it be so easy.

Wu Qi inputted controls as fast as he could. Cruel Silence moved horizontally. As he dodged, he wanted to lure Lord Grim toward him, to lighten up on Jiang Botao even more.

In his view, Ye Xiu had already taken the first step to switch targets. Then, no matter what, he wouldn't just give up again. Starting from this moment, he was leading Happy by the nose.

But to his surprise, when his Cruel Silence dodged, Lord Grim actually twisted back. That hand he extended ultimately landed on Empty Waves' body.

Fling!

Empty Waves was tossed outward, but he wasn't thrown far, he was in fact thrown very close. Lord Grim just twisted his body, and Empty Waves was sent flying toward the nearby Cruel Silence.

Fuck!

Wu Qi couldn't help but curse in his heart. Ye Xiu's actions turned out to be even more cunning than he'd expected. Choosing who to focus? Throwing far to get rid of interference? Not at all.

A feint to dodge Cruel Silence, and then he grabbed Empty Waves and threw him over here. If he crashed into Cruel Silence, then the two of them would be focused together.

How greedy! In your dreams!

Wu Qi immediately controlled Cruel Silence to jump backward. Empty Waves was right under his nose, but in the end, they didn't collide. But shortly after, Cruel Silence found himself flying forward outside of his control.

Fuck fuck fuck!!!

Only now did Wu Qi realize. This push and then dodge, had given the guys behind him enough time to catch up. Without waiting for him to make any controls, Cruel Silence had already been blasted down, the ground filling his vision. He suffered attack after attack from behind, and they even counted as back attacks. This clearly wasn't a typical sweeping attack. To be directly knocked down in one go, Wu Qi had already realized, this was the Tyrannical Chain Punch of Happy's Brawler...

A huge attack, not to deal with Empty Waves, but to knock over himself. Happy was actually planning to focus both of them at once. Wu Qi had delivered himself right to them to be eaten!

In the blink of an eye, cannon fire descended upon Cruel Silence and Empty Waves. Clearly, Happy was outputting damage toward the two targets together. It was a shame that the other three of Happy only had average AoE ability, but focusing the two opponents like this, it was clear that this boosted their overall damage output.

The broadcast displayed the total health of the two teams. Happy, who had been lagging behind earlier, used this bout of focused fire to successfully deplete Samsara's total health.

Could they directly take out the two of them?

Some of the greedier Happy fans were already holding these kinds of hopes, but this evidently wasn't realistic. This round of focus fire ultimately only lasted for a few moments. Steamed Bun Invasion knocked Cruel Silence to the ground and began to beat him up, but when Soft Mist arrived, she only managed one attack before Sun Xiang's One Autumn Leaf arrived before her. Moreover, Cloud Piercer's

gunfire had never stopped, and this time, his Sharpshooter was already rushing toward them like a close-range attacker.

Chapter 1713: Failure to Find a Path

Surprise wasn't an element unique to Happy. Zhou Zekai had always been someone who performed astonishing feats.

Cloud Piercer fired his guns as he ran. He was closing the distance to increase his firepower. With a Slide Kick, he reached the limits.

Flip over and jump. Cloud Piercer dodged Soft Mist's attack. As he flipped up, his guns roared with sparks. The bullets looked like sword stabs, but their speed was far faster than what any close-ranged class could achieve.

Blood burst into the air. Soft Mist, who was closest to him, wasn't able to dodge and was hit by the bullets.

Firearm Martial Arts!

Zhou Zekai used another skill. Cloud Piercer kicked Soft Mist aside. Right now, he needed to break open the situation. He didn't plan on focusing a single target. After kicking aside Soft Mist, he continued to shoot, while throwing an elbow at Steamed Bun Invasion.

Steamed Bun Invasion had just finished using Tyrannical Chain Punch, and didn't think much of Zhou Zekai. With Tang Rou handling him, he felt like there was nothing to worry about, so he continued to focus on Cruel Silence. But Tang Rou was sent flying by Zhou Zekai, and without any pause, Cloud Piercer's attacks rushed towards Steamed Bun Invasion.

Hua!

A huge object suddenly filled up Zhou Zekai's screen. Lord Grim's Myriad Manifestations Umbrella opened, instantly blocking Cloud Piercer's vision.

Screensaver attack!

Zhou Zekai immediately cancelled his attack and had Cloud Piercer retreat rapidly. The Myriad Manifestations Umbrella transformed into its spear form and gave chase. Suddenly, an Earthquake Slash swept across the ground, forcing Lord Grim to halt.

Boom!

An explosion sounded from the side. Sun Xiang coordinated with Zhou Zekai. With a Falling Flower Palm, One Autumn Leaf sent Soft Mist flying towards Steamed Bun Invasion and Lord Grim.

Steamed Bun Invasion dodged to the side, and as if he were taking revenge, he grabbed Cruel Silence with a Fling, and threw him over to One Autumn Leaf.

Sun Xiang had One Autumn Leaf dodge, but to his surprise, Cruel Silence suddenly stopped in midair and arced towards Cloud Piercer.

Circle Swing!

Cruel Silence was unexpectedly fished back by Soft Mist, who had just been sent flying by a Falling Flower Palm. Sun Xiang's attack was neutralized by Tang Rou. Cruel Silence's suddenly turn in the air was no less surprising than Steamed Bun's erratic plays. Zhou Zekai's attention had mainly been on Ye Xiu's Lord Grim. As a result, he wasn't able to react in time. The two characters collided and crashed to the ground together.

The stadium was in an uproar. However, gunshots continued to be heard.

Cloud Piercer had collided with Cruel Silence. It had been too late for him to dodge, so Zhou Zekai finished his attacks. Bullet holes riddled Soft Mist's body. Zhou Zekai's extremely difficult gunshots had been sent entirely towards Soft Mist.

No, that wasn't all!

"Delivery Gun!"

Countless people discovered that not only was Soft Mist hit by the bullets, she was fixed in the air. Only a Delivery Gun could achieve this. Under those circumstances, just hitting the target was already hard enough, but also completing a Delivery Gun that required extreme precision and speed? It wasn't something a normal person could even imagine being able to do.

However, Zhou Zekai had done it!

The crowd had gone wild, seeing Cloud Piercer and Cruel Silence collide. A short moment later, ear-deafening cheers echoed across the stadium.

Sure enough, Zhou Zekai was the unrivaled protagonist of this stage.

Rising Dragon Soars the Sky!

Sun Xiang's One Autumn Leaf unleashed a Rising Dragon Soars the Sky. His Evil Annihilation transformed into a powerful dragon, letting everyone know the significance of Zhou Zekai's feat. Soft Mist, who was held into place by the Delivery Gun, became finest delicacy for the dragon. There was nowhere for her to run.

Boom!

Battle magic erupted, affecting Steamed Bun and Ye Xiu as well. They were too close to the center of the attack. The light blinded their vision, becoming a form of cover for Cruel Silence and Cloud Piercer.

Get up!

Zhou Zekai used Quick Recover to avoid the knockdown effect. Wu Qi's Cruel Silence had been grabbed by Circle Swing, so he couldn't use Quick Recover. However, after getting knocked to the ground, he immediately got up at a speed faster than the average player's Quick Recover.

Cruel Silence didn't retreat. He rushed towards the exploding magic. Empty Waves' wave slash also swept towards the blinding light.

Focus!

Samsara was focusing on a target.

Even after so many back and forths, they were able to maintain their focus on Soft Mist!

With this burst of attacks, Samsara regained the overall health lead on Happy.

Samsara maintained this health lead as their focus on Soft Mist continued.

They ignored Dancing Rain's artillery fire. They ignored the pincer from Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion. Their attention was only on Soft Mist. It was as if they didn't know what going too far meant, as they greedily focused on killing Soft Mist.

What's going on?

Samsara was playing beautifully, but no one thought that they would be able to kill Soft Mist in one burst. However, Samsara didn't think the same.

Nebula Wave Slash!

Samsara showed their confidence in themselves.

The Spellblade skill came from Jiang Botao's Empty Waves. Magic burst out, enveloping Soft Mist and separating her from the others.

Steamed Bun Invasion raised his arms and threw a Brick at Empty Waves.

Pa!

The Brick was shattered into pieces by Nebula Wave Slash. This high-level skill wasn't going to be broken so easily.

In that case, Poison Needle!

In that case, Molotov Cocktail!

Steamed Bun Invasion had a lot of tools that he could use, but in everyone's eyes, it was all a waste of time. Not a single one of the skills was able to break through Nebula Wave Slash. Steamed Bun refused to run. He was going to stay right there and leave his stupidity behind.

Sand Toss... he was still continuing.

What's the point? Everyone thought to themselves. But suddenly, Jiang Botao began to get worried.

As Steamed Bun Invasion attacked, he turned to look at the other side, which was where Lord Grim was located.

Sure enough!

Lord Grim was beginning to move.

Jiang Botao didn't know if Steamed Bun was faking his stupidity, or if he actually was just stupid, but he did know that Ye Xiu wasn't stupid. As a result, it didn't matter whether Steamed Bun was being stupid, the important part was what Ye Xiu would do in this situation.

Steamed Bun Invasion kept throwing out pointless skills, but they were only pointless because Jiang Botao was paying attention to them. When he dealt with these attacks, the other areas of Nebula Wave Slash would be sparser, and holes in his defense might appear.

Lord Grim was taking advantage of these distractions to make his way through. Sure enough, Ye Xiu knew how to seize opportunities.

Beat them at their own game?

Jiang Botao suddenly thought.

No...

In the end, he gave up on the idea. He decided that he was going to handle this situation in the most reliable way possible. He knew that Ye Xiu couldn't be up to any good, and Ye Xiu was far more experienced and skilled than him in complicated scenarios.

As a result, Empty Waves kept a low profile as he dodged the Sand Toss. The Nebula Wave Slash silently crept towards Lord Grim's side. He didn't increase his offensive threat excessively. He was just patching up any previous gaps.

Lord Grim stopped moving. Sure enough, that was where Ye Xiu had intending on breaking through. Ye Xiu tried to search for another way in, but he quickly discovered that Jiang Botao wasn't making any excessive adjustments. He was only dealing with the problems at hand.

This is... going to be difficult!

More adjustments meant more choices. More choices meant more strategies. With more strategies, it was more likely for him to find a way in.

However, when the changes in a situation were limited, only one option became available.

It was easy to walk along a single path, but there was also only one exit. And if the other side was ready for them at that only exit?

This definitely wasn't a path that Happy wanted to tread upon, which was why Ye Xiu wanted to try an alternate path.

But in the end, Samsara had sealed off this alternate route.

Even worse, they weren't given any opportunities to try again.

Chapter 1714: Low Health Is No Big Deal

Jiang Botao was glad that he didn't make any unnecessary choices. He was glad that there was only one path remaining for Ye Xiu and Steamed Bun to take.

Dodge! Minimize the damage taken from Nebula Wave Slash. This was already the best that they could do. Break past Nebula Wave Slash and interrupt their focus fire? Impossible. There was no time left.

Samsara was doing everything they could to kill Soft Mist. With every passing second, her health plummeted.

Happy only had one chance to find another path, but they had failed. Of course, they could try again, but Soft Mist likely wouldn't survive long enough.

Dodge!

Jiang Botao watched Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion closely. He didn't relax. Once they finished killing Soft Mist, their attention would shift towards them.

Who to kill first?

Jiang Botao observed the movements of the two characters, but as he did so, he noticed that something strange had entered his sight.

What is it?

Under the protection from his Nebula Wave Slash, what could possibly make its way in?

Grenade?

Jiang Botao's pupils suddenly contracted. He had no time to think. A portion of his Nebula Wave Slash cut towards that grenade.

The grenade exploded. The sound wasn't loud, and the light wasn't flashy. However, an almost tangible shockwave could be seen diffusing from the center of the explosion.

Implosion Grenade!

Cloud Piercer, One Autumn Leaf, Cruel Silence. It didn't matter how powerful their characters were. The shockwave pushed them back.

Jiang Botao's heart went cold. He turned around and saw Dancing Rain. She was very close, much closer than before.

Ye Xiu and Steamed Bun failed to break past his Nebula Wave Slash. They had failed because Jiang Botao had noticed their intentions in time. However, he hadn't realized that the path they sought didn't end there. The path extended from Steamed Bun to Ye Xiu to Su Mucheng...

Pull his attention away and create an opening for Su Mucheng to sneak in an Implosion Grenade through the Nebula Wave Slash.

No, that wasn't all.

He wasn't the only one who hadn't noticed the Implosion Grenade. None of the others on Samsara had noticed it either.

He had been distracted by Ye Xiu and Steamed Bun. Because of their efforts, a hole appeared in his defense.

But what about the other three on Samsara?

It was Tang Rou and Su Mucheng.

Soft Mist faced their assault, while Dancing Rain helped from afar. Their goal wasn't just to break the siege. From the start, there had been another goal as well. They were narrowing Samsara's vision towards one direction.

This sort of cover...

This was one of One Autumn Leaf's and Dancing Rain's signature techniques back in the day. Every team used it as teaching material, showing how teamwork between a close-ranged and long-ranged character should be done.

This sort of technique was very discreet. The close-ranged characters caught inside would be completely unaware. Jiang Botao was a certain distance away, and he would have noticed it if not for Ye Xiu and Steamed Bun distracting him.

"That's why a Sharpshooter being too close is never a good thing."

If Zhou Zekai's Cloud Piercer had been attacking from afar, this technique wouldn't have escaped his notice. Ye Xiu typed in the chat as Lord Grim charged towards Cloud Piercer.

Cloud Piercer didn't stop his attacks even as the Implosion Grenade pushed him away. He was still attacking Soft Mist to try and lower her health even further. In the end, Samsara wasn't able to finish off Soft Mist in one go. However, the outcome wasn't bad. Soft Mist only had 28% of her health left, the lowest among those remaining.

Samsara might be able to kill her with one more wave of attacks.

If they continued their attacks onto Soft Mist, it should be easy for them to suppress Happy.

Thus, Samsara's next move should center around Soft Mist.

These were all very logical thoughts. This was the advantage of a health lead, and the disadvantage and burden of having less health. Without a healer, these advantages were laid bare. Relying on Lord Grim's healing wouldn't change anything.

Samsara still had a clear lead.

That was what everyone thought at first, but these thoughts only lasted a second.

Because the one with the lowest amount of health was Soft Mist, and the player behind her was Tang Rou.

That girl who declared a 1v3 the moment she entered the Pro League.

That girl who refused to compromise despite the storm of criticism towards her.

That girl who wanted to keep going even after a 1v3 in the finals.

Low health? So what?

Lord Grim charged towards Cloud Piercer. Soft Mist charged towards Cloud Piercer even more fiercely than Lord Grim. The Implosion Grenade had sent the three on Samsara flying, but the Nebula Wave

Slash wasn't affected. In reality, Soft Mist was still inside the Nebula Wave Slash, but the moment she was free from Samsara's chains, she rushed out. She moved even faster than Cloud Piercer, who was still shooting at her. However, she didn't retreat. The Nebula Wave Slash wrapped around her, continuously dealing damage, but she didn't cower.

There were no longer any chains holding her back. She charged ahead. Her goal was to attack.

Her decisiveness reduced the amount of attacks that she took from Cloud Piercer. Her decisiveness allowed her to break out of the Nebula Wave Slash as fast as possible.

Attack, attack, attack!

Attack as defense?

Her thoughts weren't nearly so complicated. She was still alive, so she had to attack.

The battle wasn't over until she was dead. It couldn't be called a battle without attacking. You couldn't win without attacking.

Draconic Crusher!

Soft Mist swung her spear, Dancing Fire Flowing Flames, turning even the air itself red.

Tang Rou understood what sort of situation Soft Mist would be facing. In order to ensure that the battle wouldn't become a 3v4, she should be more cautious, more defensive, fighting under the protection of her teammates.

That was how the vast majority of teams and players would handle this situation, especially in such an important match.

But not Tang Rou. Her personality was like a blazing fire. She didn't like being careful or receiving protection. She wasn't good at doing either of those things. If she played that way, it would be bad news for Happy. She would only be making things worse. She would become a burden.

Tang Rou understood this point, and so did the team.

Thus, Soft Mist charged forward and attacked.

Ye Xiu's Lord Grim quickly coordinated with her.

Their target was Cloud Piercer. Without any hesitation, the two picked the same target.

Because Cloud Piercer was the only attacker who could keep dealing damage to Soft Mist. He needed to be suppressed quickly. Zhou Zekai was the most formidable player on Samsara too, and Tang Rou was more than happy to fight against him.

Draconic Crusher!

Cloud Piercer rolled to the side, but he was immediately welcomed by Lord Grim.

There's an opening in the middle. Charge through!

Right when Zhou Zekai thought this, Steamed Bun Invasion appeared in front of him.

Unlike Ye Xiu and Tang Rou, Steamed Bun didn't have a clear goal in mind. However, he would follow wherever his boss went. Steamed Bun was top-class in this regard. As a result, Steamed Bun wasn't much slower in switching focus to Cloud Piercer. Ye Xiu moved fast, so he moved fast too.

Powerful Knee Strike!

In the blink of an eye, Steamed Bun Invasion reached Cloud Piercer. The opening was sealed shut. Zhou Zekai could only have Cloud Piercer quickly step back. He had to dodge this attack first. A Grenade seemed to accidentally slip out from his hands.

Boom!

The grenade exploded. Steamed Bun Invasion jumped back. Lord Grim dodged to the left. Soft Mist dodged to the right.

But Happy's offense didn't stop. Lord Grim used Sword Draw. Soft Mist swept across with Tyrant's Destruction. The two attacks intersected.

Forward, left, right, neither of those directions would do. Cloud Piercer could only continue retreating.

Boom!

Another Grenade exploded.

When Cloud Piercer "accidentally" left behind a Grenade, Ye Xiu's Lord Grim "accidentally" tossed a Grenade as well. The timing was just right.

Cloud Piercer was sent tumbling by the explosion. Even so, his two guns continued to spit fire, shooting bullets towards Soft Mist and Lord Grim.

The two dodged and attacked again. This time, every direction was sealed. Cloud Piercer was pincerred in the middle. Zhou Zekai could only watch as Steamed Bun Invasion charge over and grab Cloud Piercer by the throat.

Strangle!

His defense decreased by 50%. It was the perfect opportunity to dish out damage. Dancing Rain's artillery fire descended.

A cold light tore through the explosions. Samsara's support had come. The first to arrive was Cruel Silence, starting with a "Rend." The Level 75 skill sliced towards Soft Mist. Empty Waves' Fire Wave Slash also swept towards her.

Regardless of Tang Rou's mentality, whether she attacked or retreated, she was still Samsara's main target.

Tang Rou showed no fear. She would fight one. She would fight two. She would fight whoever came her way. Health didn't matter. She didn't have time to worry about any of that.

Dragon Breaks the Ranks!

Soft Mist used Dragon Breaks the Ranks at close distance. To get to Cloud Piercer, she forced her way past Cruel Silence's Rend and Empty Waves' Fire Wave Slash.

Cloud Piercer dodged. He raised his gun towards Soft Mist's head. A Thunder Snipe at near point-blank range.

But before the snipe went off, his gun was knocked aside by Soft Mist's spear.

Zhou Zekai was astonished. What incredible awareness!

The awareness to attack first! The awareness to deal as much damage as possible in the shortest amount of time!

Tang Rou knew that she would likely be the next to leave the battlefield. Before she left, she would do her best to injure Samsara and weaken them.

Empty Waves had the least health on Samsara. He was Happy's most convenient target. Jiang Botao understood this point. He wasn't as fierce as Tang Rou. He did what a low-health character should do. He kept his distance, and wasn't overly aggressive.

As a result, Happy had to give up on focusing Empty Waves.

Tang Rou's thoughts were simple. She wouldn't let a single second go to waste. She wanted Soft Mist dealing damage every moment she was still alive.

Thus, she used Dragon Breaks the Ranks to get past Cruel Silence and reach Cloud Piercer.

Cloud Piercer moved to the side. Tang Rou didn't want to continue wasting time with Dragon Breaks the Ranks. She immediately cancelled the skill, and chased after Cloud Piercer.

Zhou Zekai's Cloud Piercer had just taken out his sniper rifle. He was just about to aim, when more attacks arrived...

Chapter 1715: The More Targets, The More Damage

Attack.

Soft Mist sent a storm of attacks towards Cloud Piercer. Cloud Piercer had already switched out his guns for a sniper rifle, indicating that Thunder Snipe had been used. However, he didn't fire the shot, wasting the skill..

This was an extremely rare sight for Zhou Zekai. To Samsara's fans, this was a grave matter, but to Tang Rou, it was nothing special.

72%.

Tang Rou glanced at Cloud Piercer's health. She didn't want to just interrupt his attacks. She wanted to take his life.

Of course, Tang Round understood that this goal was a bit out of reach, but the greater the challenge, the better.

Falling Flower Palm!

Her spear knocked aside Cloud Piercer's weapon. With her other hand, Soft Mist followed with a palm.

Cloud Piercer retreated rapidly.

Wasting a high-level skill like Thunder Snipe was unfortunate. The skill had only just gotten off cooldown. However, Zhou Zekai made the right choice and cancelled the skill. He could have still gotten the snipe on a different target, but if he wanted to dodge Soft Mist's attack, he could only cancel it.

Zhou Zekai felt the threat coming from Tang Rou.

He had been restrained under Soft Mist's pressure, and took the initiative to give up on the snipe.

By cancelling the skill, Cloud Piercer was able to dodge the Falling Flower Palm. The sniper rifle was put away. With Wildfire in his left hand and Shattered Frost in his right hand, he aimed towards Soft Mist.

The two guns fired. Soft Mist crouched down. She was actually able to dodge the bullets at this distance.

Dancing Fire Flowing Flames pierced through the air, Dragon Tooth!

Cloud Piercer was already floating back. When he attacked, he had jumped back as well. He was using Aerial Fire to widen the distance between them.

Dragon Tooth missed. Double Stab!

Fiery red afterimages were left behind. Behind Soft Mist, a pitch-black light soared through the air.

Evil Annihilation!

Sun Xiang's One Autumn Leaf had been blown back the farthest by the Implosion Grenade. He had finally made his way back. His aim was still Soft Mist, the character with the lowest health.

Tang Rou sensed the attack.

She was familiar with Battle Mage skills, and she had exceptional hearing abilities.

It was a Dragon Tooth. It was faster, and it would interrupt her Double Stab.

But Tang Rou wouldn't let it interrupt her though. Soft Mist continued with her attack. Dodging would affect Double Stab's speed, and she wouldn't be able to hit Cloud Piercer. As for One Autumn Leaf, Tang Rou was confident that someone would deal with him. Wasn't Ye Xiu by her side? How could he not notice?

Tang Rou's confidence in Ye Xiu was very reasonable.

Soft Mist's Double Stab was faster. One Autumn Leaf's Dragon Tooth was even faster. But the fastest was still Lord Grim.

Sun Xiang saw a blur, and a figure suddenly appeared in front of him. The figure didn't stop as if he were just passing by. However, the weapon in the figure's hands collided against Evil Annihilation. With a gentle ring, his Dragon Tooth was knocked askew.

Shining Cut!

Lord Grim was moving while attacking, blocking One Autumn Leaf's attack. As soon as he knocked aside the Dragon Tooth, his umbrella transformed into its gun form. Bang bang bang, three Anti-Tank Missiles fired towards Cloud Piercer. Then, he turned and jumped, using Collapsing Mountain towards One Autumn Leaf.

In the blink of an eye, he chained together three attacks while moving. When he jumped up with Collapsing Mountain, everyone was still looking at the Shining Cut colliding with One Autumn Leaf's Dragon Tooth! Lord Grim's attacks were faster than what people could keep up with.

Boom boom boom!

The three Anti-Tank Missiles exploded. Soft Mist's Double Stab hit, and the three Anti-Tank Missiles also hit. Cloud Piercer fell to the ground and rolled to neutralize the knockback from the attacks. Tang Rou didn't let go. Soft Mist continued to give chase. On the other hand, Lord Grim's Collapsing Mountain was dodged by One Autumn Leaf, who followed with a Tyrant's Destruction at both Lord Grim and Soft Mist. Lord Grim stepped to the side. He placed the sword form of the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella in front of him. Guard!

Lord Grim slid back. The Tyrant's Destruction was blocked by Guard, and naturally wouldn't be able to reach Soft Mist.

Soft Mist's assault continued. She showed no mercy, repeatedly using skills. Magic Chasers continued to fly. For a moment, Zhou Zekai was suppressed by her. Cloud Piercer was forced to dodge most of the time.

Samsara's fans were dumbstruck. They weren't used to seeing such a sight.

He was being suppressed?

No...

Not exactly. Zhou Zekai could fight back, but he chose not to. He was intentionally controlling the distance between Cloud Piercer and Soft Mist, waiting for the right moment.

Cruel Silence.

Wu Qi's Cruel Silence had finally come back after being sent flying by Dragon Breaks the Ranks. As a teammate, he quickly understood Zhou Zekai's intentions. He didn't charge directly at Tang Rou. He was waiting for the right moment, where he could kill Soft Mist in one move.

Cruel Silence rushed back. Jiang Botao's Empty Waves was constantly adjusting his movements. Zhou Zekai was waiting for an opportunity where the entire team could coordinate with each other.

Now!

Cloud Piercer suddenly raised his two guns. Jiang Botao's Empty Waves swung his shortsword, Divine Chains. Cruel Silence brandished his dagger and suddenly accelerated.

Oh?

Tang Rou sensed it.

One, two, three...

Are they all coming?

Perfect. Her DPS against three targets would be higher than against just one target, no?

Tang Rou sensed Samsara's intent. She wasn't afraid, though. She didn't run away. Instead, she thought of it as an opportunity to deal even more damage. To her, Samsara's focus-fire was like a bunch of little minions taking the initiative to group up for her.

One Wave Rush!

Soft Mist rushed forward, swinging her spear. Wisps of fire would occasionally leap into the air.

She continued to attack. Even if the enemy side was focusing her, she didn't retreat.

Perhaps it was brave, or perhaps it was reckless. But this was indeed the best way that Tang Rou could help the team win.

No one in Happy stopped her. Dancing Rain, Steamed Bun Invasion, and Lord Grim, who was fighting against One Autumn Leaf and supporting her from time to time, all three of them were coordinating with Soft Mist.

Soft Mist had the lowest health on the battlefield. She was the easiest target for Samsara to put Happy on the defensive. But in Tang Rou's hands, Samsara was welcomed by Happy's most formidable counterattack.

More targets meant more damage to deal! Tang Rou took the logic from the game and placed it into a pro match. Zhou Zekai? Wu Qi? Jiang Botao? Even if there were more, she wasn't afraid! It was too bad that Sun Xiang couldn't join in!

Kill!

Tang Rou didn't have a set target. Her only goal was to deal as much damage as possible. Soft Mist's health fell rapidly, but the damage that she dealt was far more than the damage she took.

The last one!

Most of her skills were on cooldown. She only had a few hitpoints left. This attack would be her last.

Rising Dragon Soars the Sky!

Her final attack was this Level 70 skill. Fiery magic gathered in the shape of a dragon. Wu Qi saw his screen turn scarlet red. The attack was aimed at him.

Dodge!

He had to dodge. However, Steamed Bun Invasion was aggressively pouncing at him. Dancing Rain's artillery fire was raining down. The others on Happy supported Tang Rou's final attack with attacks of their own. Cruel Silence had nowhere to run. But at this moment, Wu Qi saw what his teammates were doing.

Light Wave Slash!

Burst Firing!

Empty Waves and Cloud Piercer had sent out extremely fast attacks. Wu Qi saw Soft Mist's health.

They can!

These two attacks could kill Soft Mist, but the question was whether the attacks would kill her before the Rising Dragon Soars the Sky hit him.

Which one would be faster?

The attacks on both sides were fast. Wu Qi wasn't sure what the answer was. He only knew that he should try and win as much time as possible, even if it was just by 0.1 seconds!

Cruel Silence tried to gain as much time as possible by moving away. But the Rising Dragon Soars the Sky finally arrived. The fiery dragon was just about to swallow him.

Hit!

Light Wave Slash hit.

Cloud Piercer's Burst Firing had also hit.

I'm saved!

Wu Qi was elated. However, Cruel Silence was still engulfed by the magic.

How?

The magic burst apart. Cruel Silence's health dropped violently. He found it hard to believe. He wasn't sure which of the attacks was faster, but he knew that the two attacks were more than enough to kill Soft Mist!

Yes, more than enough.

Soft Mist remained standing in the same posture after using Rising Dragon Soars the Sky. Her health had dropped to zero.

Soft Mist had fallen, but traces of holy light remained on her.

Traces of healing...

Lord Grim's healing was for moments like these.

Chapter 1716: The Result Isn't Too Good

Ye Xiu's Lord Grim healed at the last moment. He wasn't able to save Soft Mist's life, but the additional health was enough for Soft Mist to survive until the Rising Dragon Soars the Sky hit Cruel Silence.

Magic exploded outwards. This was her final glimmer of radiance. Her health had fallen to zero, but the damage from this attack was fully realized.

Is she dead?

Samsara's players didn't dare to be certain. Soft Mist's health had indeed fallen to zero, but she was still standing, holding her final stance with Dancing Fire Flowing Flames pointed forward.

Just to be sure, Zhou Zekai fired another shot.

The bullet hit Soft Mist. She didn't make any movements to dodge. The momentum of the bullet knocked her down.

Dead...

Soft Mist had fallen. Tang Rou's viewpoint was rising into the air. Just like this, she saw Soft Mist fall to the last bullet.

So this is it.

Tang Rou let go of her mouse.

Unfortunately, she wouldn't be able to fight until the end. However, this feeling of putting in everything she had wasn't bad.

We'll win!

Tang Rou was filled with anticipation. She realized that her confidence in her team was probably greater than her confidence in herself.

We'll definitely win! She believed firmly.

However, there weren't many people who thought the same as her.

Too reckless.

Whether it was Samsara's players or the spectating pro players, even Happy's Fang Rui and Wei Chen, when these experienced players viewed Happy's play from a normal logical standpoint, they felt like Happy had indeed been reckless.

A nearly dead character threw caution to the wind and actually became even more aggressive. And her teammates? They didn't stop her. In fact, they supported her.

Everyone agreed that this play had been a powerful show of force. Tang Rou used her 28% health to inflict damage totaling much more than 28% to Samsara.

Zhou Zekai's Cloud Piercer went from 72% to 51%.

After Wu Qi's Cruel Silence ate that final Rising Dragon Soars the Sky, his health dropped to 32%.

The loss in health from these two characters was much more than Soft Mist's 28%.

However, no one had died. That was an extremely big difference.

If all of that damage had been focused on Cloud Piercer or Cruel Silence, Happy might have been able to bring one of them down. In that case, Tang Rou's last stand would have been very successful.

However, even though she had dealt a significant amount of damage, after losing her, Happy was now at a numbers disadvantage.

Looking at their health values, Samsara's side: Cloud Piercer – 51%, Cruel Silence – 32%, One Autumn Leaf – 70%, Empty Waves – 40%.

Happy's side: Lord Grim – 71%, Dancing Rain – 82%, Steamed Bun Invasion – 81%.

For Samsara, their health totaled 193%. For Happy, their health totaled 234%.

However, Samsara had an extra person.

This numbers advantage was enough to wipe away that bit of difference in health. An extra player meant an extra source of DPS, an extra source of attack or defense, an extra variable to consider.

If you asked a pro player, or even a normal player, to choose a side in this situation, 99% of them would choose the side with an extra player, rather than the side with one fewer player but more total health.

Moreover, it hadn't been Happy's choice to be the latter. The circumstances had forced it. They obviously knew that a numbers advantage was much more valuable than a health advantage.

Even though the outcome wasn't the best and Happy seemed reckless, no one felt like this recklessness was inappropriate.

If they hadn't been reckless, what else could they have done?

Focus a character and trade Soft Mist for someone on Samsara?

How could Happy not have wanted a trade instead? It was clearly because there was no such opportunity to do so. The conditions weren't there.

Tang Rou wasn't Fang Rui. If it were Fang Rui, this master of playing dirty, he would have been able to survive with 28% health for a very long time. However, stalling wasn't Tang Rou's specialty. Battle Mages were useless from far away. That was why she chose to go with what she was best at.

Attack!

Tang Rou fought until the last moment. In any case, injuring Samsara was better than sacrificing herself for nothing. Moreover, her frenzied offense could have potentially opened up opportunities. Samsara had endured a huge amount of pressure in order to kill her.

Good thing she only had 28% of her health!

After finally killing Soft Mist, Wu Qi's first thought was to celebrate. If Soft Mist had a bit more health, if Tang Rou had kept up that frenzied assault for any longer, Cruel Silence may have died along with her.

Good thing...

No, not just good, things couldn't be better.

They had endured Tang Rou's final stand and finished off Soft Mist. They had the numbers advantage now. Their situation was great.

What next...

Ye Xiu's Lord Grim was still fighting with One Autumn Leaf. Su Mucheng's Dancing Rain was rather far. In his eyes, Steamed Bun Invasion was the most annoying enemy. If not for that bastard's interference, he would have certainly been able to avoid that Rising Dragon Soars the Sky.

Go die!

Cruel Silence brandished his dagger, Heart-Piercing Stab!

Wu Qi could almost hear Steamed Bun's anguished cry when the dagger struck his heart. But when he looked, Steamed Bun Invasion had run away.

Heart-Piercing Stab missed. Wu Qi was in a daze for a good second.

In a pro match, one second wasn't short. One second was enough to do all sorts of things.

Because Wu Qi really hadn't expected Steamed Bun Invasion to turn and run.

Cruel Silence only had 32% of his health left. He had the lowest health on Samsara. In theory, shouldn't Happy be focusing him next? Even if Happy wasn't in a hurry to, Steamed Bun Invasion was so close to him. It would be extremely convenient for Steamed Bun Invasion to attack him! Even if really did intend on running, shouldn't he at least attack once before running?

But Steamed Bun Invasion ran away immediately, free and at ease.

Was he scared?

During this one second, the thought had come up for only a brief instant before he abandoned it.

Scared?

It wasn't hard to see a player's personality from how their characters moved. This Steamed Bun, let alone him, he didn't even give a fart about Zhou Zekai. He was just that carefree, doing whatever he wanted, not caring about anyone else. For example, right now! If you're going to run, shouldn't you at least attack a bit first!

During this one second, Steamed Bun had run quite a bit. When Wu Qi came to his senses again, Steamed Bun was helping Ye Xiu fight Sun Xiang.

One Autumn Leaf, the healthiest character on Samsara.

What the fuck is he thinking?

Wu Qi truly didn't understand.

Chapter 1717: Breakthrough

Wu Qi simply couldn't understand Steamed Bun's actions. However, for the viewers, Steamed Bun ignoring Wu Qi was actually quite logical.

His Steamed Bun Invasion had been positioned close to where Soft Mist was killed. Cloud Piercer and Empty Waves could easily switch targets to Steamed Bun Invasion and form a pincer. Along with support

from Wu Qi's Cruel Silence, even if they failed to kill Steamed Bun Invasion in one go, they would certainly be able to injure him severely.

Steamed Bun was quite quick to catch on, and Steamed Bun Invasion quickly left his original position. But still, throwing out an attack at Cruel Silence wouldn't have delayed his retreat much. Throwing out an attack would have slowed down Cruel Silence's pursuit as well.

Steamed Bun hadn't attacked, but it didn't hinder him in any way. By doing nothing, he actually confused Wu Qi. In fact, compared to throwing out a skill, this confusion hindered Wu Qi more.

Then, Steamed Bun Invasion began targeting One Autumn Leaf. Wu Qi didn't understand this, and neither did the viewers. One Autumn Leaf had the most health on Samsara. As the side with the numbers disadvantage, Happy shouldn't be going after him.

In contrast, the players on Happy understood why Steamed Bun had made this decision.

"If you don't know what to do, just follow me."

This was what Ye Xiu had told Steamed Bun in case Steamed Bun ever got confused.

Steamed Bun was doing exactly as he was told.

Wu Qi may have been stunned by Steamed Bun's actions, but Zhou Zekai and Jiang Botao weren't.

Steamed Bun Invasion's speed had been surprising, but the two had ranged attacks. Just because the target had suddenly moved unexpectedly didn't mean that the target would immediately escape from their attack range. There was still time to adjust their aim.

The pincer from Samsara's Sharpshooter and Spellblade quickly formed.

Cloud Piercer shot after Steamed Bun Invasion, while Empty Waves made predictive attacks with his wave slashes to obstruct Steamed Bun Invasion's movements.

By then, Wu Qi had come to his senses again. Cruel Silence immediately gave chase. However, at this moment, Dancing Rain's artillery fire aimed towards him.

Steamed Bun's target switching was a what-do-I-do decision. After all, the advice "if you don't know what to do, just follow me" wasn't exactly the precursor for brilliant teamwork. As a result, Su Mucheng didn't go and support Steamed Bun. Happy's next target should be Cruel Silence, who had the lowest health on Samsara, not One Autumn Leaf. That was a certainty.

As a result, Su Mucheng threw everything she had at Cruel Silence.

However, just her alone wasn't efficient enough. Between Zhou Zekai and Jiang Botao, the whole was certainly greater than the sum of its parts. Although Steamed Bun Invasion had more health than Cruel Silence, the two would likely be able to kill him first. Even if both sides completed a trade, Happy already had one fewer player to begin with.

Samsara had been unwilling to do a trade before, but now, they were more than happy to take it. When one side had the numbers advantage, the other side would only be willing to make a trade if there was no other choice.

Happy needed some sort of change to happen. If they continued like this, they would definitely lose.

Happy didn't want this situation to last, but Samsara definitely did. They were more than content with the current circumstances.

Between Cruel Silence and Steamed Bun Invasion, no one knew who would be the first to fall. However, Sun Xiang stopping Ye Xiu was extremely important as well. If Ye Xiu was let loose, who knew what he would do.

Don't think you can get past me!

Sun Xiang was determined. He had been waiting for the day where he would completely defeat Ye Xiu. Being unable to defeat him had cast a shadow on his heart. This shadow bound him, stifled him. Even when he won, he never felt like he was truly happy. He would always think to himself, if it were Ye Xiu's One Autumn Leaf, would things have gone differently?

Now, he understood that One Autumn Leaf didn't only just possess a powerful strength. One Autumn Leaf was a symbol of invincibility, the Battle God that had swept the Alliance. Even when Ye Xiu's later achievements weren't as good as before, he still had to bear that burden. Let alone Sun Xiang, who, after taking the account, had been relegated and defeated in the Challenger League. His achievements had been beyond terrible.

There was no way that shadow wouldn't exist on him.

Inheriting a new account card was as simple as having that account in your hands. However, inheriting a character, especially one such as One Autumn Leaf, was the same as inheriting its former glory. It was a pressure that would bear down on the inheritor.

Sun Xiang had underestimated the significance behind what the character symbolized. He had thought that he could easily do better. But reality wasn't nearly as simple as he had imagined.

He had experienced failure after failure, growing under the weight of this pressure.

One Autumn Leaf, the invincible Battle God.

He might not be able to emulate this glory, but he refused to be crushed under its weight.

He might not be able to beat Ye Xiu, but he wasn't going to let him get past so easily.

Sun Xiang saw Lord Grim dodge. Lord Grim was planning on quickly changing directions to get to his side. He swung his spear, Tyrant's Destruction!

Lord Grim was forced to a stop. Then, he changed directions again!

He moved extremely fast, perhaps even fast enough to outspeed the Tyrant's Destruction.

But the Tyrant's Destruction vanished. Sun Xiang reacted extremely fast. As soon as he saw Lord Grim respond, he cancelled Tyrant's Destruction and chased after him with a different skill.

Falling Flower Palm!

He stepped forward and pushed out a palm, using his entire body to block Lord Grim. In an instant, Lord Grim had no way to move forward.

A watertight defense.

No one could point out any faults. Sun Xiang had let go of his ambitions. He was no longer trying to defeat Ye Xiu. Right now, his only goal was to hold his ground and prevent Lord Grim from getting past him. This unprecedented level of concentration was making him play at an unprecedented level of skill.

Falling Flower Palm shot out.

This attack didn't seem to just be a wall. It didn't seem like Lord Grim would even be able to dodge it.

Lord Grim could only try and parry it.

Falling Flower Palm!

Lord Grim also threw out his own Falling Flower Palm. However, he had acted later. The power of his Falling Flower Palm couldn't compare to One Autumn Leaf's. Lord Grim was slightly weaker in attack power than One Autumn Leaf too.

Boom!

The two palms collided. The friction between the clashing magic let out violent sounds. With both characters using the same skill, Lord Grim was losing to One Autumn Leaf as expected. He wasn't sent flying, but he kept sliding back. His two feet left two ditches in the ground.

But at this moment, the eyes of many of the experts lit up.

Chance!

Widening the distance was a good way to get past an enemy's blockade. Lord Grim had numerous movement skills in his kit. It wouldn't be hard for him to circle around One Autumn Leaf.

Sure enough, Ye Xiu saw the opportunity as well. Lord Grim retreated back a bit before steady himself, Charge!

He didn't use Charge towards One Autumn Leaf. Instead, he moved diagonally. He was clearly planning on going around.

One Autumn Leaf stepped to the side, extending his spear to its limit. One Autumn Leaf was attacking at his maximum range.

Circle Swing!

This high-priority grab skill stabbed towards Lord Grim.

Not enough time.

The experts with accurate judgement could tell that there wasn't enough time for Lord Grim to change directions and dodge. Sun Xiang was too focused. His reaction speed was too fast. His calculations were completely on point.

He could only change directions!

If Lord Grim turned, he would need to cancel Charge. Relying on adjusting his trajectory wouldn't be enough to dodge the Circle Swing.

But even with this turn, he wouldn't be able to dodge this Circle Swing. However, instead of a turn, it was more like a jump to the side.

Shining Cut!

An Assassin skill. A cold light flashed. He was planning on outspeeding the Circle Swing. Then, he would change directions and break through.

That was what everyone thought. However, after the Circle Swing missed, Sun Xiang quickly followed with another attack.

Dragon Breaks the Ranks!

One Autumn Leaf used this high-level skill, pressing forward in close pursuit.

Right angle turn?

Impossible. No angle would be able to avoid this Dragon Break the Ranks. The hitbox of the attack wasn't just the tip of the spear. The powerful clash between the battle magic and the surrounding air were all hitboxes for this skill.

Stop and go backwards!

Lord Grim didn't make a right angle. He didn't look for an angle. He stopped and ran back.

This sort of high speed displacement tested the opponent's reaction speed and hand speed. However, Sun Xiang was extremely focused right now. He was able to quickly sense even the smallest changes and respond promptly.

Dragon Breaks the Ranks, turn!

Tang Rou often changed direction mid-attack, and Sun Xiang could do it as well. With this turn, Lord Grim happened to be caught.

Too late. Sun Xiang's reaction speed and hand speed was too fast. There was no time for Ye Xiu to react and respond.

Ye Xiu failed to break through...

Countless people gripped their hearts as they watched this scene. At this moment, their hearts sank. The outcome was plain as day.

Yes, the outcome was plain as day.

Lord Grim and One Autumn Leaf brushed past each other.

He dodged it???

The crowd went into an uproar. Many of the pro players were stunned. They were impatiently waiting for the slow-motion replay to be shown.

The slow-motion replay appeared.

After One Autumn Leaf adjusted the direction of his Dragon Breaks the Ranks, had there been no openings?

No. Lord Grim moved the moment One Autumn Leaf changed direction. He had moved in the opposite direction. He had changed direction as well.

Colliding Stab.

Another movement skill. Lord Grim and One Autumn Leaf brushed past each other. In that instant, the two looked like they were touching, as if they were a pair of Siamese twins. But in the blink of an eye, the two passed by each other in opposite directions.

Dodged?

Sun Xiang was stunned. He had left no openings with Dragon Breaks the Ranks? No. It was Lord Grim's final change in direction that hadn't left any openings.

After changing the direction of Dragon Breaks the Ranks, there indeed hadn't been any openings. But what about before? Lord Grim had seized an opening before the change. Ye Xiu had realized that there was room for him to adjust, so he did it ahead of time. There hadn't been any openings after adjusting Dragon Ranks the Ranks, but there were openings before...

Chapter 1718: Screensaver Coordination

He broke through!

The two characters dashed past each other. By the time Sun Xiang cancelled Dragon Breaks the Ranks and turned around, Ye Xiu had already run quite far. Lord Grim didn't wait for the Colliding Stab to finish before switching to a different skill.

Slide Kick!

It was also a movement skill. Although it was slower than Charge and Colliding Stab, Slide Kick was a Gunner skill, meaning that he could start shooting from afar with his Myriad Manifestations Umbrella in its gun form.

Floating Bullet, Stun Bullet.

Both skills could disrupt a target's offensive tempo, and couldn't be ignored. Zhou Zekai had noticed Lord Grim's movements, however. Both shots were dodged by Cloud Piercer.

Now that Lord Grim was closer, Zhou Zekai prepared himself for a fight with him. Then, he saw Lord Grim shoot upward, jumping while in the middle of Slide Kick.

Using a skill to its completion made it easy for the opponent to predict. Cancelling a skill was a technique that every pro player was adept at. It was necessary to create mix-ups.

Ye Xiu cancelled the Slide Kick ahead of time. The airborne Lord Grim swung his arms.

Ninja Tool – Smoke Bomb.

A cloud of purple smoke quickly spread, enveloping Cloud Piercer inside and blinding him. Zhou Zekai had Cloud Piercer hastily escape from the Smoke Bomb's range. But by the time he got out, Lord Grim had disappeared.

He's inside the Smoke Bomb...

Zhou Zekai didn't need to ask to know the answer. Cloud Piercer immediately started firing at the smoke cloud. However, Ye Xiu clearly didn't have any grand or complicated plans for this Smoke Bomb. He simply used it as cover so that he could continue forward without interference.

His target was Cruel Silence!

Lord Grim's target was obvious. He dashed into the Smoke Bomb from one end and dashed out from the other end. His Myriad Manifestations Umbrella transformed into its gun form, firing two shots towards Jiang Botao's Empty Waves. A message popped up in Happy's chat at the same time: "Steamed Bun, follow me!"

Not just him, but Steamed Bun as well. The entirety of Happy was going to focus Cruel Silence.

Happy's intentions were clear. Next, Samsara would need to respond. Zhou Zekai and Jiang Botao didn't immediately rush over. They moved to the left and right, keeping their distance as they continued to attack. Sun Xiang's One Autumn Leaf had been shaken off by Lord Grim earlier. He had already turned around, and was now giving chase. However, Smoke Bomb covered a large area. Would Ye Xiu not have done anything to it? Lord Grim had low-level skills from all classes. It was likely that he placed down a few Thief traps or Ninja Caltrops.

But Sun Xiang didn't hesitate. One Autumn Leaf rushed into the smoke, and then out of it.

He didn't meet any obstacles as he dashed through the Smoke Bomb. Sun Xiang didn't know whether he was just lucky, or if Ye Xiu hadn't placed any traps. He only knew that circling around the Smoke Bomb would delay him, widening the distance between One Autumn Leaf and Lord Grim even further. This was what Ye Xiu wanted.

If that was what the enemy wanted, then he had to do his utmost to do the opposite. It was a very simple but effective principle to follow in a competitive match. The fastest way to catch up was to directly charge through the Smoke Bomb, so that's what Sun Xiang did even if it did mean charging into the unknown.

I'm out!

As soon as he got out from the Smoke Bomb, his vision cleared. Sun Xiang's heart pounded. Ahead, Wu Qi's Cruel Silence was ready for what was to come. He was heading towards Sun Xiang to meet up with him. Zhou Zekai and Jiang Botao were flanking from the left and right. It was a classic offensive cross

formation. This was Samsara's response. Right now, they weren't afraid of a clash with Happy because they had an extra player over them.

Charge!

One Autumn Leaf didn't slow down. Sun Xiang felt regretful that he had just used Dragon Breaks the Ranks, otherwise, his opener would have been even fiercer. But his other option was no weaker than Dragon Breaks the Ranks.

Rising Dragon Soars the Sky!

One Autumn Leaf used Soft Mist's final move before her death. The magic dragon formed from Evil Annihilation was black as it roared and rushed out.

Whether it was Lord Grim or Steamed Bun Invasion, neither of them could afford taking the hit. Sun Xiang wasn't hoping for the attack to land. His goal was to tear apart Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion's suppression of Cruel Silence. Cruel Silence didn't have much health to begin with. If Happy's three characters focused him, it wouldn't take long for him to die, and Samsara needed to maintain their numbers advantage. If Samsara lost their numbers advantage so easily, their health disadvantage would be much more apparent.

Zhou Zekai and Jiang Botao upped their aggression. Maintaining their numbers advantage was the priority, but lowering the enemy's health was extremely important as well. It would serve as a foundation for future changes.

The attacks from different areas converged towards the center.

Cloud Piercer and Empty Waves were long-ranged. Happy couldn't do much to stop them. Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion had originally planned on pinning down Cruel Silence and then quickly killing him, but One Autumn Leaf's Rising Dragon Soars the Sky couldn't be ignored. One left, one right, the two dodged. An opening appeared. Wu Qi had been waiting for this opening, and immediately seized it. He moved in the opposite direction of the Rising Dragon Soars the Sky to break past Happy.

Dragon Raises Its Head, or even Dragon Turns Its Head?

When Samsara's fans saw Sun Xiang's One Autumn Leaf use Rising Dragon Soars the Sky, they had a feeling of hope.

But their hopes were extinguished.

After rescuing Cruel Silence, Sun Xiang unexpectedly cancelled the Rising Dragon Soars the Sky. The Level 70 skill had failed to hit its target, so he gave up on it.

Much of the crowd felt that it was a pity, but the pro players knew that Sun Xiang cancelling the skill was the most effective usage of it. His goal wasn't to attack the enemy, but to protect Cruel Silence.

By cancelling the skill, the ending lag wouldn't be as long. One Autumn Leaf leapt forward.

Despite being caught in the pincer from Cloud Piercer and Empty Waves, Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion had no choice but to turn around and continue chasing after Cloud Piercer. It didn't seem like they had any better options.

Double Stab!

One Autumn Leaf attacked both targets simultaneously. Cruel Silence took this opportunity to get behind One Autumn Leaf. Wu Qi was planning on resetting the tempo and re-establishing his offense. He wasn't as reckless as Tang Rou. He wanted to establish himself a support behind One Autumn Leaf.

Dodge!

One left, one right. Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion refused to let go of Cruel Silence. One chased from behind, while the other tried to circle to the front. One Autumn Leaf looked like he was being treated as a wall. Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion didn't seem to pay too much attention to Cloud Piercer's and Empty Waves' attacks either.

Samsara had the numbers advantage, but Happy had their own advantage: more health.

Because they had more health, they were willing to trade their health for a more impactful outcome. As a result, they were willing to take the damage.

I don't think so!

Ye Xiu had gotten past Sun Xiang once. This time, Sun Xiang would need to stop both Ye Xiu and Steamed Bun from getting past him. There was Su Mucheng interfering as well. It wouldn't be too far-fetched to consider this a 1v3.

But Sun Xiang's conviction was firm. He was going to be this unbreakable wall, and let Wu Qi finish switching to his new role.

He placed Evil Annihilation in front of him. Suddenly, Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion switched places.

Switch places?

Sun Xiang was confused.

Why?

To dodge? With this switch, the two dodged the attacks from Cloud Piercer and Empty Waves.

But...

Do you think I'm nothing but air? Switching places in front of me. Do you think I'm dead?

One Autumn Leaf acted.

But Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion acted even faster.

They weren't switching places, but attacking!

Their target: One Autumn Leaf!

Trade health to hold them off?

The thought crossed Sun Xiang's mind. After all, his One Autumn Leaf was relatively healthy. He could hold them off for a bit.

But he quickly threw the thought aside. Lord Grim and Steamed Bun both had control skills. Relying on trading his health to hold them off wouldn't work.

He needed to attack to hold them off. He needed to attack to stall for time. Weren't Lord Grim and Steamed Bun trading their health? In that case, he would attack to consume even more of their health.

Dragon Rises from the Sea!

With a tremble, magic splashed around Evil Annihilation like water.

Lord Grim's Myriad Manifestations Umbrella immediately opened with a whoosh. He was going to face Dragon Rises from the Sea with the umbrella's shield form. At the same time, the canopy crashed towards One Autumn Leaf.

Shield Strike?

The skill could inflict Dizzy. It had to be dodged. One Autumn Leaf hastily retreated.

The umbrella canopy immediately retracted, and a hand reached out.

Steamed Bun Invasion, Strangle.

"Careful!" Sun Xiang's teammate warned him in the team chat.

Sun Xiang didn't panic. It was a Shield Strike. He had noticed it, and had been ready for it. One Autumn Leaf dodged to the side.

Steamed Bun Invasion's outstretched hand grabbed nothing but air, but One Autumn Leaf was still held by the throat. Lord Grim's Strangle...

After retracting the canopy, Lord Grim transformed the umbrella into its tonfa form. Lord Grim's hand seemed to follow the length of the tonfa. It wasn't as if Sun Xiang wasn't wary of Lord Grim making an attack after the Shield Strike, but he hadn't expected this sort of coordination.

One Autumn Leaf was grabbed by the throat, but Steamed Bun Invasion didn't stop. His hand was still stretched out.

Not good!

Sun Xiang suddenly realized.

Lord Grim had lifted his umbrella, using its shield form as cover to grab One Autumn Leaf by the throat. And now, Steamed Bun Invasion was also using a shield to grab Cruel Silence's throat. In his case, his shield was One Autumn Leaf.

Hit!

Cruel Silence had been sticking close to One Autumn Leaf, so most of his vision was covered by One Autumn Leaf's back. Right when he made the realization, a hand reached out towards him.

No matter how fast Wu Qi reacted, he would be too late. Cruel Silence had been moving too fast. Whether he tried to stop or use a skill, he would run right into Steamed Bun Invasion's grasp.

Boom!

A Satellite Beam descended from the sky.

Dancing Rain had no good opportunities to act, so Samsara had been relatively lax towards her. As a result, Su Mucheng was given the freedom to coordinate with Happy's offense. A powerful high-level skill at the perfect moment, engulfing both One Autumn Leaf and Cruel Silence. Under the effects of Strangle, both their characters had their defense reduced by 50%.

As Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion Strangled their opponents, they punched and kicked as well.

Zhou Zekai and Jiang Botao immediately tried to separate them, but both Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion had activated Reinforced Iron Bones. There was no way to interrupt them. The battle had turned into a contest of DPS.

Chapter 1719: Team Kiting

In terms of overall combat ability, Samsara was of course stronger. In terms of numbers, they were also one player up. But right now, Ye Xiu and Steamed Bun were each restraining one of Samsara's players with a Strangle.

Strangle didn't completely lock the target's movements. One Autumn Leaf and Cruel Silence could still struggle and launch a few attacks. At the same time, during the Strangle, Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion could also continue to attack their targets.

Not only did Strangle lower the target's defense by 50%, it also lowered their attack by 50%. And Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion? They still had Reinforced Iron Bones activated, which raised their physical defense by quite a bit.

To make a long story short.

Samsara's characters were strong, they had one more player, but Happy, by using this Strangle to catch two of Samsara's players, were able to match Samsara in terms of damage dealt.

Just a few seconds.

By the time Wu Qi's Cruel Silence finally managed to escape from the Strangle, his health was already depleted.

Rend Kill Dodge Flash Exterminate!

In the end, he still tried to use a powerful attack, to make a final desperate attempt. But he only managed a "Rend" before his health hit zero.

In this one moment, because they hadn't defended against Happy's Screensaver strategy, because they'd been caught by two Strangles, Samsara's numbers advantage was erased in the blink of an eye.

One Autumn Leaf, who had originally had a lot of health, had lost quite a bit in this one attack. However, overall Happy had been focused on killing Cruel Silence. Lord Grim had locked One Autumn Leaf in a Strangle, but his attacks had still primarily targeted Cruel Silence.

Cruel Silence was killed for good, and One Autumn Leaf had lost 20% of his health in these few seconds. 50%, that was how much health One Autumn Leaf had remaining.

In order to achieve this killing opportunity, Ye Xiu's Lord Grim and Steamed Bun's Steamed Bun Invasion had shed quite a bit of blood as well. Afterward, they'd used Reinforced Iron Bones to boost the power of their attack. Lord Grim had lost 29% health, leaving him at 42%; Steamed Bun Invasion had lost 27%, leaving him at 54%.

Happy's injuries were greater than Samsara's, but no one would think that this exchange wasn't worth it. Because Happy had successfully killed Samsara's Cruel Silence, they successfully rebalanced the number of players.

Again!

Again, after Samsara took the lead and upper hand, Happy managed to catch up. Right now, Samsara's fans were almost out of energy to scream. Again and again, they were excited, but again and again Happy dumped a bowl of cold water upon them. Now, their hearts were soaked through cold.

Now that the numbers were even, when they checked the character health on both sides, Happy was suddenly in the lead in this situation.

Dancing Rain still had 80% health. In this confrontation, she'd only lost 2%. Clearly, Samsara hadn't pressured her very much.

As for Samsara, Zhou Zekai's Cloud Piercer and Jiang Botao's Empty Waves hadn't taken any damage at all. Happy's goal of killing Cruel Silence was simply too pressing. They had no time to split their attention elsewhere.

Even so, these two characters were at 51% and 40%. Compared to Happy, they didn't have any great advantage.

Their advantage had perhaps come down to the slight advantage in battle ability that their characters had.

Attack!

Only attacking was the best use of battle ability. Having just escaped from the Strangle, One Autumn Leaf was swiftly retreating back, but the Evil Annihilation in his hand spun, creating a high-speed spinning vortex that twisted toward Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion.

Cloud Whirling Windstorm!

Sun Xiang had used a powerful Level 75 attack. Zhou Zekai and Jiang Botao's characters were no longer floating in the distance.

Right now, the health of their three characters was just the difference between 50% and 40%, there was no need to distinguish further. The two of them closed in, strengthening their offensive.

Bullets and wave slashes criss-crossed, as though forming a defensive line in front of One Autumn Leaf, and at the same time attacking Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion as well.

Forward!

Reinforced Iron Bones lasted a much longer time than Strangle, so Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion both still had Super Armor. With their health advantage, they were even more fearless. They directly charged forward to focus One Autumn Leaf.

Dragon Tooth!

One Autumn Leaf's Evil Annihilation pierced forward, surprising everyone.

Dragon Tooth had a Stun effect, and it could interrupt many attacks, but right now, Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion both had Super Armor. Aside from dealing a bit of damage, the Dragon Tooth would have no effect. What was the point?

"Dodge!"

But in Happy's channel, Ye Xiu's instruction jumped out. The Dragon Tooth ultimately stabbed toward Steamed Bun Invasion, and his message was to tell Steamed Bun to dodge.

Ye Xiu had clearly realized something, but Steamed Bun didn't have this Glory knowledge. The warning was too late. It was too late to dodge. Sun Xiang's attack was already very fast, and his reactions were fast as well. Attack landed!

Aside from a tiny bit of damage, no effect. Steamed Bun Invasion was still charging forward as fast as ever. At this moment, a Chaser shot forward. After landing, a Dragon Tooth would create a Neutral Chaser, everyone knew this, One Autumn Leaf's attack seemed so normal. But Ye Xiu's performance was even faster, more hasty. Lord Grim used a skill, suddenly accelerating.

Circle Swing!

Another of One Autumn Leaf's attacks shot forward. This skill had grab priority, so even in Super Armor it needed to be dodged. Lord Grim could only step to the side, and One Autumn Leaf immediately raised his speed, swiftly running forward. The Chaser created wind around his legs; the Neutral Chaser boosted his movement speed to a new level. After dodging the Circle Swing, Lord Grim tried to give chase, but an Ice Wave Slash had already swept toward him, and Lord Grim was forced to stop again. Super Armor could not block the various statuses inflicted by magic effects.

In the blink of an eye, One Autumn Leaf was able to put distance between himself and Steamed Bun Invasion and Lord Grim. Ye Xiu had reacted immediately to try and stop him, but ultimately he still failed.

And so One Autumn Leaf ran, Happy's two chased him, and Zhou Zekai and Jiang Botao attacked even more fiercely. When everyone saw this situation, they realized, wasn't this just kiting? This was just a coordinated version, where it wasn't the same person running away and launching long-range attacks.

Now, everyone understood why Ye Xiu had been so anxious to attack. One Autumn Leaf had pulled off a Dragon Tooth to create a Neutral Chaser. Without the speed boost from this Chaser, One Autumn Leaf wouldn't have been able to run away so completely.

Now, the distance had been established. Even though Lord Grim had the advantage of movement speed, he was facing a pincer from both sides, and he would take damage if he tried to force his way forward. More importantly, Sun Xiang still had a technique up his sleeve that he hadn't used!

Teleportation.

This was the skill that One Autumn Leaf had applied to Evil Annihilation today. Right now, it should be off cooldown, but Sun Xiang didn't rush to use it. If Ye Xiu continued to chase him, One Autumn Leaf could rely on Teleportation to instantly increase the distance once more.

This kite situation wasn't easy to break. Cloud Piercer and Empty Waves strengthened their assault, but they didn't close the distance too much. They maintained the possibility of kiting. If Happy switched targets now, they wouldn't gain anything from that, either..

Chapter 1720: Puppet Coordination

The Glory players that were rooting for Happy truly felt disheartened right now.

Starting from today's group arena, again and again, Happy lost the advantage to Samsara, and then again and again they tenaciously overcame their predicament and caught up. In the group arena, they achieved a result that allowed them to hold their heads high, but what about the team battle right now? Again and again, they chased after Samsara, but were immediately pushed into a new predicament. To always be the one playing catch-up, it was suffocating.

This kind of feeling, when would it end?

Happy's fans weren't feeling good, but Samsara's fans weren't in a good mood either.

Again and again, they had shaken off their opponents, but again and again their opponents had caught up. They'd suffered a heavy blow in the group arena, and they were terrified that such a reversal would reappear in the team competition now.

They hoped that Samsara could establish their win as fast as possible, but again and again, their advantage would be erased by Happy. This was clearly just a grassroots team, their players and characters were inferior, but Samsara's fans weren't reassured. In their hearts, the feeling of "we might lose" had already taken root.

Right now.

Samsara's three completed a kiting formation, and for Happy this was a very difficult situation to break. But all that Samsara's fans could think about was how Happy had repeatedly faced difficult situations head-on and destroyed the feelings of security in their heart. Now, no matter the situation, Samsara's fans couldn't relax.

Kiting situation, what would Happy do? Samsara's fans could only continue to watch anxiously.

Turn fire.

In the end, Happy still turned fire.

The target was Jiang Botao's Empty Waves. Not only was he the Samsara player with the lowest health right now, Spellblades also tended to be less maneuverable, and were easier to catch up to.

But it seemed that Samsara had been prepared for this change. Jiang Botao's Empty Waves was retreating, but he wasn't in much of a hurry. Sun Xiang's One Autumn Leaf didn't continue to run away – instead, he turned around and began to approach. He maintained the possibility of fleeing at any moment, yet at the same time he demonstrated an offensive stance. He was ready to take either course of action. And Zhou Zekai's Cloud Piercer was chasing Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion, becoming Samsara's main damage output right now.

Happy wasn't sitting around idle.

Dancing Rain's cannon opening aimed at Cloud Piercer. The two long-ranged Gunners on both sides began to compete. While this was going on, the distances between everyone were gradually beginning to change.

The distance from Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion to Empty Waves.

The distance from One Autumn Leaf to Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion.

Dancing Rain's support distance.

Cloud Piercer's attack distance.

There was too much hidden within all of this. Don't even mention the ordinary players, even the pro players couldn't immediately analyze everything there was. The situation was very complex, but no one was discussing, because they were all staring at the match. They didn't want to miss a single detail.

Dancing Rain's and Cloud Piercer's attacks never stopped.

Lord Grim and Empty Waves were also using the occasional skill.

But to these pro players, the situation seemed very still. Both sides were moving, but as they were moving, it seemed as though they had reached some kind of agreement, establishing a sort of equilibrium.

And in this equilibrium, there were many hidden conflicts. Audience members who didn't have enough skill wouldn't notice anything.

Zhou Zekai tried to lure Dancing Rain to come closer, but Su Mucheng didn't fall for it.

Jiang Botao tried to use his attacks to separate Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion, but Ye Xiu countered it.

The equilibrium was still maintained, but judging from attacker and defender, Samsara still had the upper hand, and Happy was slightly more passive.

But at this moment, Steamed Bun acted.

Within expectations, and yet still outside of them.

Of the six people on the field right now, only Steamed Bun was a rookie. Such a delicate equilibrium wasn't something that a rookie player could control, never mind a rookie player like Steamed Bun, who was always breaking rules and conventional thought.

With Steamed Bun here, such a delicate situation could not be maintained.

On and off the battlefield, every Glory fan who was watching this match, they were probably all thinking something like this. The three from Samsara of course believed this as well, as though it were an established truth. So they, with the initiative, purposely made the situation more complex and delicate. They believed that Steamed Bun would quickly lose grasp of the rhythm.

No one would feel that their way of thinking was wrong. But as it turned out, Steamed Bun kept up, and he kept up quite well.

Samsara's players were at a loss, but if they changed the rhythm now they would be confusing themselves. They couldn't make any big adjustments.

But those outside of the battlefield knew how Steamed Bun had done it.

Because Happy's chat was flooded with directions.

With such detailed instructions, Ye Xiu was basically holding his hand to guide him. In this moment, to everyone's eyes, Lord Grim and Steamed Bun Invasion were both being controlled by Ye Xiu. One was controlled by his own hands, one was controlled by messaged orders.

Ye Xiu's ability to focus on two things at once and his hand speed were both worthy of awe, and Steamed Bun's precise execution of instructions was also thoroughly impressive.

He was acting like a puppet dangling from strings. But it was exactly because he wasn't one that it was so unbelievable that he could complete the correct actions so accurately.

Did this count as teamwork?

Did this count as tacit understanding?

The audience was all stunned. Another scene that had never before appeared in Glory history was brought before their eyes by Happy. They didn't even know how to characterize this thing. In terms of directions, the directions of Thunderclap's Xiao Shiqin were already considered trivial, but now that they saw Ye Xiu's directions to Steamed Bun, no one even thought of Xiao Shiqin. There was simply no comparison.

"Is there anything these guys can't do?"

This was the only thought everyone had left toward Happy.

But whether or not this counted as a form of cooperation, the difficulty was certain. Ye Xiu was bearing a huge burden, and it wasn't easy for Steamed Bun either to complete all of Ye Xiu's instructions.

But at this moment, Ye Xiu used one sentence to end his puppeteering instructions.

"It's up to you, Steamed Bun," Ye Xiu said.

“Got it, watch me!” Steamed Bun responded.

A simple exchange, but it meant faith and trust. At first sight, it was actually quite moving. But all of the Glory players who saw this conversation were puzzled. They didn’t know what about Steamed Bun was worth watching. Was relying on Steamed Bun and his unexpectedness enough to solve this delicate situation? His unexpectedness, could Happy’s players grasp it?

Happy of course couldn’t grasp it either. Not even Ye Xiu, who had watched Steamed Bun grow all this time, or Tang Rou, who had grown alongside him. They were just a little more mentally prepared, a little calmer and nimbler at reacting to Steamed Bun’s strange actions. Grasp? Steamed Bun’s thought process and logic was impossible for anyone to grasp. Right now, Happy could only grasp the timing.

“Got it, watch me!”

After Steamed Bun replied, he immediately acted.