

## Avatar 401

### Chapter 401 – Temporary Guest

Shameless!” Ye Qiu tugged at the collar on Ye Xiu’s jacket. In the end, he wasn’t able to get anything out of it though and could only grind his teeth in anger. Chen Guo suddenly empathized with his hateful, yet helpless expression because Ye Xiu frequently put her in this sort of situation as well.

“It looks like you weren’t educated well enough.” Ye Xiu’s expression was the same as usual.

“Come back home with me!” Ye Qiu gnashed his teeth.

“No way.” Ye Xiu said.

Ye Qiu’s gaze was deep and profound as if he were about to pull off some powerful move. Chen Guo continued to watch, waiting for it to happen. However, the scene froze and stopped playing.....

“Are you tired? Hurry up and let go. Show some respect to your elders.” Ye Xiu said and made a slap. It seemed like Ye Qiu’s hands weren’t using much force and were slapped aside by Ye Xiu.

“Your overcoat seems pretty nice?” Ye Xiu, with his sole jacket, looked at the overcoat that had been hanging on Ye Qiu’s arm the entire time.

“No way!” Ye Qiu resolutely hid the overcoat behind him.

“How selfish.” Ye Xiu disdained.

“When are you going to give back the stuff you took from me?” Ye Qiu said.

“Didn’t I give you back your proof of identity?”

Ye Qiu suddenly choked. He had clearly forgotten about that part.

Chen Guo raised her hand: “Could you go into more details? The story behind the proof of identity.”

“Oh..... that one..... That time, when I was going to join the Pro Alliance, I obviously needed to use official documents as proof of my identity. However, even though I was old enough, because I ran away from my family, I didn’t have anything I could use as proof.” Ye Xiu said.

“When this disgrace went back home to steal some proof, he wasn’t able to steal the household register, so he took my proof of identity instead.” Ye Qiu immediately followed.

“I was borrowing. Didn’t I give it back to you?” Ye Xiu said.

“You didn’t tell me, so that’s considered stealing!”

“I did tell you later.”

“So it’s like that!” Chen Guo suddenly understood. This explained why Ye Xiu used “Ye Qiu” in the pro scene.

“Yeah, it’s not like I could have used a fake proof!” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo began to sweat. Isn't using someone else's proof of identity and using a fake identity practically the same? They were twin brothers, so it was hard to tell the difference.

"Luck you, look how famous your name is now." Ye Xiu said to Ye Qiu.

"Tch." Ye Qiu coldly expressed his disdain.

"You used such a familiar name. You weren't worried that your family would find you?" Chen Guo asked.

"If I had used Ye Xiu, then that might have been troublesome. But since I used a weak, common street name like Ye Qiu, there was no need to worry." Ye Xiu said.

"Nonsense! The key point is that no one had imagined that you would run away from the family to play games. You're the weak one!" Ye Qiu shouted.

"Oh? Then when you wanted to leave the family that time, what were you planning on doing?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Uh..... I....." Ye Qiu tried hard to recall.

"Or maybe you had a dream you wanted to fulfill?" Ye Xiu asked.

"My dream at that time..... was to leave the family....." Ye Qiu said.

..... Chen Guo nearly spat out her drink. She suddenly felt sorry for the parents of these two brothers. What type of family environment was this, to make these two brothers want to leave the family? Chen Guo was very curious.

"That's the difference between me and you." Ye Xiu said.

"Tch." Ye Qiu expressed his disdain.

"Actually, I stopped hiding after a while. The family could easily force me to come back, but do you know why they never did so?" Ye Xiu said.

"Why?" Ye Qiu couldn't help but ask.

"Because my dream was the game and that was all." Ye Xiu said.

"Huh?" Ye Qiu and Chen Guo asked.

"An eSports career favors the young. I'm already considered old as a pro. Even if I persisted, I wouldn't be able to go on for much longer. This is why my dream will end at an early age. When that time comes, I'll naturally come back because that place will forever be my home. And at my age, there's still time for me to make a turn around at life. This is why my family left me alone." Ye Xiu said.

"And you? You're different. Your dream was only to leave the family. You're clearly even more rebellious than me. I at least knew what to do after I ran away. You? You wanted to run just for the sake of running away. If you ran away, would you think of coming back? From my view, you probably wouldn't, so it'd be best if you just stayed in the family like an obedient child. Leaving home..... did you really think that it would be fun?" Ye Xiu said.

Ye Qiu was stumped for words. He had even forgotten to express his usual disdain. Chen Guo was also surprised. Ye Xiu was actually a good brother. He was more sensible than his brother and saw the issue more thoroughly.

“So I won’t be going back to celebrate New Years. When the time comes, I’ll come back on my own.”

After Chen Guo heard this, she suddenly wondered whether Ye Xiu was only saying all of that as an excuse to not go back home.

As for Ye Qiu? After a short pause, he suddenly smiled: “It won’t be too late if I come back home tomorrow.”

He turned his head to look at Chen Guo: “Boss, is it okay if I stay here for the night?”

Chen Guo nodded her head: “You can even stay here for a few nights if you want.”

“Can you not look for trouble.” Ye Xiu immediately stopped her, “Look how evil this guy looks.”

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“Tch!” Ye Qiu’s usual disdain rebooted. After a hmph, he walked around the first floor of the Internet Cafe. Then, he went to the stairs and asked: “Do I go upstairs?”

“Yes. I’ll bring you there.” Chen Guo went over the lead the way.

“Thank you.” Ye Qiu nodded his head in thanks. As long as he wasn’t talking to Ye Xiu, his words and actions showed propriety and politeness.

“It’s not a problem.” Chen Guo waved her hands, leading Ye Qiu upstairs. Ye Xiu didn’t say anything. Seeing the two go up the stairs, he shook his head, lit a cigarette, and looked for a computer to log into Glory.

“We sleep here.” Chen Guo opened the door to the living room and showed Ye Qiu around.

“It gives off a very comfortable feeling!” Ye Qiu praised after entering the room.

“Doesn’t it?” Chen Guo replied happily. As the room’s owner, of course, she would be happy about praise towards it.

“Where does Ye Xiu live?” Ye Qiu asked.

“Uh.....” Chen Guo stared blankly. She looked somewhat embarrassed. Ye Xiu’s living space really was quite embarrassing to talk about. As the owner, who had arranged Ye Xiu’s living space, it was quite awkward to talk about in front of Ye Xiu’s relative.

“This way.” Even though she felt embarrassed, Chen Guo didn’t hide it. She opened the door to the storage room, but in the end, she still added: “It’s only temporary.”

She wasn’t lying. In the beginning, Chen Guo had only temporarily put Ye Xiu here. However, Ye Xiu didn’t care and seemed pretty happy with his living space, so Chen Guo didn’t feel like she needed to be in a rush towards this.

“Good, good!” Ye Qiu replied. He had already seen everything there was to see in the storage room. His face didn’t show any expression of being in disbelief like Chen Guo had imagined. He seemed quite happy and delighted. He even turned around and said earnestly: “It’s very good.”

“Oh?” Chen Guo was surprised, but she quickly realized why. The guy saw that his shameful brother was living in such a place, which was why he was so happy.

“Where will I be sleeping?” Ye Qiu asked.

“Oh..... you can come to my room!” Chen Guo led Ye Qiu out and pointed to her own room.

“Then what about you?”

“I’ll sleep next door. The sis over there went back home to celebrate New Years, so she won’t be here for the new few days.” Chen Guo was obviously talking about Tang Rou’s room.

“You all..... live together?” Ye Qiu looked at the three rooms.

“Yeah!”

“There aren’t any problems are there? Living with my shameless brother? You must be careful!” Ye Qiu said.

“No way.” Chen Guo laughed. Even though Ye Xiu was sometimes a very infuriating person, he didn’t have any faults in this area. He had been living with the two beauties for quite a while and nothing embarrassing had happened yet.

But if that guy did anything embarrassing, he would probably resolve it in a shameless manner. Chen Guo suddenly thought.

“It wouldn’t be convenient living in a lady’s room! Can I sleep on this sofa?” Ye Qiu pointed at the sofa in the living room.

“It’s not a problem!” Chen Guo said.

“Okay, then I’ll sleep here!”

“I’m saying that you sleeping in my room isn’t a problem.” Chen Guo explained.

“Don’t worry, don’t worry. I’ll sleep here!” Ye Qiu said and expressed that he wasn’t going to give in.

“Okay, then you can.....” Chen Guo didn’t urge it and asked: “Do you have any luggage?”

“No.”

“Okay, are you going to rest for a bit?” Chen Guo asked.

“No need. No need. I’m going to go down and see what that guy is up to!” Ye Qiu turned around and pulled open the door. Like a gentleman, he gave priority to ladies and asked if Chen Guo was going to go out too.

The two went downstairs back to the Internet Cafe and saw Ye Xiu diligently playing the game.

“You only know how to play! You’re not going to tidy up all the stuff we bought?” Chen Guo scolded.

“Exactly. He only knows how to play games. Shameful.” Ye Qiu stood by Chen Guo and acted all mighty.

Ye Xiu lifted his head helplessly: “How do you want to do it.”

Chen Guo carelessly pointed around: “Use everything that’s useful!”

Ye Xiu said powerlessly: “Do you know how much of the stuff you bought is useful?”

Chen Guo stared blankly. She had only bought whatever she liked. She didn’t know what exactly she had bought and was already having trouble remembering.

“Shut your mouth! Cut his salary, boss!” Ye Qiu incited.

“How about you first figure out what you’ve bought!” Ye Xiu said to Chen Guo.

“Even the useless stuff has to be tidied up!” Chen Guo said and then ran over to study what she had bought.

“Ye Qiu, go help.” Ye Xiu said.

“Why don’t you go?”

“I’m working.”

“You’re just playing a game.....” Ye Qiu mumbled to himself, but still went to help out. He wasn’t the type of person to sit on the side and tell others to work without doing anything himself.

Chapter 402 – Experience Life

“How tiring!” Ye Xiu stretched from his computer. The two people behind him who were tidying up the New Year goods, glared at him in anger.

“How’s it going? Did you finish cleaning up?” Ye Xiu walked over with his two hands behind his back as if he were an inspector.

Chen Guo lifted her hand and threw something at him. Ye Xiu was quite nimble though. He raised his hand and caught it. He looked at it and saw that it was an apple.

“Go wash the fruit!” Chen Guo gave Ye Xiu as task to do. But shortly afterwards, she heard a “crunch” and the apple she had thrown at Ye Xiu had a bite taken out of it.

“What? You hadn’t washed it yet.....” Ye Xiu, who had taken a bite out of the apple, was as tranquil as ever. He spat out the apple he had taken a bite out of and tossed the eaten apple back at Chen Guo.

Chen Guo didn’t catch it. She let the apple go flying past her directly towards the entrance, where it fell and rolled on the ground.

“Come here and work.” Chen Guo said expressionlessly.

Ye Xiu toddled over and the three began organizing the items they had just bought.

Even though it was nearly New Years, the Internet Cafe had some business. It was just that the people who occasionally passed by and took a look around were scared by the scene they saw.

“Boss..... are you preparing for a party?” One person saw the various ornaments scattered around and asked in astonishment.

Chen Guo was delighted. This misunderstanding was a type of acknowledgement as a result of their hard work.

“Come, come, come. You can sit anywhere. The candy, melon seeds, and peanuts are free!” The customers who were lured in all received free candy and snacks as a gift.

“Not bad.” The tidying up they had done the entire afternoon made the Internet Cafe look like there was a party going on. Chen Guo wiped some sweat from her forehead and said happily.

“Come here. Both of you get a red envelope.” Chen Guo turned her head and gave the two brothers a reward.

“Thanks, boss.” Ye Xiu replied without batting an eyelid.

“Ha ha, there’s even a red envelope!” Ye Qiu didn’t decline.

“You’re going back tomorrow, right? Then, let’s have a good dinner tonight.” Chen Guo said.

“What do you mean by eat a good dinner?” Ye Xiu had already lived in Happy Internet Cafe for two months and had experienced Chen Guo’s idea of a “good dinner”. It was usually just a few more dishes.

Chen Guo stared at him: “Let’s see it’s still possible to order some.” She took out her cellphone. This time, she was planning on having an actual “good dinner”. She was going to order a feast.

“Don’t, don’t, don’t.” Ye Qiu jumped out to stop her, “There’s no need to go through all that trouble. What do you two usually eat? We can just eat the same!”

Chen Guo was surprised when she heard this and then laughed: “I understand. You want to experience what life here is like?”

“However..... you probably won’t be able to get a realistic experience today!” Chen Guo looked at the restaurant near them. That restaurant had good business relations with the Internet Cafe. She would order food from the small restaurant there. But today, the restaurant owner had gone home to celebrate New Years, so it wasn’t open.

“Just a general feeling would be fine.” Ye Qiu said.

“Okay!” Chen Guo nodded her head. She took her purse and gave a few hundred yuan bills to Ye Xiu : “Go out and make a left. There will definitely be a few restaurants that haven’t closed yet. Hurry.”

She pointed at the running Ye Xiu to Ye Qiu: “Look, that’s a part of our life.”

“Ha ha ha, how wonderful!” Ye Qiu laughed.

“How about you go? To get the experience.” Ye Xiu handed the money over to Ye Qiu.

“No need. I’ll skip this part!” Ye Qiu wasn’t an idiot. Running errands wasn’t anything he needed to experience.

Ye Xiu held a cigarette in his mouth and left the building. Chen Guo called Ye Qiu over and set up the dining table they usually used in their day to day life. Then, she pointed at the few customers: "There isn't really anyone here today. Usually, there are a lot of customers at this hour. Some of them will have food with them and the entire Internet Cafe will smell like delicious food."

"How unfortunate. We won't be experiencing it today." Ye Qiu sighed.

"If you ever get the chance, feel free to come again!" Chen Guo said.

"Okay, I will definitely!" Ye Qiu nodded his head.

The two sat at the dining table and chatted. Ye Qiu told Chen Guo quite a few stories about Ye Xiu when he was young. Chen Guo really wanted to know about these, so she could use them as revenge against Ye Xiu. When she thought carefully, ever since Ye Xiu had arrived at Happy Internet Cafe, she was often the one who suffered. Chen Guo didn't want to be that kind of story character.

"I'm back." Ye Xiu finally came back with two bags full of food.

"It smells amazing." Ye Qiu was already beginning to grow impatient.

"Oh, did we not eat this afternoon?" Chen Guo recalled.

"If you're hungry, just eat more." Ye Xiu put down the food and smoked his cigarette first.

"Let's see what we have here." Ye Qiu took out the boxes of food.

"Oh, pretty good, pretty good."

"Ah, very good, very good."

"Hm? Not bad, not bad."

"How great! I like all of these." Ye Qiu looked at the food and nodded his head repeatedly.

"It's hard to tell, but you're actually a good brother." Chen Guo said.

"I've always been. It's just that young people don't know what they're doing, which is why such a misunderstanding came about." Ye Xiu said.

Young people..... Chen Guo was somewhat speechless. They were twins. Even though one was a bit younger and the other was a bit older, in reality, the difference was negligible.

"No alcohol?" Ye Qiu opened up a box of food and realized that there was nothing to drink.

"That's right! You didn't buy any alcohol?" Chen Guo asked.

"I don't drink alcohol." Ye Xiu said.

"Oh?" Chen Guo was surprised. The smoker, Ye Xiu, actually didn't drink alcohol. She hadn't expected this.

"Too much alcohol and your hands will shake." Ye Xiu said.

“Oh, got it!” Chen Guo understood. A pro player had to have two steady hands. A minor micro mistake could have serious consequences. As a pro player, one had to be careful when drinking alcohol.

“You don’t drink, but we do!” Ye Qiu said.

“That’s right!” Chen Guo also thought, “We do!”

“You two…… I don’t have the hands……” Ye Xiu was helpless.

“Oh.” Chen Guo realized and then got up: “I still have some alcohol upstairs. They’ve been up there for awhile and haven’t been touched. I’ll go grab them for us to drink. Ye Xiu can help.”

Ye Xiu had only just sat down, but had to get up again. The two went up, while Chen Guo asked: “What type of alcohol does your brother like?”

“I haven’t been home in ten years.” Ye Xiu reminded. He really didn’t know what type of alcohol Ye Qiu liked.

“Go ask.” Chen Guo said.

As a result, Ye Xiu went back down. Not long after, Ye Qiu went up. Chen Guo was speechless. She called Ye Qiu over to personally pick the alcohol.

“Come, come, come. We’ll just pretend that today is New Year’s! Happy New Year, Happy New Year.” After all, Chen Guo was the real host. She raised her cup and began calling the two brothers over.

Ye Xiu said he didn’t drink alcohol, but he still poured a bit into his cup. The three touched cups and drank. The Internet Cafe still had a few customers, who saw the three celebrate the holiday as if there weren’t anyone around them.

There were numerous dishes. Chen Guo had grabbed quite a few drinks too. But this feast turned out to be extremely short-lived. No one had imagined that Ye Qiu would get drunk so quickly. He was completely drunk and after a short moment, his head suddenly dropped to the table. No matter how much they yelled and yelled, he wouldn’t wake up.

“How weak.” Ye Xiu shook his head.

“He can’t drink?” Chen Guo was also astonished.

“I really have no idea.” Ye Xiu said.

“You guys don’t even know if you’re allergic to alcohol?” Chen Guo began to worry.

“I’m not allergic. We have the same DNA, so I doubt he’s allergic.” Ye Xiu said.

“What do we do?”

“Are you done eating?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Not yet.”

“Then keep eating.” Ye Xiu said.



Chen Guo took some food and suddenly remembered something: “You aren’t going to be like him and drop dead after drinking such a small amount right?”

“Impossible.” Ye Xiu denied.

“You’ve never drunk any alcohol, so you don’t actually know either, right?” Chen Guo said.

“Uh.....” Ye Xiu didn’t know how to reply.

“The same DNA. Tsk tsk tsk.” Chen Guo sighed.

“We’ve got different futures ahead of us. Tsk tsk tsk.” Ye Xiu also sighed.

“You’re just saying that! He seems like he won’t be someone with no future like you.” Chen Guo said.

“Of course, I was just saying that.” Ye Xiu said.

Ye Qiu lied on his stomach for a good two hours. When he woke up, he was still in a daze.

“Are you okay?” A bowl of vegetables was quickly given to him. Chen Guo looked at him.

“Oh? Did something happen?” Ye Qiu asked, confused.

“You got drunk.” Chen Guo said.

“Really? For how long?” Ye Qiu asked.

“Two hours.” Chen Guo said.

“Oh no. It’s late now, isn’t it?” Ye Qiu said. He looked at the time and stared stupidly. When he recalled, he realized how quickly he had fallen drunk. It was certainly a length of time that would make others worry.

“Cough.....” Ye Qiu was too embarrassed to say anything.

“How are you now?” Chen Guo asked.

“I’m fine, I’m fine. It’s all good!” Ye Qiu got up and wanted to prove himself. But as soon as he got up, he nearly fell.

“Ah, I’m so dizzy.” Ye Qiu shouted. Chen Guo hastily supported him.

“If you’re dizzy, go up and have a rest!” Chen Guo said.

“No need. No need. You don’t need to help me. No one needs to help me.” Ye Qiu insisted that he was fine. After swaying back and forth for two steps, his hands slapped the wall: “I’ll just use the wall.....” He paused.

Chen Guo didn’t know whether to laugh or cry and called Ye Xiu over.

“What a useless person.” Ye Xiu was helpless.

“Do you still remember where the stairs are?” Ye Xiu asked.

“I know. I know.” Ye Qiu said.

“Where?”

“Hm, the other side of the wall.....” Ye Qiu said.

“Get out of here!” Ye Xiu extended his hands to support him. Chen Guo also helped. This time, Ye Qiu didn’t insist and he was dragged up to the second floor.

“Should we have him sleep at my place?” Chen Guo said to Ye Xiu.

“No need. No need. I’ll sleep here!!” Ye Qiu was still awake and he stubbornly pointed his finger. But his finger went astray and he pointed at a table in the guest room.

“Throw him over to my place.....” Ye Xiu opened his own door and really did throw Ye Qiu into his room. He took off his shoes and put the blanket over him.

“It’s quite nice having a brother, no?” Seeing Ye Xiu help tidy up Ye Qiu, Chen Guo chuckled.

“It’s not so bad.” Ye Xiu said.

#### Chapter 403 – Happy New Year

After tidying Ye Qiu up appropriately, Ye Xiu left the room and closed the door. He saw Chen Guo standing outside and said to her: “It wouldn’t be too good if we’re all up here and no one’s down there, no?”

“Right!” Chen Guo thought of this problem and immediately headed downstairs.

Ye Xiu went back to the first floor soon after as well and saw Chen Guo quietly sitting at the front desk. There clearly hadn’t been any problems in those short few minutes they had been gone.

The dishes on the dining table had already been cleaned up. It was just that because Ye Qiu had been lying on the table, they weren’t able to pack away the dining table. The barely touched alcohol was also sitting on the table. Ye Xiu picked up the bottles and shook them in front of Chen Guo: “Where do I put the alcohol?”

“Give it here!” Chen Guo extended her hands.

Ye Xiu walked forward and handed them over. Chen Guo followed: “The cups too.”

“Hm? You still want to drink more?” Ye Xiu asked.

“It’s not like I have anything else to do! Do you want to try a bit? Let’s see if you’re as weak as your brother.” Chen Guo asked.

“There’s no need to test it out for me to know.” Ye Xiu said, but he still grabbed a bottle and poured out two cups.

“Since we’re celebrating, it’s fine if I drink a little.” Ye Xiu said.

“Mm hm, as long as you don’t drink often, it won’t affect your hands.” Chen Guo said.

Ye Xiu finished pouring out two cups of wine and handed one over to Chen Guo. Chen Guo took it and swirled it around like she was playing with a toy.

"It really is quite nice having a brother." Chen Guo suddenly lamented, "Even if you often get into arguments with him, it looks like both of you are having fun."

"Yeah." Ye Xiu quietly replied. He knew that Chen Guo wasn't lecturing him in any way. She was probably feeling a bit of sentiment towards her own life. After having been in Happy Internet Cafe for two months, even though Ye Xiu hadn't personally heard about Chen Guo's circumstances from her personally, Ye Xiu had good understanding from listening to others. Chen Guo had lived by herself for many years and probably yearned for this type of family love from the bottom of her heart.

Unfortunately, this type of family love couldn't be replaced. Ye Xiu didn't know what to say to comfort her, so he just quietly listened. Whenever Chen Guo took a drink, he would also take a sip.

The few customers in the Internet Cafe had finally all left. Today, not a single one wanted to stay overnight. After sending the last customer off, Chen Guo stood outside of Happy Internet Cafe for a good while. She let out a long strand of white air, turned around, went back in, and locked the doors.

"We'll be closed today." As she spoke, she turned off the majority of the lights. The only spot with the lights left on were where they usually sat to play on the computers.

Ye Xiu stood up from the front desk. His body swayed a little and looked at the computer over there. He stretched: "It's been a long day. I'm a bit tired, so I'll probably go to sleep a bit earlier today."

As he spoke, he headed towards the stairs.

Chen Guo was surprised. She took a glance at the front desk and saw that there was an empty wine cup, where Ye Xiu had just left from. A sudden realization came to her.

"So he really is bad with alcohol too....." Chen Guo laughed quietly. Ye Xiu had probably gotten drunk too! It was just that he was a bit better at controlling himself and didn't get completely drunk like his younger brother.

Tonight, Chen Guo drank the most, yet she was doing the best. It was quite late already. Seeing Ye Xiu leave, Chen Guo closed off all the lights and went upstairs as well.

"Do you want to sleep in my room?" When Chen Guo went up, Ye Xiu had just gotten into the room.

"No need. I'll just sleep here." Ye Xiu was clearly doing better than Ye Qiu. He could at least point to the sofa properly.

"No, you should go to my room. I'll go to Little Tang's room." Chen Guo said.

"I'll leave a bunch of ash on your bed!" Ye Xiu said.

"Just try and leave a bit!" Chen Guo glared.

"That's why I'll sleep here." Ye Xiu said and laid down on the sofa: "If you can lend me something to cover myself though, that'd be great."

"Hold on." Chen Guo went into her room, took out something and threw it at Ye Xiu.

"See you tomorrow." Ye Xiu covered himself and called out to Chen Guo.

“See you tomorrow.....” Chen Guo didn’t say anything more and went to her room to sleep. Even though she hadn’t gotten drunk, the alcohol still had some effect. Chen Guo slept well that night. When she woke up, it was already bright outside.

She got up and looked outside. It was bright, sunny, cold winter day.

Chen Guo put on her clothes and opened up the door to look. There was already no one on the sofa. The door the storage room was still closed shut though.

“Did he get up and go play games?” Chen Guo muttered and washed her face, rinsed her mouth. After coming downstairs, she saw that the dining table had been set up. There was some stuff on top. Someone was sitting next to it and sipping some milk.

“Morning!” Seeing Chen Guo, the person immediately waved his hands to greet her.

“Oh? You’re the one that got up.....” Chen Guo recognized him as Ye Qiu. The method to distinguish them was very simple. Ye Xiu and Ye Qiu wore different clothing.

“Yes, yes. That guy is still sleeping. I threw him over there. I went out and took a stroll. I bought some stuff back. Do you usually eat this sort of food for breakfast?” Ye Qiu said.

“Oh, we usually buy some food from the little stalls around here. They might not be open because of the holiday today though.” Chen Guo said and walked over. She saw the food and drink on the table. They had clearly been purchased from the supermarket.

“So it’s like that. What are you going to eat? You can choose whatever you’d like!” Ye Qiu said.

“Okay.” Chen Guo nodded her head. Ye Qiu had finished drinking his milk and went to the computer Ye Xiu usually used.

“That guy usually plays games here everyday?” Ye Qiu asked.

“He plays games every day, but it’s not always over there.” Chen Guo said.

“How do you put up with a guy who plays games all day.” Ye Qiu shook his head.

“You don’t play Glory?” Chen Guo asked.

“I don’t.” Ye Qiu shook his head.

Is it because you don’t like to play or because he’s playing, so you won’t play?” Chen Guo asked with a laugh.

“I really have no interest in it.” Ye Qiu said as he sat down. Before turning on the computer, he asked Chen Guo for permission: “Can I?”

“I have to turn on the server computer first.” Chen Guo said and went to turn on the server computer, “It’s all good to go now.”

“Mm, thank you.” Ye Qiu replied.

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Chen Guo saw Ye Qiu quickly put on his headphones. She really wanted to see what Ye Qiu, who didn't play games, would do on the computer, when she suddenly heard a knock from outside on the roller shutter. Even though Ye Qiu had gone outside before, when he returned, he closed all the doors like they had been before.

"There are still customers today?" Chen Guo questioned. She opened up the door and pressed on the button to open the roller shutter. With a "whoosh", the roller shutter rolled up.

"HAPPY NEW YEAR!!"

Chen Guo heard someone yell excitedly outside of the door. At the same time, there was a "BANG!" and colored paper flew out everywhere all over her face. Someone had used a party popper towards her.

Chen Guo jumped up in fright. But in any case, it had been done in celebration, so she couldn't get angry. Especially, when Chen Guo saw who it was standing outside. She even felt very humbled.

Outside standing was Su Mucheng.

"Oh no!! I'm so sorry!!!" Su Mucheng saw that the person she had party popped was Chen Guo and felt very embarrassed. Seeing Chen Guo covered in colorful paper from head to toe, she hurried over to help clean it up.

"It's nothing it's nothing it's nothing!!!" Chen Guo was too excited seeing her idol right in front of her. How could she care about all of that?

"Come in come in come in." Chen Guo hastily welcomed her.

"I'm so sorry! I thought Ye Xiu was pulling an all nighter, so I thought he would be the one to open the door." Su Mucheng explained.

"Don't worry don't worry." Chen Guo immediately said. To have her idol apologizing repeatedly in front of her was too humbling. She hated how she couldn't just throw out her heart to let Su Mucheng know that she really didn't mind at all.

"You..... can sit anywhere you'd like!" In front of her idol, Chen Guo's mind was all over the place. She wasn't sure what she should do. Should she bring some fruit over? Or should she go get some candy? Or should she grab something for her to drink? Should she give her a red envelope???

With her mind in a daze, Chen Guo completely missed Su Mucheng asking her where Ye Xiu was. By the time she turned around and looked, Su Mucheng was already tip toeing her way to behind Ye Qiu and quietly took something out of her pocket. It was another party popper. Seeing Chen Guo look towards her, she put up a finger to her mouth to make a "shh" face.

"Ah, that....." Chen Guo only had time to say two words, when Su Mucheng cheered with a loud "HAPPY NEW YEAR!" and popped the party popper with a "BANG!" at the same time. Colored paper flew out, covering Ye Qiu.

"What the heck!" Ye Qiu shouted in fright and leaped up out of his seat.

Amidst the colorful paper, the two looked at each other.

“Eh? You’re not Ye Xiu. Are you Ye Qiu?” Su Mucheng said.

“Who are you?” Ye Qiu asked.

Chen Guo was astonished. Ye Qiu actually didn’t know who Su Mucheng was and Su Mucheng could instantly recognize that Ye Qiu wasn’t Ye Xiu. It looked like her relationship with Ye Xiu was quite close.

“I’m Su Mucheng.” Su Mucheng said.

“Su Mucheng?”

“You don’t recognize me anymore!” Su Mucheng said. This time, she didn’t hastily make an apology. Instead, she took the already used party popper in her hands and said in an upset voice: “I made a mistake again. I don’t have anymore.....”

“None of what?” Ye Qiu asked curiously.

Su Mucheng raised her party popper up.

“If you don’t have any left, you can just buy more!” Ye Qiu said.

“I made these myself.” Su Mucheng said.

“I thought so! I’ve never seen a such a filled party popper before.” Ye Qiu said. She and Chen Guo were covered from head to toe with colorful paper. That wasn’t all either. The colorful paper that had flew out hadn’t all fell down yet. There were still some floating in the air!

#### Chapter 404 – Ye Qiu Leaves

When Chen Guo came over, she and Ye Qiu were covered in colorful paper. They looked at each other, but didn’t know what to say. Chen Guo felt her heart pained seeing Su Mucheng upset and went up to take a look at the party popper in her hands: “You can’t use it again?”

“No. Once it’s used once, it breaks.” Su Mucheng said.

“Let me see.” Ye Qiu extended his hands out.

Su Mucheng handed it over. Ye Qiu received it and studied it carefully. Soon after, he also let out a sigh: “Yes. It’s broken. It can’t be used.”

“Do you understand?” Chen Guo scrambled over. She wasn’t happy with Ye Qiu giving it a death sentence so quickly.

“Look, over here. This place.....” Ye Qiu pointed it out to Chen Guo, “The reason she’s able to shoot out so much colorful paper is because it has a fairly strong explosive power, which is why it breaks after one use. Even if it wasn’t broken, this place can’t be closed up, so it won’t be able to shoot out again.”

Chen Guo clearly wasn’t prepared for Ye Qiu’s logical explanation. After thinking about it for a few seconds, she couldn’t find the crucial spot Ye Qiu was talking about. She looked at the popper again: “Can’t you find a makeshift fix? Like manually popping it?”

Ye Qiu shook his head.

For a moment, Chen Guo didn't know what to say. Taking the already broken party popper, she didn't know whether she should hand it back to Su Mucheng or not.

Su Mucheng herself had moved past her regret and took the broken party popper from Chen Guo. She examined it for a few moments and then put it back in her pocket.

"Where's Ye Xiu?" Su Mucheng asked.

"He's not up yet." Chen Guo replied.

"Did he just go to sleep?"

"No, he slept last night. He had drunk a bit of alcohol yesterday." Chen Guo said.

"Alcohol....." Su Mucheng smiled, "He's really no good with that."

"That's certainly true." Chen Guo also smiled.

"Really? Really? He got drunk too?" Ye Qiu immediately asked after hearing this.

"Not really. He knew when it was time for him to stop drinking, unlike a certain someone." Chen Guo said.

Ye Qiu still remembered his heroic attempt last night to pretend like nothing had happened. He coughed embarrassingly and then went back to his computer. At this moment, footsteps could be heard from above and Ye Xiu's figure quickly appeared at the top of the stairs. Seeing Su Mucheng standing below, he waved his hands: "You've come over."

"Yeah!" Su Mucheng nodded her head with her hands behind her back.

"Did that guy leave yet?" Ye Xiu asked.

Chen Guo moved to the side, letting Ye Xiu see "that guy" she was blocking.

"I'm about to." Ye Qiu had already turned off the computer and then stood up.

"You're going back already? Why don't you stay and eat lunch with us?" Chen Guo said.

"I have to go." Ye Qiu said helplessly, "If I don't, I won't be able to make it in time for dinner. I'm not like this unfilial person."

"Yes. You can even take my portion of the meal. Go home and be an obedient child!" Ye Xiu said.

"Hmph! My dream hasn't been achieved yet! Hurry up and come back home." Ye Qiu said.

Chen Guo had black lines coming down her face. Was this brother still thinking about running away from the family? Had he come here to call Ye Xiu back as the representative for the Ye family or had he wanted to call his brother back so he could run away?

"I'm going now." Ye Qiu leaving clearly hadn't been a decision he made on the moment. His overcoat and clothing had been brought down earlier. After tidying his clothes, he politely gave his farewells to the two ladies. He stopped them from sending him off and left by himself. When he got to the entrance, he turned around to wave at Ye Xiu: "I'm leaving, disgraceful brother!"

“When did the event start?” Ye Xiu had already immersed himself into the game.

Seeing the face that was completely the same as his with a never before seen look of concentration, Ye Qiu was originally going to say something, but his lips only moved slightly. In the end, he didn’t say anything and waved a final goodbye to the ladies and left.

“He left.” Chen Guo said to Ye Xiu.

“I know. I heard.” Ye Xiu said.

“Then why didn’t you respond.”

“I did. My heart almost broke.” Ye Xiu said.

“.....” Chen Guo was speechless.

“The event starts in the afternoon! It’s still early. Bring me to where you live and let me take a look.” Su Mucheng said.

“Oh sure.” Ye Xiu got up.

“Ah.....” Chen Guo was startled. It was obvious how close Ye Xiu and Su Mucheng were, yet she had given Ye Xiu such a living space. What if Su Mucheng saw it and wasn’t happy with it? Chen Guo didn’t want to give her idol any discomfort! But at this moment, she couldn’t do anything.

Ye Xiu led Su Mucheng upstairs. Chen Guo was conflicted on whether she should follow them.

When Ye Xiu pulled open the door to the small storage room and presented it to Su Mucheng. Chen Guo had even closed her eyes.

“Ah, not bad. It really fits you.”

Chen Guo heard Su Mucheng say this and from the sounds of it, it didn’t seem like she was mocking him. Chen Guo glanced at Su Mucheng and saw that she wasn’t at all displeased. Right now, she was below the small window and testing her height to see if she could see outside.

“Do you want to climb up?” Ye Xiu commented on her movements.

“What can you see from out the window?” Su Mucheng asked.

“I can’t see anything either!” Ye Xiu said.

“Look!”

“What’s there to see.”

“I’m trying to see if I can see my window.” Su Mucheng said.

“Oh, let me think.....” Ye Xiu didn’t do it half-heartedly. From his experience and skill in game, he was quite adept with angles and judging distance. He had lived in Excellent Era for several years too, so he was very familiar with it. Recalling where Su Mucheng’s room was, he nodded his head: “I should be able to see it.”

“Really? Let me see.” Su Mucheng said.



“How are you going to see it.” Ye Xiu was helpless. Su Mucheng clearly wasn’t tall enough.

“Help me up.” Su Mucheng said.

“You’re not talking to me, right? Boss, it’s time for you to show your enthusiasm as a fan!” Ye Xiu said.

Black lines ran down Chen Guo’s face. No matter how crazy of a fan she was, she wasn’t that crazy!

“I’ll go get a stool.” Chen Guo could do this though.

Su Mucheng was finally able to look outside using the stool to stand on.

“I really can see it.” Su Mucheng was satisfied.

“Really? Really? Where? I want to look.” Chen Guo chased after her star and went up.

“Boss, isn’t that too much?” Ye Xiu said.

“What?”

“You can see it from your window. Why waste your efforts to use this one?” Ye Xiu said.

“Really? Point it out to me.” As a result, the three went to Chen Guo’s room. At the window side, Ye Xiu counted up and down, left to right, telling Chen Guo the position.

“It feels so close.” Su Mucheng said.

“Yeah, yeah!” Chen Guo exclaimed.

“We can even say hi to each other in the morning.” Su Mucheng said.

“Of course!” Chen Guo continued to be excited.

“Let’s try it next time.” Su Mucheng said.

“Okay! Okay!” Chen Guo said.

“Have my phone number, so we can get in touch easier.” Su Mucheng took out her cellphone.

Chen Guo was already going dizzy from happiness. She obviously knew that Ye Xiu had ways to contact Su Mucheng, but she felt too embarrassed to just ask for it. Now that Su Mucheng did it on her own, she obviously wouldn’t refuse it.

“Okay, let’s go down now! There’s no one downstairs.” Ye Xiu reminded.

“I’m a bit tired. Let me go to your place to sleep for a bit!” Su Mucheng said after coming out of Chen Guo’s room.

“Sleepy?” Ye Xiu said in confusion.

“Happy New Year!” Su Mucheng suddenly cheered and her two hands stretched out from behind her back. Ye Xiu immediately retreated back to dodge. Chen Guo was astonished as well. She thought Su Mucheng was prepared, but when she looked again, Su Mucheng was still holding onto the already broken popper and this time, no colorful paper flew out.

“Ha ha, it’s already broken.” Su Mucheng gave the party popper for Ye Xiu to see. Even though it was broken, she still successfully surprised him. There may not have been any colorful paper that shot out, but she was still satisfied with the results.

“Oh?” Ye Xiu took it and looked, “Another one that you made yourself?”

“Yeah!”

“You were working all night on this, which is why you’re sleepy?”

“I didn’t really sleep much.” Su Mucheng said.

“Then go sleep!” Ye Xiu pushed Su Mucheng over to his storage room.

“Do you want to sleep in my room?” Chen Guo blurted out. She stared blankly shortly after because she realized that she had already said these words three times since yesterday. She had been politely rejected the first two times and this time she had the same premonition.

“No need! It’ll just be a quick nap.” Su Mucheng politely refused and pounced onto Ye Xiu’s bed.

“Call me over when the event starts.” Su Mucheng said.

“You can sleep longer. Give me your account card.” Ye Xiu said.

“You’ll play on two accounts?” Su Mucheng asked.

“No need. Let my boss help you play!” Ye Xiu said.

“Yes yes yes! Let me, let me. I play the Launcher too.” Chen Guo said. Ye Xiu’s suggestion had hit two birds with one stone. Su Mucheng could sleep more and Chen Gou could happily play on Su Mucheng’s account.

“You can come down when you’ve got enough sleep.” Ye Xiu said.

“Okay.” Su Mucheng nodded her head.

Ye Xiu and Chen Guo left the room and went downstairs. The Internet Cafe was decorated the same as yesterday. The emptiness couldn’t be covered up though. But Chen Guo couldn’t care about this right now. She went down and hung up a “CLOSED” sign on the door. Then, she took Su Mucheng’s “Cleansing Mist” account and ran over to the game impatiently. She was even more energetic than Ye Xiu.

“Guess who I am!” Ye Xiu saw that as soon as Chen Guo went online, she immediately sent a message.

“Guo Guo?” The other side replied. Chen Guo had sent her message to Tang Rou’s Soft Mist. Even though this girl wasn’t in the Internet Cafe, it seemed like she still had Glory in her heart.

#### Chapter 405 – A Peaceful Spring Festival Event

Ye Xiu soon logged into the game. He wasted yesterday sleeping and didn’t use today’s dungeon runs yet. Su Mucheng’s Cleansing Mist was the same, as was Tang Rou. Both of them were online and hadn’t run the dungeons. Horse Shooter and Thousand Creations weren’t online.

The level gap still existed between the players who participated in the Christmas event with Ye Xiu and the others. This gap eliminated any open teams. The only hope for a full five person team was to join the players of the other guilds. However, it was New Year's Eve today, and each major guild was going with their own agenda. Ye Xiu glanced down at his friends list. A few of the guild leaders of the tenth server were online. He sent messages to every one of them, asking if they had any open teams. In the end, none had any available. Some already used up the dungeon runs while the others didn't have space for three.

This wasn't a big problem for Ye Xiu. If there was no team open, then he would manage. With his level of skill, three people was more than enough to challenge a five-person dungeon. The only downside was the efficiency, which wasn't going to be very satisfactory.

On the other hand, considering this was a special occasion, he didn't need to hold such high expectations. However, this was the first time Chen Guo had ever participated in work with such high difficulty. In addition, she was using Su Mucheng's account. If she accidentally killed her idol's character, she would surely die of guilt. As a result, Chen Guo was clearly way too nervous. Her maneuvers were rigid, her mind was often half a beat too slow, and she made countless careless mistakes. She only survived because of Ye Xiu, who had to save her frequently.

It was fortunate that Chen Guo sat right next to Ye Xiu. Through the latter's constant hints and reminders, she soon recovered. She quickly realized that this was much easier than she had expected.

Chen Guo was no amateur, so she quickly figured out that this dungeon raid was easy because Ye Xiu took care of most of the difficulty. The rest was split between Tang Rou, who took the majority, and Chen Guo. Chen Guo obviously wouldn't be dealing with anything too hard.

Nevertheless, three people running through a five-person dungeon was pretty slow. After three times, it was already noon. The special event for New Year started on 12:00 pm sharp. Tang Rou had already left to fix lunch. Ye Xiu and Chen Guo also called for delivery.

"What are going to have tonight?" Ye Xiu asked Chen Guo while munching on the delivered food.

After all, today was New Year's Eve. The dinner on New Year's Eve, according to Chinese traditions, was one of the most important meals throughout the year. Fast food would be a miserable excuse for such an important feast.

"Don't worry. I've got it covered." Chen Guo replied.

"Oh?" Ye Xiu was curious.

"I made a reservation at a restaurant." Chen Guo spoke.

"Will it be okay? I mean, if there are any Glory fans, especially ones like you." Ye Xiu insisted.

Chen Guo glared angrily at Ye Xiu for awhile, then added, "I reserved a room. It should be fine."

"Mm, not bad." Ye Xiu approved Chen Guo's decision. Chen Guo rolled her eyes and said nothing. Ye Xiu had no chance of being discovered by fans. It was Su Mucheng who was the problem. On the other hand, Su Mucheng was Chen Guo's idol. How could Chen Guo not have considered everything?

"The event is about to start. What do you think of it?" Chen Guo asked.

“From the information released, there are no shortcuts. We can only rely on our luck and skills this time.” Ye Xiu explained.

“So there is no chance of repeating what happened last Christmas?” Chen Guo continued.

“Nope. That would be impossible.” Ye Xiu shook his head confidently.

“What level do you think you’ll be by the end of this event?”

“Do you think I’m some sort of god? I can only tell you things after doing the quests for some time. How can I know all of the things just by looking at the quest chain?” Ye Xiu complained.

“After level 50, you’ll be starting the Heavenly Domain Challenge right?” Chen Guo checked.

“I have to. Otherwise I can’t continue to level up.” Ye Xiu replied.

“Will it be hard?” Chen Guo inquired.

“Nope. It’ll just be like killing time.” Ye Xiu responded.

Ye Xiu had said a while ago that he would be doing the Heavenly Domain Challenge once he reached Level 50. Chen Guo thought he was crazy then, but she found it easier to accept his casual reply now. For a top tier God like Ye Xiu, killing time was a fitting description for such a task.

The Heavenly Domain Challenge consisted of two parts.

One part had to do with the Arena. It required that the player achieve a certain number of victories. However, there was another criteria: the opponent’s level cannot be lower than one’s own level. Ye Xiu was having troubles with that requirement. His level was too high. He was in the group of players with the highest level in the tenth server. Even when that group reached level 50, there still wouldn’t be a lot of people that matched Ye Xiu’s criteria. In addition, these people were all the elites of the top guilds. They had old accounts in other servers. These job of these players was to level up their tenth server account as fast as possible to fight for the dungeon records. Arena was just something they did to waste time, so they rarely went.

As a result, Ye Xiu was in a bind. It’s just like how the best craftsman can’t make anything without the basic materials. There was no doubt that he can obtain that many victories, but the problem was that there were no opponents to beat. What could Ye Xiu do? Challenge someone over and over again? Unfortunately, the system of Glory had already thought of that. There was another rule: after ten victories against the same opponent, any more victories against the same person wouldn’t count.

The officials always treated the Heavenly Domain very seriously. The goal of the Heavenly Domain Challenge was to test the true skills of the player. Thus, the Heavenly Domain Challenge tried its best to avoid any loopholes. The only way to cheat was like Chen Guo, who asked someone else to do it for her. The officials of the game couldn’t do anything about that.

The other part of the Heavenly Domain Challenge were the PvE quests. Even these quests tested for the player’s skills. For example, some missions asked the player to collect a certain number of monster drops.. These items would not drop unless a certain criteria was met, such as a certain number of combos. No one could rely on luck to fulfill the Heavenly Domain Challenge.

Ye Xiu had no problem with these quests that tested for skill. Ye Xiu's problem was killing the monsters. The Heavenly Domain Challenge always matched the level cap. Ye Xiu's Lord Grim was only level 50, while the mission's level was 70. This disparity would cause a huge level suppression on him, making every battle extremely difficult for Ye Xiu. He wasn't worried about combos though because each battle demanded a tremendous amount of time, which would be more than enough for him to fulfill all the combo requirements. The only thing he had to worry about was endurance.

Endurance didn't just indicate life and mana, but also Ye Xiu himself. He needed to be highly focused the entire time to ensure no mistake was made.

Even if Ye Xiu could accomplish all of that, he could not change the fact that the battles were going to be extremely long. This was the reason why Ye Xiu said this was going to be a time killer.

"I hope everything will go smoothly....." Chen Guo shuddered at the thought. On the other hand, Ye Xiu seemed to be thinking of something else.

At 12 o'clock, the special event for New Year started. Ye Xiu, Chen Guo, and Tang Rou all returned to the game. Ye Xiu checked his friends list again. Most people were on break for the holiday. Much to Ye Xiu's satisfaction, Steamed Bun Invasion stayed online constantly.

After the last Christmas event, Steamed Bun Invasion had been left behind. Ye Xiu had always found that to be a pity. Ye Xiu even asked for Steamed Bun Invasion's phone number to avoid such a tragedy again. Steamed Bun Invasion had logged in early today for this event, so he wasn't late for it.

After completing the quest chain several times, Ye Xiu got a pretty good idea of the event. This year's New Year event was just as good as the past years. The speed of leveling up for this event was way better than usual. Plus, there was a super high chance of getting all sorts of goodies.

Much to Ye Xiu's disappointment, there was no loophole to take advantage of. This event definitely gave him no chance to get more stuff than others.

When the event first started, all the players participated excitedly. There weren't a lot of people on his friends list, but Ye Xiu still felt that the maps were overcrowded when he completed the missions. The global chat was changing constantly, boasting of rewards good enough to make any player who missed the event regret.

The clearest proof of this was Chen Guo. Chen Guo was extremely focused on playing her idol's character, but after seeing all the fancy rewards, she couldn't help but want to abandon Su Mucheng's account and log in on her own account.

Chen Guo didn't have to struggle over this decision for long. An hour after the event started, Su Mucheng woke up and took over. Chen Guo immediately logged into her own account and started doing the quests in the Heavenly Domain.

"How do you do the quest?" Su Mucheng asked right after she got her own account back. She hadn't read the description for this special event.

Under Ye Xiu's guidance, Su Mucheng soon finished the first round of missions. There were a few battles here and there, but they posed no threat for a pro player.

“It’s not very interesting.” Su Mucheng commented after the first round.

“Yep. The rewards aren’t bad though.” Ye Xiu answered.

“It’s the same every year.” Su Mucheng sighed and then started her second round of quests.

Both Ye Xiu and Su Mucheng were experienced pro players, so no reward would surprise them too much. Chen Guo, sitting next to the two, was feeling the pressure though.

There were several times where she wanted to cry out in joy for the rare items the two won, but after seeing no reaction from the winners, Chen Guo felt embarrassed for over reacting.

“Actually, the best thing about New Year’s event is that there is no conflict.” Ye Xiu suddenly spoke.

“True. It’s a holiday, after all! No one wants to have a bad time during the holidays! For the Spring Festival, peace is very important.” Su Mucheng agreed.

#### Chapter 406 – New Year’s Eve

Things with rankings always aroused competition. It was the reason why the Christmas Event turned into a huge war between the top guilds. However, the Spring Festival wasn’t like this. Players quietly did their quests and the system quietly gave out the rewards. Players could form parties with each other to do quests, but it wasn’t necessary. You could easily complete the entire quest chain playing alone.

It could be said that the Spring Festival event had temporarily turned Glory into a single player game. Everyone could play on their own without any interaction. Of course, seeing others obtain beautiful rewards would make anyone envious, but there was nothing that could be done about that. The event quests were right there though. If they were envious, then they just had to complete them. The system gave out the rewards for the event fairly, so that more players would participate in the event.

But no matter how great the rewards were. The later it got today, the fewer the number of players there would be online. Just before six, Ye Xiu took one last glance at his friends list before he logged off. All of the names were gray. Not a single one of them was online, even those enthusiastic fans from the top guilds.

Soon afterwards, three people headed over to the restaurant Chen Guo had reserved and went there to eat dinner. Chen Guo suddenly felt like she was in a dream seeing the two guests in front of her. If this was in the past, she would never have thought that she would ever get the chance to eat with the two of them, let alone eating with them at New Year’s Eve.

Chen Guo was obviously very excited, but she also knew that Ye Xiu and his brother were both a mess with alcohol. As a result, even though she poured alcohol into Ye Xiu’s cup, it was only a little bit. She didn’t force him to drink either. Ye Xiu spent most of his time drinking other drinks to dilute it.

The three chatted about Glory.

Ye Xiu and Su Mucheng were two top tier pros. Who knew how much gossip and secrets they knew about in the pro circle. Just from the two gossiping, Chen Guo had her eyes opened to a new world.

Though for gossip, the top tier God Ye Xiu couldn’t compare to Su Mucheng. Su Mucheng deserved to be called a girl. Her ability to gossip was far better than Ye Xiu’s.

That night, none of them talked about any serious topics. The atmosphere was even more harmonious than when doing the Spring Festival quests. At the end of the dinner, the two were clearly drunk. They repeated the same piece of gossip five times and were still laughing at what they were saying. Ye Xiu had drunk very little alcohol, so he was wide awake. Seeing that the other two were having fun, he didn't stop them and just quietly sat there on the side.

"Ah? There's no more alcohol." Su Mucheng picked up the alcohol bottle and shook it around for awhile. She was only able to shake out two more drops. Then, she peeked through the bottle opening to look at the back of the bottle and then raised it up announcing her findings.

"Then, shall we go back?" Ye Xiu said.

"Okay!" Su Mucheng immediately stood up.

"Aw....." Chen Guo had wanted to say they could get more alcohol, but seeing that her idol wanted to leave, she swallowed what she was about to say and shakily stood up using the table as a support.

"Careful....." Ye Xiu saw that the two girls were unsteady and didn't know which one he should help. In the end, the two girls supported each other and swayed left and right towards the exit. Ye Xiu followed behind them, ready to rescue them at any time.

They paid the bill and then left.

It wasn't early and it was still quite cold at night, but the two drunk girls couldn't feel it. After leaving the restaurant, they didn't hurry to get back home and walked along the road. The two laughed and giggled the entire way back. Ye Xiu, who was following behind them, was too distracted to hear what they were saying clearly.

"Will it be far if we go back through there?" Ye Xiu heard Su Mucheng say this clearly and was so frightened, his body broke out into cold sweat.

"Hm, it's quite far. We can walk for a bit and then get a taxi!" Luckily, Chen Guo still had her common sense.

"Oh, oh. Let's walk for a bit." Su Mucheng said.

The two girls continued to walk forward in large strides. Ye Xiu didn't stop them and just followed close behind in case they tripped or something.

Looking at both sides of the street, all of the houses had their lights turned brightly on. In the night, the lights shined even brighter than the stars. Suddenly, there was a "Bang!" and then from who knew which window, a string of fireworks shot into the sky and exploded, dimming the stars even further.

The string of fireworks was like a signal and one after the other, all sorts of fireworks were set off. The sound of firecrackers also sprung up from all around, filling up the area with booms and crackles. Among these sounds was the sound of a clock. It was finally midnight!!

The two girls were almost within reach and Ye Xiu could see them opening their mouths and shouting something, but their voices were drowned out by the other sounds around them. Even worse, after the fireworks exploded into colorful flowers, raindrop like things began falling. Chen Guo was the first to be hit.

“Oh no!” The nearby Ye Xiu was able to hear Chen Guo shout this out.

“Run!!” The two girls called out to Ye Xiu. The two had already begun running. But the problem was that along this road, besides business buildings, the residents were all firing off their fireworks and firecrackers. This “rain” was dropping all along the road. Where would they run to?

The two girls didn’t seem to understand this logic. As they ran and dodged, they were having a lot of fun. Ye Xiu followed after them and finally understood. The two were pretending this was a game!

Ye Xiu paid attention to the road. During this special occasion, there were very very few taxis around. Even though he was looking for one, there was still no sign of one even after a long time.

“I’m so tired. Let’s rest a little bit!!” The two girls ran towards a bus stop to take shelter and then looked up together to see the skies filled with colorful flowers.

“Look over there. That one looks good.”

“Yeah, yeah. Over there!”

The two pointed around and continued to laugh, swaying from side to side. Ye Xiu also took cover at the bus stop and looked up. The beautiful flowers covering the sky truly was very gorgeous to look at. Unfortunately, no matter how beautiful the flowers were, they would only stay for so long before fading away.

The three under the bus stop watched the show put on by the neighborhood families. After the show was done, everything became exceptionally quiet. There would occasionally be a few sounds of fireworks going off, but it only further showed the emptiness after moments of beauty.

“It’s over……” Su Mucheng mumbled as she looked into the sky.

“It’s not done yet! We still have some at my home. Let’s hurry back and set them off!” Chen Guo said.

“Really?” Su Mucheng immediately became excited again.

“Hurry up and find a taxi.” The two impatiently urged.

But it wasn’t easy to find a taxi. The three waited for a long time before they found one. By the time they got back to the Internet Cafe, the families who didn’t care to see the New Year had probably gone to sleep already.

The two excited girls didn’t care about this though. After returning to the Internet Cafe, Chen Guo took out all of the fireworks she had bought yesterday. These fireworks had been bought based off of how good their names sounded to Chen Guo. She didn’t actually know what they were like though. After pushing them all outside, the two girls went to ask Ye Xiu to light them up.

Ye Xiu lit two of them, one for each of the two girls. The two girls played around with them, firing them off and commenting on them. Previously, they had been spectators. This time, they were participating. Even though no one else was really doing it right now, the two still looked for that type of fun from competing with others and expressed how their fireworks looked better than the others from before.

“Not bad, not bad.” Ye Xiu added and acted as the fire giver.



Chen Guo had truly bought a lot of fireworks. The two girls set them off for a good half an hour. They were finally satisfied and then went back to their rooms to rest.

“What should we do next?” They were done playing with the fireworks, but they clearly weren’t ready to stop yet.

“We can dungeon……” Ye Xiu suggested.

The two looked at each other and thought about it for a bit. They really didn’t have anything to do, so they accepted Ye Xiu’s suggestion.

When they came on, quite a few names on the friends list had lit up. Tang Rou wasn’t there though.

“Oh? There’s only us two.” Ye Xiu said to Su Mucheng.

“Then let’s go with just us two!” Su Mucheng didn’t care.

“You won’t fall asleep halfway right?” Ye Xiu wondered. The two girls had played crazily and had kept up their high energy the entire time. Now that things had quieted down, if the alcohol got to them, they would probably doze off.

“You’ll be okay by yourself, no?” Su Mucheng said.

“Okay, let’s go then!”

The two dungeoned together. Chen Guo hated how she couldn’t play with them. She could only go on her Chasing Haze and play by herself.

Ye Xiu’s worries had been right on the mark. Not long after they began playing, Chen Guo, who had been playing by herself in the Heavenly Domain, was the first to get sleepy and she struggled to keep her eyes open. In the end, she wasn’t able to hang on and she slumped in her chair and fell asleep.

As for Su Mucheng, because she was playing with someone else, her situation was better than Chen Guo’s. But halfway through the dungeon, she began struggling to keep her eyes open.

“Hey hey!”

“Hey!”

“Hey hey hey!” Ye Xiu repeatedly reminded. Right now, Su Mucheng was no longer his best partner, but the dungeon’s secret spy, giving Ye Xiu trouble from time to time.

“Hurry up and go to sleep.” Ye Xiu said.

“I’m not sleepy!” Su Mucheng struggled. She lifted her cannon and began firing at monsters. Ye Xiu had his character turn around and run. The monsters at hand hadn’t been completely killed off, yet she pulled another mob over……

Trapping them using the terrain, moving around, kiting, pulling a train…… Ye Xiu used everything at his disposal and with great difficulty, he was able to clear away the giant mob. He turned his head to urge Su Mucheng to go to sleep, but discovered that she had already fallen asleep on her chair.

Chapter 407 – Spring Festival Long Vacation

“Hey hey hey! Go up and sleep.”

“Hey hey hey! Go up and sleep.”

Ye Xiu patted to the left and to the right. The one on the left moved to the left and the one on the right moved to the right. Both of their mouths were muttering something. In any case, they were in a deep sleep and had no intentions of moving.

Ye Xiu patted to the left and right again. The two still ignored him. Helpless, Ye Xiu ran upstairs and grabbed blankets for them and then went back to the game.

Just like Su Mucheng said, for Ye Xiu, soloing a dungeon wasn't a problem, but it was still more troublesome. Ye Xiu didn't have any other choice though, so he pressed on forward through the dungeon. Moreover, Su Mucheng may be sleeping, but her character wasn't dead. In order to not waste experience, Ye Xiu had Su Mucheng's Cleansing Mist follow behind Lord Grim.

Ye Xiu let out a sigh of relief after getting out of the dungeon. Even though he had the ability to solo the dungeon, it taxed him heavily and certainly wasn't efficient. Still running over to solo a dungeon was very stupid, especially while an event was going on. Ye Xiu hadn't drunk much, so he was still clear headed. When he exited the dungeon, he had Su Mucheng's character log off and then went to do quests.

The Spring Festival events weren't difficult in the first place. If it wasn't a problem for normal players, how could it be a problem for Ye Xiu? After mechanically repeating the quests over and over, he had even gotten on TV a few times, but he didn't really get anything worth being amazed at. Experience was Ye Xiu's main priority though and from this perspective, the efficiency was very satisfactory.

Early in the morning, Chen Guo's and Su Mucheng's alcohol and fatigue had eased up by quite a bit because of the sleep and the two woke up.

“Go up and sleep!” Ye Xiu called to them.

“Oh.....” Chen Guo was struggling to wake up.

“What are you doing?” Su Mucheng was also trying hard to open her eyes.

“Doing quests!” Ye Xiu said.

“I'll go do some too. I don't want to be left behind.” Su Mucheng rubbed her eyes and extended her hands out to grab the mouse.

“Don't worry! When I get to Level 50, the Heavenly Domain challenge will take me a long time to finish.” Ye Xiu said.

“The quest chain won't be bad, but the requirements for the Arena might be troublesome in the new server.” Su Mucheng checked the level standings and said this after studying the tenth server's character levels. Lord Grim was too high leveled. He was at the same level as the top guilds' elite accounts and those accounts probably wouldn't go the Arena at Level 50.

“A blessing yesterday, a misfortune today!” Ye Xiu sighed.

Ye Xiu couldn't think of a way. Su Mucheng couldn't either. She could only be helpless along with Ye Xiu. On the other side, Chen Guo was struggling to stand up, but after seeing that Su Mucheng didn't intend on sleeping, she stretched and then sat back to down to log in.

"What, you're not going to sleep either?" Ye Xiu asked.

"All nighter. What sleep?" Chen Guo opened her eyes wide, but she couldn't open them very wide. She simply didn't have the energy to do so.

"All nighter it is!" Ye Xiu wouldn't urge her and quickly returned to his game.

As a result, the three each took a computer station and were able to complete the all nighter tradition. Many players used this as an excuse to play games all night.

And tonight, the might of the Spring Festival events could be seen. On the level standings, those who were online all day since the start had a huge advantage over those who hadn't. Ye Xiu's and Su Mucheng's character had both risen up several ranks.

After the sun came out, the three logged off and went to sleep. Su Mucheng had originally planned on sleeping at Ye Xiu's place, while Ye Xiu slept on the sofa, but Chen Guo stubbornly refused. Under her invitation, Su Mucheng went to sleep together in her room, while Ye Xiu slept in the usual storage room.

When they got up, they ate some food and then went to play Glory. For dinner, Chen Guo had reserved a restaurant again and so the three headed over there to eat another feast. They didn't party as hard as yesterday and the two girls didn't get so drunk that they were tipsy. After returning, they went to play Glory. This time, they didn't insist on playing all night and went to rest if they felt tired.

This lifestyle went on for three days. The pattern remained the same, but they were quite happy with it. After all, Glory was their favorite hobby. During a long vacation, doing what you liked without having to worry about work was what most people did for their vacation. Their way of celebrating the holiday wasn't anything out of the ordinary.

On the fourth day of the Spring Festival, Chen Guo had to go out. It wasn't like she didn't have relatives. It was just that she wasn't very close to them. She still felt like she had to visit them for New Year's. Chen Guo left in the early morning. When Ye Xiu and Su Mucheng got up, they only saw a slip of paper left by Chen Guo.

"Oh, today there's only us two!" Ye Xiu read the slip of paper.

"What should we do?" Su Mucheng asked.

"Have you bought any new clothes for the New Year's?" Ye Xiu asked.

"I haven't!" Su Mucheng said.

"Let's go shopping then!" Ye Xiu said.

"Okay!" Su Mucheng didn't refuse.

As a result, today, the three didn't sit at the Cafe playing the game all day. Chen Guo went out to visit her relatives. Ye Xiu and Su Mucheng went out walking around the city. They ate and took a stroll. It was like a vacation from the game.

Chen Guo finished visiting her relatives in one day. Ye Xiu and Su Mucheng didn't have any new goals after walking around the entire day either. The three returned to their previous life and played Glory during the vacation.

The long vacation for the Spring Festival usually lasted for seven days. But for the Pro Alliance, the vacation only lasted five days. This was because the Alliance wanted to take advantage of the vacation to add to the players' fun. The seventh day of the Spring Festival was a match day.

On the night of the fifth day, Su Mucheng had to go back to the team to get ready. During these few days, Chen Guo had been able to establish a deep friendship with Su Mucheng. Being able to become friends with her idol was something she had never dared of dreaming about before. Right now, her dream had become a reality. She had a smile on her face the entire day. When Su Mucheng left, Chen Guo had sent her who knew how many things as a gift. Ye Xiu watched, a bit speechless: "I say, it's not like she's leaving to somewhere far away! She's just across the street."

"What do you know. It's not convenient for Mu Mu to come over, especially because we're at an Internet Cafe." Chen Guo said.

"How could I not know....." Ye Xiu looked up at the sky. The boss was regarding him less and less like a pro player.

"It's really too much. I can't carry it all! I'll leave it here for now and I'll come pick it up when I have time." Su Mucheng said.

Her other reasons could be accepted. The four words "when I have time" made Chen Guo unbearably happy. She obviously welcomed Su Mucheng to come over often, so she quickly split the gifts: "So it's like that..... Okay, you can come pick these up later!"

Su Mucheng left. Now it was only Chen Guo and Ye Xiu that remained in the Internet Cafe. Chen Guo had given her employees seven days of vacation. Her reason for closing the Internet Cafe these past few days was mainly in order to concentrate on taking care of Su Mucheng as a guest. Now that Su Mucheng had left, Chen Guo could feel at ease opening up her Internet Cafe.

The Internet Cafe's business was doing quite well today. In particular, there were many young faces. Many of them couldn't even take out their proof of identity. They tried every way possible to try and trick their way in. Clearly, after receiving their New Year's money, they wanted to go out and spend it. Chen Guo was very lawful towards these people though. She wouldn't care about that small amount of business. Those who didn't have their proofs of identity wouldn't be able to enter. The helpless kids could only take their red envelopes and leave the line. Who knew how many kids she had to send away today. Chen Guo wasn't so soft.

On the seventh day of the Spring Festival, the final day of vacation, the Glory Pro Alliance specially prepared a match day in order to give their Glory fans a happy ending to the vacation. This day had been carefully considered long ago during the planning for this season's schedule. The entire day was filled with highlight matches.

Excellent Era versus Tyranny. Even though their current placings were very uneven, their many years of rivalry made this match a match worth seeing. No Excellent Era fan or Tyranny fan would miss this match.

Tiny Herb versus Samsara. After Excellent Era's dynasty, the new generation two-time Champion team would be facing the up and coming Samsara. It would be a match between the old and the new.

Blue Rain versus Thunderclap. Both teams had Master Tacticians leading. Even though in terms of individual strength, Blue Rain had the advantage, the existence of Thunderclap's Xiao Shiqin would give any team trouble. How the two Master Tacticians would devise their battle plans would definitely attract countless players who were interested in strategy and tactics.

Hundred Blossoms versus Misty Rain.....

Mysterious Fantasy versus Bright Green.....

Every match had something to be noted. Whether that be drama or controversy, all of the matches were filled with hype. The only unfortunate thing was that the competition schedule had been set before the season started. Many hot topics that came out during the season couldn't be arranged into the schedule.

For example, Tang Hao versus Lin Jingyan, the fight between the new generation and the old generation was a fight that had only erupted during the season. Moreover, the two were both powerhouses in their respective teams. If this had been known earlier, a match between Hundred Blossoms versus Wind Howl would have definitely been arranged for today.

Such a dazzling array of hyped matches to watch would make any player very conflicted on which one to watch. The TV station had chosen to broadcast the match between Excellent Era and Tyranny. However, this season, Excellent Era's record was quite poor. The two teams weren't on the same competitive level. The match was entirely on their history as rivals. This wasn't something that the people planning the season schedule could have predicted. The highlight match that had been planned for the Spring Festival had lost a lot of hype because of this reason. Luckily, the drama between Sun Xiang and Han Wenqing during the All Star Weekend made it so that there was something to look out for in this match. Even Chen Guo, who no longer liked Excellent Era, decided to choose this match to watch.

#### Chapter 408 – Su Mucheng's Transformation

At Happy Internet Cafe, everyone was still on break. Ye Xiu and Chen Guo were the only ones working. When it was about time for the match to be broadcast, the two bustled about, running back and forth and had even let out a little sweat doing so. Luckily, Chen Guo had plenty of experience. In the past, she had tried doing everything herself like this and knew what troubles would happen with just a few people helping out. As a result, she took precautions beforehand, so they wouldn't miss the match's broadcast.

However, because she had offended many of the Excellent Era fans, even though today they were broadcasting an Excellent Era match, there weren't many who came today specially for the match.

Chen Guo didn't care about this. It was true that the Cafe had lost that atmosphere from before, but there was still a good audience size, especially since Excellent Era's match was being broadcasted today. A few passerbyers saw this and joined in.

As a business, someone had to watch over the front desk. The two weren't able to get a good seat, so they sat together at the front desk.

The commentator and honored guest had already begun doing their pre-game talk. There was a lot less to talk about though because of Excellent Era's poor season record. Right now, the commentator and honored guest were discussing the challenge from Sun Xiang to Han Wenqing at the All Star Weekend, hoping to arouse their audience's feelings.

Reality confirmed that it worked. The Excellent Era fans in Happy Internet Cafe were bubbling with excitement. They hoped that today, Excellent Era would be able to crush Tyranny, especially Tyranny's captain Han Wenqing. The uglier the loss, the better. It has to be known that at the All Star Weekend, Sun Xiang had taken the initiative to challenge Han Wenqing, yet Sun Xiang was the one to lose. This defeat was something that Excellent Era fans could only lower their heads, even when Tyranny fans laughed at them. The battle had received not just a few mocking remarks from Tyranny fans, but the Excellent Era fans could do nothing in retaliation.

Win the match versus Tyranny!

After the All Star Weekend, this had become the number one hope this season for Excellent Era fans. As for making it into the playoffs, it was only a possibility in theory. They didn't have any hope of it actually happening.

A match that was looked highly upon by supporters would make it an important match for the teams too. Excellent Era had expressed their confidence and determination in the pre-game briefing.

The match soon began. For the first round in the individual competition, Excellent Era started off with Su Mucheng and her Dancing Rain. Chen Guo immediately put down her task at hand and stared attentively at the match.

Having not projected Excellent Era's matches in a while, Chen Guo only felt that it was a pity because she couldn't watch her idol play. Even though she later found VODs to watch, it wasn't as exciting as watching it live. Today was a rare opportunity. Chen Guo would give her a good cheer.

"Wow, Excellent Era starts off with Su Mucheng! Speaking of her, ever since the All Star Weekend, Su Mucheng has been performing exceptionally." The commentator said.

"Yes. You're right." The honored guest affirmed.

"Do you think that it has anything to do with Ye Qiu appearing at All Stars and expressing his return with a Dragon Raises Its Head?" The commentator began instigating the drama, obviously for the audience to listen to.

"It might be because of that, but it's only a guess. In recent interviews, Su Mucheng always avoids answering these types of questions." The honored guest said.

"There's already rumors that Ye Qiu is preparing to create his own team and return to the Pro Alliance that way. If that's true, with Su Mucheng's and Ye Qiu's relationship, she'll definitely be a central part of Ye Qiu's team, no? Coach Li, what do you think?"

Today, the commentator and honored guest was once again Pan Lin and Li Yibo. In the Glory eSports scene, the two were well-known casting duos. They would often be sent out for the more exciting matches.

“This..... the earliest Ye Qiu can come back would be next split in the winter. It’s not possible to directly have his team enter the Alliance at that time. In other words, if Ye Qiu creates his own team and plans on joining the alliance, if everything goes well, it will have to be at the tenth season. As for Su Mucheng’s contract? She still has half a year left. When the tenth season arrives, her contract will have expired. It really is possible. In terms of time, there aren’t any hindrances. However, there’s still half a year of time. Even if Ye Qiu creates his own team, it’s only a rumor right now. We can’t make a conclusion so easily.” Li Yibo’s words were spoken in a somewhat roundabout way. The current him no longer made conclusions so bluntly. His words would often have many extra words to them.

“Oh oh. Let’s first pay attention to the match.” After introducing the players who would be appearing on stage, the first round of the individual competition began and the commentator Pan Lin immediately switched the topic to the match.

“Coach Li, don’t you feel that Su Mucheng’s style has changed after the All Star Weekend?” Li Yibo’s commentating style had changed, but Pan Lin’s was still the same. Pan Lin often brought up topics for Li Yibo to talk about.

Li Yibo was quite confident with this question. He didn’t answer in a roundabout way and replied directly: “In truth, when Su Mucheng partnered with Ye Qiu, she spent the majority of the time supporting him. But recently, she has clearly become much more proactive, whether she plays solo or with the team. She now looks like a main attacker.”

“Then Coach Li, do you feel that this change is due to some type of breakthrough she’s made as an individual? Or do you think it’s because the team requires it?” Pan Lin asked.

“That’s hard to say, but I believe that no matter the style or strategy, every player has victory as their end goal.” Li Yibo elaborately avoided answering the question.

In the past, Chen Guo had liked to hear what the commentator and honored guest analyzed, but after hearing Ye Xiu’s explanations and deductions several times, when the time came, she turned her head out of habit to see what Ye Xiu had to say.

This time, Ye Xiu didn’t say anything. Chen Guo didn’t like this and tapped Ye Xiu’s shoulder: “Hey, say something.”

“Say what?” Ye Xiu was puzzled.

“They’re saying that Mu Mu’s style has changed.” Chen Guo and Su Mucheng had become good friends and now addressed her as “Mu Mu”.

“They’re correct. Her style has changed.” Ye Xiu said.

“How has she changed?” This was the question that Li Yibo had avoided.

“She’s gotten better as an individual.” Ye Xiu said.

“Really?” Chen Guo was happy, but she quickly realized that Ye Xiu had something more to say: “Then what about from a team perspective?”

“They’ve already said it. She’s changed from a support role to an attacker.” Ye Xiu said.

“Is that change good or bad?” Chen Guo asked.

“That can’t be seen from a 1v1 match. You have to look at the team’s situation to see.” Ye Xiu said.

“Just tell it to me straight!” Chen Guo was anxious.

“For the current Excellent Era, this type of change has probably increased the team’s strength!” Ye Xiu said.

“Why?”

“Because currently, Excellent Era’s core player is still a relatively solo player. In the past, Su Mucheng’s supportive play style didn’t just revolve around the core player’s tempo and add to it. Her play style required both sides to work together. When the core player attacked, the core player had to consider what she would do. Sun Xiang might have the ability to do this, but right now, he doesn’t have that type of awareness, so Su Mucheng’s playstyle wouldn’t be very effective. It’d be better if she became an attacker to increased the team’s battle strength.” Ye Xiu said.

“Sun Xiang is a piece of trash!” Chen Guo immediately disdained.

“If he really was trash, then there’s no one in the Alliance that would dare call themselves good.” Ye Xiu didn’t know whether to laugh or cry.

“Trash is trash!” Chen Guo violently cursed.

“Let’s watch the match.” Ye Xiu said helplessly.

The first round of the individual competition wasn’t short or long. Both sides played well, but Su Mucheng had seized a crucial opportunity and helped Excellent Era win one point.

“Beautiful! Amazing!!!” Chen Guo clapped wildly.

“Yeah yeah!” Ye Xiu added.

“So halfhearted!” Chen Guo heard Ye Xiu’s tone.

“Yeah yeah!” Ye Xiu repeated himself to save time.

Chen Guo restrained herself from picking up her stool and throwing it at him. She could only glare viciously at Ye Xiu and wait for him to explain.

“I understand your reaction as a crazy fan, but from the actual content of the match, your reaction is too exaggerated.” Ye Xiu said.

“If everyone’s like you. Where’s the fun in watching a match?” Chen Guo curled her lips.

“That’s why I’m a pro and you’re a spectator.” Ye Xiu said bluntly.

Chen Guo lost again.....



Chen Guo was beginning to feel conflicted for the second and third round. Excellent Era was a team she didn't like, but the team had players she liked. For a moment, she wasn't sure whether she should be hoping for Excellent Era to win or lose. Previously, when she didn't watch Excellent Era's matches, she didn't have this type of conflict. But now that she was looking at one, she didn't know what she should be feeling. The match made Chen Guo feel vexed.

During her moments of trouble, Excellent Era lost two times in a row. Chen Guo immediately made a conclusion and looked down on the two Excellent Era matches that had come out, while praising Su Mucheng.

The group arrangement for the Group Arena was standard. The two team's players with Han Wenqing and Sun Xiang last as the anchors.

The competition quickly began. This time, Excellent Era's two players who went up didn't give a chance for Chen Guo to look down on them. Their performance was exceptional. Not only did they defeat their opponents, they even acquired a huge advantage. In the third round, they fought against Han Wenqing and were able to take down half of the health of Han Wenqing's Desert Dust.

Next was Sun Xiang's turn. This matchup was something that everyone had been looking forward to, but with Han Wenqing's Desert Smoke only with half of his health left, the disadvantage for Han Wenqing was too great. Sun Xiang used this advantage to form a steady strategy. In the end, Sun Xiang defeated Han Wenqing and won his team the Group Arena victory.

However, beating a half health Han Wenqing didn't make any of the Excellent Era fans satisfied with the revenge. They only felt like Sun Xiang had done something that should have been done. In order to appease their resentment, it would have to be Sun Xiang at half health beating a Han Wenqing at full health.

As a result, everything depended on the final team competition.

#### Chapter 409 – Excellent Era Is Just That

So far, Tyranny had won two points, while Excellent Era had won three points. However, Excellent Era fans weren't happy. For the current Excellent Era, points were no longer significant. Playoffs wasn't possible and their standings weren't so bad that they were at risk of falling to the last two places and getting eliminated from the Alliance.

Excellent Era fans hoped to see a moving match. In reality, they didn't even need to win versus Tyranny, but they had to give Tyranny trouble. For Excellent Era, which no longer cared for their standings, their fans only wanted to enjoy the match and no longer cared for the results.

The break before the team competition was always relatively long. The commentator Pan Lin and honored guest Li Yibo discussed this issue. These two experiences professionals understood the two teams' situations quite clearly.

The audience in Happy Internet Cafe were also in a discussion. The atmosphere in the past when broadcasting Excellent Era games had somewhat reappeared. Truthfully, Chen Guo missed this type of atmosphere. Seeing the customers joining forces to support Excellent Era, Chen Guo showed a reminiscent expression.

After a 20 minute break, the team competition finally began. Both sides sent out the arrangement they usually used for the team competition.

Happy Internet Cafe quickly began growing excited, shouting and cheering for Team Excellent Era. But who could have thought that this team competition was like a splash of cold water to Excellent Era fans.

At the start of the match, Team Excellent Era charged forward, giving their fans a sense of confidence and spirit. But after a few minutes of fighting, anyone who knew even a little bit about Glory could see that Excellent Era was at a complete disadvantage.

Tactics!

The decisive factor for this match wasn't spirit, confidence, mechanics, performance, or experience, but tactics.

It goes without saying that the person to look out for was Team Tyranny's Zhang Xinjie.

Tactics wasn't something that was easy to see from a direct observation like an amazing play that was seen in two or three seconds, instantly pumping up the crowd. There was more to see in tactics. It's like a story filled with foreshadowing. The beginning might be dull and tedious, but once everything came together, the true importance of tactics would be revealed. The unceasing attacks from then on would cause the crowd to think back to the dull and tedious parts in the beginning and figure out what their purpose was.

The match turned out to be just like this. The first few minutes seemed like a normal confrontation, but after getting past this point, Tyranny began to continuously gain the advantage. The commentator and honored guest had been analyzing possible tactical intent at the start, but once the moment arrived, they connected the moves from the first few minutes and thoroughly analyzed the tactical plan.

"This is what you call brilliant." Ye Xiu praised.

"You're right." Chen Guo nodded her head. Because she had already abandoned her identity as an Excellent Era fan, she wasn't as dispirited and downcast as the other Excellent Era supporters in the Internet Cafe and appreciated Zhang Xinjie's tactical plan objectively.

"A lone wolf like Sun Xiang fears this type of preparation and fears strategy and tactics with direction to them. Don't look at how Tyranny was never worse than Excellent Era in terms of strength. Even Thunderclap might be able to gobble up Excellent Era." Ye Xiu said.

"Because they have Xiao Shiqin." Chen Guo obviously knew the names of the four famous Master Tacticians.

"Correct."

"What about the current Excellent Era? Is there anyone there good at tactics?" Chen Guo asked.

There might not be anyone in the entire Alliance who could answer this question with more authority than Ye Xiu. After a few seconds of silence, Ye Xiu slowly shook his head.

“Hmph..... retribution.” Chen Guo said impolitely. Excellent Era originally had a Master Tactician. Ye Xiu was one of them, but after Excellent Era kicked him out, a lot of problems arose. Chen Guo obviously felt happy about it because she no longer liked them anymore.

“For this season, Excellent Era is just that.”

As Ye Xiu made this remark, the team competition ended with Tyranny winning. If the results were looked at on paper, it looked like Tyranny only barely won with only two of their players left at the end. But as long as one saw how the match progressed, one would know that the results may have been close, but it was a closeness that had been predetermined. It’s not like it mattered how many players were alive at the end of the match. This was why sometimes, trading blows to end the match could be a very direct and effective strategy.

In the news briefing after the match, the briefing expressed how rare it was for the two bitter enemies to not have a tense fight, but those were only words for appearance purposes.

Tyranny gave a few simple words towards the match and then talked about the end goal for this season and their plans for playoffs. These were all things that Excellent Era didn’t have for this season. A few reporters believed there was another meaning behind these words and felt that Tyranny was trying to say that Excellent Era was not at the same level as them, so it was beneath them to talk about Excellent Era.

Excellent Era had less of a voice as the losers. Excellent Era politely praised Tyranny’s incredible tactics and then added in as if by accident that it was because they were playing on Tyranny’s home grounds that Tyranny was able to prepare such fine tactics. Then, they said how it was a pity that they wouldn’t have any more chances to fight against Tyranny this season and hoped that next season, the two teams would have another intense match.

The reporters once again noticed that their statement implied that Excellent Era was like a nobleman taking revenge, even ten years wouldn’t be too late.

Excellent Era understood what their fans were feeling and didn’t want to recklessly make a call. A loss was a loss. Still making remarks like a dead duck was very unclassy. Even though Excellent Era hadn’t touched the Championship Cup in four years, they still had the glorious record of having three Championship titles to their name and had always considered themselves as the number one team in the Pro Alliance.

The news briefing ended peacefully and Happy Internet Cafe’s broadcast also ended. The crowd began to disperse as well. Seeing how all of them looked so dejected, Chen Guo really wanted to go up and ask them: “Do you miss Ye Qiu?”

In the end, Chen Guo decided not to do so because Ye Xiu was sitting right there! She felt like standing out like that wouldn’t make anyone feel grateful towards her. It was much more likely that they would hate her.

After sending off a large batch of customers, Ye Xiu and Chen Guo returned to the game. Today, the Cafe had gotten loud for a bit because of the match, but then the business returned to the usual. The later it got, the fewer customers there were. There weren’t really any new customers that came. When it was almost midnight, there wasn’t even a single person left in the Internet Cafe. Before and after this, a lot

of young kids without any proof of identity came to go on the computers. Chen Guo naturally shoed them away. At 11 o'clock, a large group of youths came and discussed with Chen Guo the conditions for an all nighter at the Internet Cafe.

Chen Guo refused to budge and just like everyone else, if they didn't have any proof of identity, then they would have to leave. There was no room for negotiation. When the last customer left, she rolled down the shutters and closed the door.

During the long vacation, she had fun with her idol and played the game with her. Even though Chen Guo didn't always accompany them for an all nighter, her usual sleep schedule had been broken. Right now it was 12 o'clock. In the past, she would already be in bed, but she currently didn't feel like sleeping.

What should she do? There was only Glory.....

She tidied up the front desk with Ye Xiu and then the two sat at their usual computers and played on their accounts.

"How's it going? Has anything happened recently?" Ye Xiu asked.

Chen Guo shook her head and then turned around to look at Ye Xiu's screen: "What level are you?"

"Level 49. I'll rush to 50 tonight." Ye Xiu said.

The time for history to be made had finally arrived. Chen Guo decided that she wouldn't sleep today in order to remember this moment of glory.

"What do you plan on doing after getting to Level 50?" Chen Guo asked.

"I'll do the quest chain first and then wait for everyone else to level up." Ye Xiu said.

"What a waste of time....." Chen Guo sighed. Normal players often had to repeat the content in the quest chain several times before succeeding, which was why they usually felt that it took so long. But for Ye Xiu, Chen Guo was certain that he would be able to pass it on his first try. He wouldn't need to repeat anything and finish it step by step. The quest chain for the Heavenly Domain challenge wouldn't take too long. However, for the Arena portion, he would have to wait for the majority of the playerbase to reach Level 50, which would usually take about a month. Right now there were events for the Spring Festival. However, most players wouldn't be like Ye Xiu and play all day everyday, so their leveling speed couldn't compare to Ye Xiu's. Even with the event going on, the majority of the players would still need half a month. During this half a month, Ye Xiu would have nothing to do.

That night, Chen Guo didn't sleep. As she did quests, she paid attention to Lord Grim's experience bar. Finally, she personally witnessed this historical event. Under the white light from the computer screen, Lord Grim reached Level 50, becoming the first in the tenth server to get to Level 50.

Due to the nature of the Spring Festival, the accounts from the top guilds weren't being played on 24/7. In the past few days, Ye Xiu actually played more than them. With Chen Guo helping Ye Xiu level, while he was sleeping, during these seven days of vacation, Lord Grim had become the tenth server's number one player.

But unfortunately, the tenth server didn't have any event for begin the highest level. Even though Lord Grim was the first to reach Level 50, he didn't get any rewards. He only received a few gasps of admiration from a few players.

#### Chapter 410 – Heavenly Domain Challenge, Start!

Apart from the Thousand Chance Umbrella, the other equipment on the Level 50 Lord Grim was very ordinary. Because he didn't have a class, he couldn't wear class-specific sets, so he simply switched equipment whenever he found it convenient to. Ye Xiu had more than enough money to buy these common equipment.

As a result, he had equipment of all different kinds and of all different levels. This was what other experienced players did as well though. Before reaching max level, very few players cared to buy the best equipment for themselves. The reason the top guilds would do this was because one, they needed the best conditions for challenging the dungeon records and two, they had many players and plenty of resources. Most of the resources didn't need to be spent on the majority of the guild members, so the guild could allocate a bit of it to buy the most optimal equipment for their elites.

But now that Lord Grim was Level 50 and Ye Xiu had plenty of time to spare, he could carefully prepare a set of good equipment for himself. There was no need to get the best, but finding a proper set of equipment could increase his Level 50 battle strength by quite a lot.

Ye Xiu went to the main city and began searching the market.

The tenth server had opened for two months and the market could be considered as stable now. The new players that had come at the opening of the server had played for two months now and the majority of them weren't as nooby as before. They had a basic understanding of the prices for different types of equipment and which equipment were useful. As for uncommon materials, which was always in need, even idiots knew that these materials weren't trash.

When Lord Grim leveled to 50, it was already the latter half of the night. The market was still bustling with activity though. However, most of the characters at the vendor stalls weren't active. Players would often go to sleep and leave their characters in the game with a vendor stall.

Ye Xiu obviously knew this, so as he moved through the market, he wouldn't bother haggling over any prices that weren't too ideal. He simply skimmed through the stalls as he walked. With the production capability of over ten million players, apart from items dropped by wild BOSSes, which only spawned a certain amount of times per week, there was more supply than demand. As long as one had patience, one could find anything in the market. Ye Xiu wasn't looking for anything too great and understanding this idea, he patiently scoured around. He opened his money bag again and again, buying equipment after equipment.

After walking through one street, the equipment on Lord Grim looked completely new now. Ye Xiu opened up his stats page and nodded his head in satisfaction.

"What's the logic behind your equips?" Chen Guo asked. She had been quietly watching Ye Xiu buy equipment the entire time. She had wanted to speak several times, but she never did because she wanted to rely on her own knowledge to figure out why. However, after observing the whole times, she couldn't understand, so she could only ask.

Ye Xiu turned his head to look at Chen Guo and said: "By a price to stat ratio....."

Chen Guo had lost again. A price to stat ratio..... was a very practical reason. It was just that Chen Guo had thought that a top-tier God would look at things from an overall perspective. However, looking at things based on a price to stat ratio wouldn't be good for that purpose, which was why Chen Guo hadn't thought that Ye Xiu would choose equipment based on that logic. Even when she saw Ye Xiu buy an individual equipment and thought of this, she threw away that thought every time. Who would have thought that it really was just like that. A great top tier God bought equipment based off of its price to stat ratio. Chen Guo felt like Ye Xiu was unworthy of his treasure trove of uncommon materials.

"This is good enough for the Heavenly Domain Challenge." Ye Xiu said.

"Oh?" Chen Guo was surprised, but quickly understood: "Are you comparing the price based on the difficulty of the challenge?"

"Mm." Ye Xiu nodded his head. He went around the city, preparing his equipment, and received all of the quests for the Heavenly Domain Challenge.

Arena.

Quest chain.

There were two parts to it.

As a result, when Ye Xiu passed by the Arena entrance, he had Lord Grim look around even though he clearly knew he was the only Level 50 character in the tenth server. It could be seen that even God Ye Xiu was a person. Even he hoped that pie would fall from the sky sometimes.

In the end, there was nothing to be found in the Arena, so he began the quest chain.

There were many steps in the quest chain. The first step was to return to the Beginner Village and find the NPC to receive the quest and help him find his money bag, which he lost in the creek nearby.

It was a very common quest. After receiving it, the player simply followed the directions given by the NPC and then the player would reach the quest scenario.

The Heavenly Domain quest scenario were actually dungeon-like in nature. However, it had to be completed alone, so there was no need to worry about anyone else messing up your Challenge and there was also no need to try asking others for help.

Finding the money bag sounded cute, but in reality, it tested the player's ability to jump.

The scenario was set in rapid flowing water. The player could only jump on the rocks to move forward. If the player accidentally jumped into the water, the player would immediately be carried by the water to shore and the player would have to try again. The money bag was located on one of the rocks in the creek.

The arrangement of the rocks and the money bag's location was random. This made it so that it wasn't possible to make a guide for it. The player could only rely on his own strength to jump around and find it.

Chen Guo had been stuck on this quest for a long time, when she was attempting the Heavenly Domain Challenge. She had fallen into the water countless times, but in the end, she was able to find the money bag. Now that there was a God in front of her, Chen Guo obviously wanted to watch him play. She saw Ye Xiu get to the scenario, charge towards the river bank, and then directly jump, without stopping to look.

He never paused. By looking at Ye Xiu's screen, Chen Guo could see just how fluid and quick Ye Xiu was with these movements. His screen was never in the same place for even one second. His camera constantly turned. Chen Guo didn't know if he was looking for the money bag or looking for a place to land. His character jumped non-stop. Chen Guo no longer knew which direction he was heading in.

After three minutes, Lord Grim jumped back onto shore and then left.

Chen Guo was dumbstruck. She stared at the screen dumbly and after a minute, she confirmed that Ye Xiu was heading back to the Beginner Village. She asked in astonishment: "You're done?"

"Done!" Ye Xiu said.

"The money bag?"

Ye Xiu opened up his inventory. Because the money bag was a quest item, the name was in a different color, so it was easy to distinguish it from the other items.

"When did you pick it up?" Chen Guo hadn't seen it.

"That....." Ye Xiu felt that it was hard to describe.

"I didn't see it at all!" Chen Guo said.

"If you told me earlier, I could have gone slower....." Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo was speechless all the way until Ye Xiu handed over the money bag and started the second quest.

The second quest was a battle, but there were restrictions. Only normal attacks could be used. No skills were allowed.

At that time, this quest had made Chen Guo cough up blood. For Gunners, normal attacks were a type of style. Even though they could be fired in all sorts of positions and movements, the only way to do damage was to hit the opponent with the shots.

A Gunner without skills was like playing a game of Counter Strike.

It was a 1v100 game. You only had one life bar. If you died, you had to start over. The only good thing was that if you died, there was no penalty. If there were penalties for dying in the Heavenly Domain Challenge, the Glory company would certainly be under terrorist attacks.

This 1v100 quest had a storyline to it, but Ye Xiu obviously didn't care. He took the quest and skipped all of the talking.

Chen Guo switched positions and prepared to admire a performance by a God, but very quickly, tears streaked her cheeks.

She had used Lord Grim before. How could she have forgotten about the Thousand Chance Umbrella?

One class only had one set of normal attacks, but Lord Grim had six sets. Every form of the Thousand Chance Umbrella was another set.

Melee and ranged attacks, all around attacks, even shield attacks.

The 100 enemies weren't BOSSes. In reality, they didn't even have the strength of Level 70 monsters. Lord Grim was only Level 50 though, so against 100, from a level comparison, he was at a disadvantage.

But apart from the Thousand Chance Umbrella, Ye Xiu was also a beast.

What was a small difference in levels to him? They were just trash, that's all they were.

Ye Xiu's Thousand Chance Umbrella continuously switched forms. Every change wasn't like how when Chen Guo used it; she sometimes just changed forms for fun.

For Ye Xiu, every change of form had a purpose. After switching forms, the weapon would immediately use an appropriate attack to deal with the enemy.

On his screen's quest list, the 100 number kept decreasing.

Lord Grim's health also continued to decrease.

But Chen Guo knew that it wasn't because Ye Xiu couldn't hang on, it was because he didn't care. He had more than enough health to wipe out the 100 monsters. He didn't need to care about his health. It wasn't like the system cared how much health he had left at the end.

The second scenario was quickly passed. Chen Guo looked at the time. His progress compared to hers at that time were like night and day.

Ye Xiu directly entered the third scenario.

The third scenario was also a battle, but this was a one versus one with no restrictions.

But the opponent was a BOSS.

The Midnight Phantom Cat, Green Forest's hidden BOSS. Of course, it wasn't Level 10 like the one encountered in Green Forest. If it really was Level 10, even if it was a hidden BOSS, it would be obliterated by any Level 70 player.

The Midnight Phantom Cat had grown to Level 70.

A Level 70 hidden BOSS against a Level 50 character, but the player was a top-tier expert in Glory. In any case, it was a very unusual match up.

Chen Guo held her breath and watched Ye Xiu fight without any hesitation.

The Level 70 Midnight Phantom Cat was like a crying mouse in front of Ye Xiu. Chen Gou could even hear the cat's shrieks and cries.

"The system has no way of stopping him....." Chen Guo quietly thought as she watched the fight.