

Avatar 431

Chapter 431 – Pry

“Amazing, amazing.....” The expressions on the two Sweepers who had lost eight rounds in a row weren’t as ugly as the crowd thought, which made the spectators view them in another light. The scene they had created had even benefited Ma Chenyi. It didn’t make their loss look as embarrassing.

After observing the matches, next was to observe the experts. However, the four experts seemed as if they weren’t aware they were being watched and simply sat at their own seats without moving. It made everyone feel that they were true experts. Things that everyone else thought was amazing were just trivial matters to them.

The crowd didn’t mind it. The two Sweepers got up and then met with the four experts, giving them their sincere respect. Afterwards, they politely expressed that they should have another match when an opportunity arises and then left with Ma Chenyi. Due to the two Sweeper’s graceful display, the three leaving didn’t seem too shameful. Some people even sympathized with them. Under this sort of circumstance, Chen Guo wouldn’t mock them as they left like villains. Ma Chenyi may have lost this time, but he hadn’t lost face.

Once the three left, the four experts gave Chen Guo a look and then returned to their seats to continue playing. Quite a few curious players wanted to have a match with the four experts, but the four politely refused them. There was nothing that they could do. The Sweeping the Field crisis passed by just like this.

Tang Rou had been operating the cash register at the front desk, so she couldn’t log into the game to watch the matches because her character was still in the tenth server. The Sweeper battles had been done by Heavenly Domain characters and had taken place in the Heavenly Domain Arena.

The normal Glory Arena was cross server, but the Heavenly Domain one wasn’t. The Heavenly Domain Arena could be interpreted as the higher ranked Arena. A player’s win-loss record on the normal server Arena was separate from the Heavenly Domain’s Arena. The two Arenas also had different rewards.

Tang Rou could only watch someone else’s screen. She had originally thought that she was going to go up and battle for this Sweeping the Field, but then she discovered that Chen Guo had no such thoughts.

Tang Rou recognized those four so-called experts. Among them were frequent customers in Happy Internet Cafe and Happy Internet Cafe employees. Tang Rou had been in Happy for a long time and she knew very well that those four definitely weren’t experts. At the same time, she also knew that Ma Chenyi had never seen these four before. Chen Guo had diligently arranged this. Tang Rou had basically figured out what was going on.

“Watch over the place for a bit. I’m going up.” Chen Guo knew that Tang Rou had probably guessed what had happened. She gave her an eye and then ran upstairs.

At Room 213 on the second floor, Chen Guo pushed open the door and her first thought was: the ventilation in this room isn’t good enough. I need to make it stronger.

She hadn’t left for long. How many cigarettes had he smoked? The smoke made Chen Guo cough a bit and she even felt like it made it harder finding Ye Xiu.

“Hm? Did they leave?” Even Ye Xiu’s voice seemed hazy amidst the fumes.

Chen Guo pushed the door wide open and stayed outside of the room. All four computers in the room were turned on. The two screens that Chen Guo could see were stopped on the desktop wallpaper.

“They left.” she said.

“What was their reaction?” Ye Xiu asked.

“They didn’t really have any reactions. They admitted their loss and then left.” Chen Guo said.

“Oh.” Ye Xiu replied simply.

“What are you doing?” Chen Guo asked.

“Looking at the eight matches I just played.” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo mustered up her courage. She stepped into the room and sat down next to Ye Xiu. On Ye Xiu’s computer was the match he had just played. However, his studying wasn’t nearly as meticulous as when he studied the pro matches. The recording was played on 2x speed and he wasn’t looking around in different angles either. In the beginning, Chen Guo thought he was looking in the player’s perspective. She wasn’t wrong, but it was in the opponent’s perspective, not his.

“How are these two?” Chen Guo asked.

“They’re not bad, but they’re still far from being at the pro level.” Ye Xiu said.

“Of course, they’re not at the pro level. Why would a pro player go to an Internet Cafe?” Chen Guo said.

“It doesn’t matter who it is. Did they record it?” Ye Xiu asked.

“They did.” Chen Guo, “Every single match.”

“It seems like my guess is correct!” Ye Xiu nodded his head.

“But how did Grand Internet Cafe get mixed up with them?” Chen Guo said.

“That doesn’t really matter, does it? It was just a reason to come over and do this.” Ye Xiu said.

“How did you play these eight matches?” Chen Guo asked.

“Four different styles.” Ye Xiu said, “A normal person might not feel it, but if a pro player analyzed it, he would definitely think that they were done by different people.”

“Excellent Era’s people should be very familiar with you though!” Chen Guo said.

“They’re only familiar with One Autumn Leaf.” Ye Xiu said bluntly.

“Could you be just as proficient with other classes as your Battle Mage?” Chen Guo asked in astonishment. It was true that Ye Xiu was called a Glory Textbook, but this was mainly because he had been playing Glory since the start of the game. At that time, the Pro Alliance hadn’t even been created yet. Glory was still purely an online game. In those days, he was already an extremely popular player and had a lot of influence on the meta. After the Pro Alliance was created, he had used the Battle Mage One

Autumn Leaf for around seven years. His nickname of being a Textbook stuck around, but the majority of people knew him as the Battle God.

“Not at all.” Ye Xiu replied, which made Chen Guo relax a bit.

“But they’re close.” These added words from Ye Xiu made Chen Guo stir again. If they were close, then didn’t that mean he was at a pro level with all of the other classes?

“You can’t have that much time!” Chen Guo exclaimed. With 24 classes, if he practiced each class for an hour, he wouldn’t have any time to do anything else.

“Over time.” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo nodded her head.

“And of course, talent.” Ye Xiu added.

Chen Guo’s gaze returned to her screen. She didn’t want to bother with him. However, she had to admit that all of these top tier Gods in Glory had to have talent.

“I really want to see their reactions when they see those recordings!” Chen Guo clicked in boredom at the desktop icons.

It had taken her quite a bit of effort to borrow these accounts and organize everything, but she wouldn’t be able to see the results. It was quite depressing to think about.

Club Excellent Era.

After the two Sweepers left Happy Internet Cafe, they apologized to Ma Chenyi.

What could Ma Chenyi say? He had personally witnessed their skill and had thought that challenging the entire Happy Internet Cafe wouldn’t be a problem. How could he know that Happy had so many freaks these days? If he had to blame anything, he would have to blame not scouting out his opponent first and just charging in to try Sweeping the Field.

Moreover, the two might have lost, but their performance made it so he didn’t lose any face. For the loser, Ma Chenyi, this was already quite a good result. It had to be known that when he found out that Happy Internet Cafe had Lord Grim, he felt like dying. But after losing miserably, they were able to peacefully leave. After making such an arrogant challenge, they hadn’t been treated so bad.

As a result, Ma Chenyi thanked the two of them and welcomed them to come and play at his Cafe. The two sides split up afterwards. Ma Chenyi went back to his Internet Cafe. The two walked around for a bit and then slipped into Club Excellent Era.

At Club Excellent Era’s guild studio, when Chen Yehui saw the two come back, he immediately leaped out of his chair.

“How was it?” Chen Yehui immediately asked.

“We did it.” After returning to their seats, the expressions on the two of them finally turned ugly.

“Okay. Come with me.” Chen Yehui had the two follow him. Even though it was his studio, the things they needed to talk about still weren’t convenient to talk about here. The reason was because their opponent was Ye Qiu, Excellent Era’s former God. Chen Yehui could only secretly discuss how to deal with Ye Qiu with his most trusted friends. Lord Grim was Ye Qiu. Quite a few core members from other guilds knew about this. However, in Excellent Dynasty, Chen Yehui didn’t dare tell anyone.

“What’s the situation?” Chen Yehui asked as they hastily headed towards the team.

“There are four experts!” the two said.

“That can’t be right.” Chen Yehui stopped in astonishment. He had even forgotten to walk.

“Both of us saw it.” the two swore.

Chen Yehui hesitated, but then continued walking until they met with Liu Hao.

“We’ve scouted Happy.” Chen Yehui went right to the point.

“Oh?” Liu Hao was quite interested.

Chen Yehui didn’t continue and had his two trusted friends say the words for him.

“Happy Internet Cafe has four experts!” the two immediately said.

“Experts? How good?” Liu Hao was more calm than Chen Yehui when he heard this. A pro player had seen more things, after all. The game had too many so-called experts, but in the pro scene, these so-called experts would just be like fleeting clouds.

“We have recordings.” the two said.

“Let me see.” Liu Hao said.

One of them went to use the computer and logged into an online file hosting service. He had saved all the recordings here. The recordings were quickly downloaded. This person got up and moved to the side: “One Launcher, one Witch, one Assassin, and one Striker.”

“Is the Launcher Chasing Haze?” Chen Yehui interjected.

“No..... all four are male.....” When the two were assigned with this task, Chen Yehui had talked to them that Chasing Haze was important to ask about. But they didn’t even figure out who Chasing Haze was and there were four more experts.....

Liu Hao had already opened up one recording; it was the Launcher match.

Chapter 432 – The Experts Behind the Scenes

Chen Yehui stood to one side and watched carefully with the other two. However, with a pro player like Liu Hao here, the three knew that they didn’t have the qualifications to express their opinions, so they stayed silent. On the other side, Liu Hao had watched until about halfway through, when he suddenly grabbed his phone and sent a text.

As he put down the phone, he rewound the recording back to the beginning and then began to contemplate.

Chen Yehui and the other two looked at one another, but didn't say anything. Not long afterward, the room to the door was pushed open. The three turned their heads and saw He Ming and Wang Ze walk in. They had seen Chen Yehui call for them and then they went over the videos together.

"Watch this match." Liu Hao told the two who had walked in.

"Chasing Haze?" He Ming asked.

"First look." Liu Hao said and then watched the match again from the beginning.

The room fell silent. Liu Hao wasn't wearing headphones, so the match didn't have sound. Everyone watched the screen quietly. Once the recording reached a certain spot, He Ming's and Wang Ze's expression changed. Chen Yehui and the other two knew that they wouldn't be able to figure out much from the match, so they weren't nearly as focused as the three pro players. From time to time, they would glance to see the expression of the three pros. They quickly caught the reason for their change in expression. In the match, it was the moment that the Blade Master exposed an opening and began being comboed to death by the Launcher.

When the match ended, Liu Hao turned around. First, he gave He Ming and Wang Ze an eye before looking at the other three: "Who fought this match?"

"I fought it....." the Blade Master player replied.

"Do you know where you made a mistake?" Liu Hao asked.

Everyone understood what he was trying to get at because there had been a clear momentum shift during the match. In the beginning, the two sides had been extremely even and it seemed like it would be a battle of attrition. But the tides suddenly turned, and so it had turned out like this. The mistake was obviously pointing toward the moment the tides turned.

However, the Blade Master player shook his head, expressing that he didn't know.

"The balance of power in the beginning was only a facade. It seemed like a dirty style of fighting, but it actually isn't. This is a control style. When you find an opportunity, you seize it and turn it into an instant kill. If you don't understand, you should know who Huang Shaotian is, right? He represents the control style of playing. Of course, it'd be going a bit too far to compare this Launcher with Huang Shaotian. Huang Shaotian's playing is much better." Liu Hao said.

This player used a Blade Master, so even if he didn't like Huang Shaotian, there was no way that he would be a stranger to him. If you wanted to become a Blade Master expert, studying Huang Shaotian was a must. When he heard Liu Hao mention this God, he immediately understood. For a player at his level, he wouldn't be unfamiliar with different types of playing styles. He might not be able to realize it, but once an expert pointed it out, he could use it to look and could see some things.

"Where's the other Launcher one?" Liu Hao asked.

The next match was naturally the one against the Sharpshooter. That player immediately came out and pointed at the recording. Liu Hao opened it and everyone began to quietly watch again. Chen Yehui and the other two would glance at the expression of the three pro players from time to time. They couldn't

get much from watching the matches, but they could see quite a bit from the changes in their expressions.

This match was even quicker than the last one. After watching it, the three pro players looked at one another. This time, Liu Hao didn't speak and looked at Wang Ze to explain.

Wang Ze was a Sharpshooter player, so after seeing Liu Hao's intentions, he immediately spoke: "Compared to the last match, his play style is smarter."

Chen Yehui and the other two didn't dare interrupt and just listened carefully.

"He had mainly been waiting for an opportunity to arise in the last match, but for this one, he took the initiative to create it." Wang Ze said.

"This has to do with the opponent." He Ming added, "The previous opponent was a mainly close-range Blade Master. The Launcher has the range advantage, so if he maintained a distance and fought, the Blade Master would certainly begin to lose his patience. Waiting was a good choice. But for this match, his opponent was a Sharpshooter. Sharpshooters don't have as much range as Launchers, but it's only a slight difference. It isn't easy to grasp that difference. As a result, waiting would make him fall from an active position to a passive position, so this time, he took the initiative and created his own opportunity. His decision was correct as well."

"That's right." Liu Hao nodded his head at the two's analysis, "But the problem is that the two sides have a clear strength gap. Don't you think that his meticulous planning and playing, depending on the different classes, feels a bit strange?"

"This..... maybe he's just being cautious or perhaps it's a type of attitude." He Ming said.

Liu Hao didn't say anything and didn't look at any other match recording. Instead, he went online and took out the match between Chasing Haze and Poplar Beach.

"In this match, Chasing Haze was being played by Ye Qiu." Chen Yehui said.

"Yes. You've said this. However, you can't ascertain that Ye Qiu really was the one sitting behind the screen controlling Chasing Haze, right?" Liu Hao said.

"Yes....." Chen Yehui nodded his head.

This match progressed a bit quicker. The two sides didn't really fight much before Poplar Beach was exploded to death. However, after hearing Liu Hao's control play style, everyone looked and immediately felt that this match was a prime example of the control play style, except that during this match, there were too many opportunities. Chasing Haze didn't even wait or try to create an opportunity. She simply fought a few exchanges with her opponent and then seized an opportunity that arose and won from there.

"How does this match compare with those two?" Liu Hao said.

"It's more precise. You could even say that each step was done perfectly." They had actually discussed this match long ago.

“There’s no way that Ye Qiu is unfamiliar with a Launcher’s control playstyle. Don’t forget that he raised Su Mucheng up by himself. Su Mucheng’s playstyle is another paragon of the control style, though her play style leans more towards synergizing with the team. She isn’t normally a main aggressor, so this type of style isn’t usually seen when she’s in a duel.” Liu Hao said.

“Are you saying that this was all done by Ye Qiu?” He Ming said.

“No..... I’m saying that this type of Launcher style is representative of Ye Qiu’s school of thought.” Liu Hao said, “There must be someone else besides Ye Qiu controlling Chasing Haze. Did you forget that day?”

That day was pointing to the day when the three pros had run to the Heavenly Domain, confident that they would kill Lord Grim. But their two-player duo had scared them off. They had even thought that the Launcher was Su Mucheng.

“There have already been many people who have played on this Chasing Haze.” Liu Hao said, “The true owner of this character is the one that had been in Excellent Dynasty. The one that participated in the All Star Weekend. She’s only a normal player.”

“Yes, she’s Happy’s boss. We asked about it.” the two immediately said. The fact that Chasing Haze was Chen Guo’s account wasn’t something hard to find out about. The two didn’t even need to ask around at Happy Internet Cafe. They had heard Ma Chenyi mention it.

“There’s no need to talk about the true owner. What we want to know is who else the other controller is. Of course, it’s possible that it’s Ye Qiu.....” Liu Hao pointed at the video and said, “But it could also be someone else.”

“That’s right..... We also saw that person!” the two Sweepers immediately said.

“What type of person is he?” Liu Hao asked.

The two were suddenly speechless because their appearances were very ordinary. They didn’t have any special air to them.

“Let’s look at the others for now!” Liu Hao felt that this question wasn’t the main point. After closing the online video, he opened up another match recording.

This match was the match between the Assassin and the Blade Master. It was one that went blow for blow, until the scene was splattered with blood. However, after ten seconds, the three pro players quickly changed their view on this because, after ten seconds, it was no longer a close fight, but rather a massacre.

“This is..... a shameless style!” He Ming wasn’t sure, but his tone of voice also had a little hate to it.

The shameless style was something they all knew about. It was usually used by classes with more defense and health. To put it simply, it was an ‘I have more defense and more health, so if we just trade blows, you lose’ style. A player like He Ming who used an Elementalist with paper defense clearly wasn’t suited for this type of style. In addition, it was a style that he hated very much.

The reason He Ming wasn’t sure was because the character attacking shamelessly was an Assassin. Assassins were a class with low defense and health, too, so the style didn’t fit the class.

“Which match is this?” Liu Hao asked the two.

“This is my second match. Wait, no, for me, it was my third match. However, the first match was just against a normal player. I recorded it, but it wasn’t anything of value, so I didn’t save it.” the Blade Master said.

“I don’t think you can consider this match as a shameless style. It’s just because he was certain of his skill that he relied on winning with just brute force.” Liu Hao said.

“Where’s the other match against this guy?” Liu Hao understood the situation. There were four unknown experts and the two brothers in front of him had both fought against each of them for a total of eight matches.

The Sharpshooter pointed to that recording. Everyone watched it. It was quite rough! This Assassin completely ignored the Sharpshooter’s attacks and just brute forced his way to victory. This was his confidence that as long as he closed in, he would be able to defeat the opponent. He wasn’t concerned about the Sharpshooter’s close combat ability and wasn’t concerned that the opponent had the skill to escape.

“The person’s real strength..... is hard to determine. He’s not fighting against someone close to his skill.....” Liu Hao said.

I just hope that the other two don’t play like this.....” He Ming said.

Chapter 433 – If I May Be So Bold to Ask a Favor

Striker, Witch.

Everyone watched the four matches with these two characters. The main people discussing were still Liu Hao and He Ming. Wang Ze said a few things too, whenever it was a Sharpshooter match. As for the two Sweepers, they would only be asked for whenever the pros had any on site questions. Apart from that, there was nothing else for them to do.

From these two characters, everyone was able to see their individual styles and could tell that the two were very skilled experts. However, they encountered a similar problem as the Assassin when they wanted to know exactly how good they were: the difference in skill between the two sides was too uneven, so it was hard to measure. They didn’t know if this type of one-sided victory was something the other side could do 80% of the time or only 50% of the time.

This was actually true for the Launcher as well. Even though the Launcher had displayed a clear strategy and style, his opponent wasn’t able to resist, so it was still difficult to precisely determine exactly how good this Launcher was.

As a result, the pros knew that Ye Qiu had four other experts, but their true skill was a still a mystery. These four experts were very strong. Chen Yehui’s people wouldn’t be able to feel them out. However, Liu Hao and the other pros had no way of running over to the Internet Cafe themselves.

Chen Yehui even had to make things worse by saying: “These classes aren’t the classes of Ye Qiu’s dungeon team in the tenth server. In the tenth server, he has a fixed team. Among them is a Launcher,

which is probably Su Mucheng. But apart from her, there's a Battle Mage, a Brawler, a Blade Master, and a Ghostblade. All of them are very skilled."

Liu Hao's expression suddenly turned ugly. If that was the case, then not including Ye Qiu's Lord Grim, he had already netted eight experts? He had only left Excellent Era for two months. How did he do all this by himself?

Liu Hao and the other two pros were already quite worried, but with Chen Yehui and his two men next to them, they couldn't show it.

"Should we try contact them in game?" He Ming suggested. In order to test for their skill, they needed pro level players to come out. However, pro players couldn't run to an Internet Cafe to Sweep the Field, so they could only do it online.

"The thing I'm worried about is that Chasing Haze is the same as these guys. We can look for these characters by their names, but even if we meet them, the one playing might not be the expert. Ye Qiu is too cunning. He's surely taken precautions against the Club digging these experts out, so he's intentionally hiding them. We know of their existence, but we have no way of finding them." Liu Hao grinded his teeth.

Chen Yehui listened. His heart thumped and he turned his head to say to his two people: "You two. For now, go frequent Happy Internet Cafe! Try and look for these experts. You shouldn't need me to tell you how exactly you should do this, right?"

"Understood." The two nodded their heads.

"Okay. Try to get more information. Find more recordings to get back to us. That way, we'll be able to know their skill." Liu Hao accepted Chen Yehui's plan.

"We can try contact them in-game too! After all, the things you talked about are only a possibility and not a fact." He Ming said.

Liu Hao nodded his head and then told Chen Yehui: "Find out where these characters are and then we'll personally meet up with them."

"OKay." Chen Yehui nodded his head.

Soon afterwards, Chen Yehui left with his two men. The remaining Liu Hao and the two pros looked at each other and then exposed their true feelings.

Dismay! They were in absolute dismay!

Ye Xiu only had one helper and that was enough to scare the three of them from making any hasty movements, let alone another four. They might not know exactly how skilled these four were, but the two weren't weak to dominate those two Sweepers. The pro players already had some idea of their level though. If these four helpers were under the lead of a God like Ye Qiu, the three of them definitely wouldn't win.

"I remember that when we met them..... it wasn't just the two of them. There was also a Battle Mage with them." Wang Ze recalled. As a result, the three immediately thought of the experts in the tenth server that Chen Yehui had talked about. There was a Battle Mage among them.

“A Battle Mage trained by Ye Qiu..... would definitely be terrifying.....” He Ming muttered.

The three had never been concerned with characters. This was because Glory characters weren't bound to anyone. Anyone could use the character as long as they had the card. This was why Chasing Haze was such a mystery. She had displayed different skill levels several times, making it so no one had any idea who was behind the character.

They didn't care who the real owners of these cards were. They wanted to know who the player that displayed such skill was.

For a moment, the room was silent. Liu Hao stared at his computer screen. Who knew what he was thinking.

Meanwhile, in Happy Internet Cafe, after the Sweeping the Field, the customers in the Internet Cafe had returned to playing their own game. The previous commotion had quickly turned into the past. As for those four experts, two of them had already left. They were now with Chen Guo and Ye Xiu in a room. Apart from them, there were two other people. The owners of two of the four characters.

“Sorry for troubling you!” Chen Guo poured water for the four of them.

“It's nothing. Thank you boss.” The four didn't object. The four of them were quite close with Chen Guo, which was why Chen Guo had asked them for help. Even though they were a bit puzzled, they happily agreed. Afterwards, they couldn't help but be curious and wanted to know what Chen Guo had been up to.

“There's one more thing I want to trouble you four with.” Chen Guo said with difficulty.

“What is it? Tell us.” The four were quite happy.

“Can you sell me your accounts?” Chen Guo said.

“What?” The four stared dumbly.

“What are you trying to do?” The four hadn't gotten their previous questions answered yet and now another thing had come up. The four weren't willing to sell their accounts. They were all old players. Their characters had been bitterly trained up. They weren't in need of money either. Why would they sell their accounts?

“Or maybe switch..... I'll trade the accounts for accounts with the exact same character. Your original equipment, money, materials, quest progress, Arena record, I'll do my best to match them. I'll guarantee that besides the character's name, everything else will be basically the same as before.” Chen Guo said.

“All of those might be the same, but what about our friend? Our guild?” One person said.

“This..... I'll have to trouble you with figuring that out yourself, but everything I can do, I'll do well.” Chen Guo said.

The four looked at each other. They couldn't understand Chen Guo's intent.” One person shook his head: “Boss Chen, we've all been playing at your Internet Cafe for a long time. Our relationship isn't bad either. We can be considered friends. For a small matter like that, we can help you out, no problem. We didn't really mind that you didn't give us an explanation. But now, your offer is really odd. If you don't tell us the reason for doing all this, we can't feel comfortable agreeing.”

“That’s right!” Another person nodded his head.

Chen Guo knew that it wouldn’t go smoothly. She turned her head and gave Ye Xiu a death glare.

These four were frequent customers. Ye Xiu had come two months ago, so they recognized him. Right now, he was sitting right next to Chen Guo and looked as if he was the boss. They had been puzzled about this when they first arrived in the room. When a critical point in their discussion had appeared, Chen Guo had unexpectedly looked towards him. The four were filled with doubts. They were currently wondering whether this guy had somehow seduced boss Chen and had now become the owner of Happy Internet Cafe.

But when he spoke, his words made them completely shocked.

“To tell you guys the truth, I’m Ye Qiu.” That person said.

“What?” The four were doubting whether they had heard correctly.

“Ye Qiu! Did you not hear him?” Chen Guo said.

“Which Ye Qiu?” The four were clearly in disbelief.

If this was in a normal situation, Chen Guo would definitely be enjoying this scene, but today, they were discussing serious matters, so Chen Guo didn’t laugh out loud. She just stayed silent, letting the four know they hadn’t heard wrong.

“God Ye Qiu, how could you be here.....” One person said.

“After I retired, I came here to find work.” Ye Xiu told the truth, but the four facing him were all showing an expression that they didn’t believe him.

“I’m planning on using this year of rest to create a team.” Ye Xiu said.

“Ah! So the rumors were true!” One person said excitedly.

Another person blurted out: “Did you see our characters and want to buy them to use in the Pro Alliance?”

“You’re thinking too much, brother.....” Ye Xiu didn’t know whether to laugh or cry.

This person had realized this and his face went red.

“Are you really Ye Qiu?” One person was still doubtful.

“He really is. How could I lie to you guys!” Chen Guo said.

“The problem is, you’ve never seen the real Ye Qiu. Maybe he’s tricked you, too.” that person said.

“Then how can I prove I’m him?” Ye Xiu asked.

The four scratched their heads. Ye Qiu had never shown himself to the public, so they didn’t know how they could prove he was Ye Qiu.

“Show a Dragon Raising Its Head?” One person suggested.

“What if he just flukes it?”

“I’d like to see you fluke it.”

“I’m not afraid of ten thousand, I’m only scared of one.”

The four began to argue with each other.

“How about I find someone you guys recognize to do a video chat and have them verify that I’m Ye Qiu?” Ye Xiu said.

“People we recognize? Like who?” The four were puzzled.

“Pro players, of course. Anyone I’ve added on QQ should be fine.” Ye Xiu said.

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“Wang Jiexi!!!”

“Li Xun!!!”

“Xu Huiliu!!!”

“Su Mucheng!!!”

Their classes were different, so their idols were different. At this moment, their answers were all different.

Chapter 434 – Disappearing Characters

The majority of players in Happy Internet Cafe supported Excellent Era and they really did like Excellent Era players. However, many of the classes that players used weren’t among Team Excellent Era.

A team usually had around 11 or so players. Glory had a total of 24 classes, so a team couldn’t have all the classes. In addition, even if they did, just because the fans supported the team didn’t necessarily mean their favorite players had to be from there.

For example, Team Excellent Era didn’t have any Witches, Strikers, or Assassins. As a result, the Witches liked the great Wang Jiexi, while Strikers liked the famous Han Wenqing. However, because of the rivalry between Excellent Era and Tyranny, Excellent Era fans generally didn’t like Tyranny, so fans who played Strikers wouldn’t like Han Wenqing, but rather Xu Huiliu, a very outstanding player in Team Royal Style.

From this, it could be seen that All Star players were certainly popular, but it didn’t necessarily mean that everyone liked them. First string and second string players also had their own loyal fanbases. For example, the Assassin player’s favorite pro wasn’t the All Star, Yang Cong, but rather Team Void’s Li Xuan. And as it turned out, among the four Excellent Era supporters, only the Launcher liked an Excellent Era player the most: Su Mucheng.

“Okay okay. So these four. Come come come.” Ye Xiu said as he got up. Everyone got up and went over to Room 213. The Internet Cafe computers were fit with all sorts of accessories. As Ye Xiu logged into his QQ, he said: “Let me see who’s one!”

Since things had gotten to this step, the four looked at each other and were already quite convinced that the person in front of them was Ye Qiu.

“No one is on!” But when Ye Xiu said this, the four immediately began to doubt him again.

“Let me see if they’re invisible.” As a result, Ye Xiu clicked on four names from his friends list and sent them each a message.

None of the four replied. The four players behind Ye Xiu didn’t say anything. They had already decided that if there was no video proof, then they wouldn’t believe him. Who knew if this guy had just found four ghost accounts to put up an act!

“Lend me your phone.” Ye Xiu asked Chen Guo.

“You’re going to call Mu Mu?” Chen Guo asked.

“Yeah!”

The call went through. Ye Xiu said a few words on the phone. The four once again began looking at each other, becoming convinced again.

Suddenly, one of the four chat windows on QQ replied and directly sent a video call request. Ye Xiu accepted and then moved away to let everyone see. The face on there was clearly Su Mucheng’s. She waved her hands and smiled at them.

Seeing that no one was replying, Su Mucheng typed: “Hi everyone. I’m Su Mucheng. The person you’re looking at is Ye Qiu!”

“Ah.....” The four were completely convinced now. That Su Mucheng fan was so excited that he didn’t know what to say. Eyeing the headphones on the desk, he was hesitant on whether he should go and grab it or not. But during this moment of hesitation, Chen Guo grabbed it and put it on: “Hey, Mu Mu.” Chen Guo also waved her hands.

Afterwards, the two began chatting. The first three sentences were about their current situation. After five sentences, they began going off topic and after ten sentences, none of the five brothers knew what they were chatting about.

“Everyone.....” Ye Xiu could only ignore Chen Guo and looked towards the other four.

The four had only just regained their composure. They were completely convinced. Their expressions of doubt had changed into expressions of excitement and shock towards Ye Xiu. After a moment of silence, one of them finally spoke: “God..... signature?”

“No problem.”

“Let’s leave for now to talk?” Ye Xiu suggested.

“Okay okay okay.” The four nodded their heads. As they left, that Su Mucheng fan looked at the smiling Chen Guo with a face full of envy.

“Hm? What! Done? Wait for me!” Chen Guo immediately called out, when she saw they were leaving. She said bye to Su Mucheng and then stopped the video call.

They returned to the living room. After verifying Ye Xiu's identity, their attitudes were completely different. They had no idea what to do with their hands and feet. Their favorite players might not be from Excellent Era, but their favorite team was absolutely Excellent Era. It was easy to see just how much they respected Ye Qiu. When they arrived at the living room, at first, they were cautious, but they soon began to open up. All sorts of crazy questions began being asked.

"Everyone, everyone, let's first talk about the previous matter." Ye Xiu switched topics.

"There's no need to talk about that. If it's to help God Ye Qiu, I have no problem with it." One of them vouched.

Afterwards, another one nodded his head.

The remaining two were still conflicted. Discarding an account they had put in so much time and effort into wasn't so easy. It was true that Chen Guo promised she would do everything she could to keep their equipment, items, quests, and even records as close as possible to the original. Their friends list and guilds were a bit troublesome, but they could be dealt with. However, something like a name, which didn't have any influence on anything in the game, was what was stopping them from agreeing. A different name made it feel like the character was completely different.

Because Ye Xiu and Chen Guo understood this, which was why they didn't say that it was all the same. They could only quietly wait for their decisions. After a long moment of silence, seeing that the two were still conflicted, Ye Xiu also sighed. He told them all of the difficulties he had come across.

The four listened in shock.

No matter what, a team trying to suppress their former God and captain into the grave was something they couldn't accept. Their image of Excellent Era crumbled and the four were no longer fans anymore. At this moment, the four hoped that the God would successfully form a team, return to the Pro Alliance, and give Excellent Era a good beating.

"Take it!" The two conflicted players directly put their account cards onto the table.

"Thank you."

"God, good luck!!!" The other two also took out their cards and said.

"Of course." Ye Xiu said.

"We'll definitely support your team."

"Thank you!"

The four happily handed over their account cards and gave their blessings. Of course, they weren't going to refuse Chen Guo's compensation. Chen Guo handled matters cleanly too and immediately went online to search for appropriate cards. The Glory playerbase was massive. Finding four appropriate cards wouldn't be too difficult. After all, these four characters weren't anything incredible. However, no matter how easy it would be to find one, there was no way she could be quicker than the four of them handing over their cards.

With the business finished, the four couldn't help but pay their respects to the God before leaving in satisfaction.

"What do we do with these four accounts?" Chen Guo finally found the opportunity to ask Ye Xiu.

"The best thing to do is not use them." Ye Xiu said.

"Okay." Chen Guo nodded her head. Ye Xiu had already explained to her his thinking. Actually, a big portion of the reason why they asked for these four accounts was to save these four normal players from encountering any trouble. There was no doubt Excellent Era's people would find these four characters to test their strength. If these four characters were still with those four characters, they would be constantly dying and there was no way they would be able to continue playing the game.

Even though none of this would let Excellent Era reach their goal, the four players would undoubtedly be four pitiful sacrifices. Ye Xiu and Chen Guo felt too bad doing such a thing to them, so they thought of finding a way to acquire these four accounts. Ye Xiu and Chen Guo only had limited resources, so their deal was quite good already.

That night, Ye Xiu continued to power level like usual, while Chen Guo accompanied him. On Excellent Era, they didn't dare casually provoke them. Excellent Dynasty's group of players were constantly keeping an eye out for these four characters.

Offline!

Offline!

Offline!

Offline!

All four characters were offline and never went online.

It was an easy task to do, but the people doing them would get annoyed eventually. For Liu Hao and Chen Yehui, they were even more annoyed, waiting for the news. They wanted to know what the skill levels of these experts were.

"How strange! None of these four characters have gone online. What's going on?" Chen Yehui had waited for the entire night. He didn't do anything. All he saw was the night getting later and later. He reckoned that Liu Hao was going to sleep soon, so he discussed this issue with Liu Hao on QQ.

"Be patient. There's still time." Liu Hao seemed quite calm. The last few times he lost his temper, the results had been quite tragic.

"Do you think..... that Ye Qiu might have predicted we'd do this, so he prepared four one-time use characters?" Chen Yehui wasn't stupid. He had already guessed the truth.

"It's possible....." Liu Hao might hate Ye Xiu, but he didn't dare underestimate him.

"If that's the case, meeting up with the real players might not go smoothly either." Chen Yehui said.

"We'll see when they go take a look around tomorrow!" Liu Hao said.

The night went by. On Excellent Dynasty, there were always keeping an eye for these four characters, but the results never changed.

The next day, the two Sweepers went to Happy Internet Cafe.

“Hm? If it isn’t the two experts?” When the two walked in, Chen Guo immediately recognized them. Internet Cafe customers went in waves. The ones from yesterday might not be here today, so not many recognized the two.

“Boss, you must be joking. Here, we don’t dare call ourselves experts.” The two hastily said.

“Ha ha.” Chen Guo only laughed and didn’t say too much, “Are you going online?”

“Of course.” The two said.

Chen Guo gave a shout and the front desk opened up two computers for them. The two immediately went up: “The brother experts?”

“No.” Chen Guo denied.

“When will they be here?” The two asked after being a bit startled.

Chen Guo said with a face full of astonishment: “How would I know! They’re all customers. How could I know who comes at what time?”

Chapter 435 – Whoever Moves First Loses

Chen Guo’s words made the two of them cough blood. Even though those words were very reasonable, the two had some inside information. How could Happy Internet Cafe’s experts be random customers? They had to be inside the Internet Cafe, preparing to create a team with Ye Qiu. This boss was clearly lying to them.

The two were thinking in this way, but on the surface, they couldn’t express that “we see through you.” They could only sigh regretfully: “Then do you know when these brother experts usually come?”

“I haven’t really paid attention to that!”

Chen Guo really looked like she was telling the truth. Who knew how many people had been duped by her like this, not understanding how fearsome boss Chen was. Right now, her expression looked completely innocent, the two spies were suddenly entranced by her. They felt as if this sister couldn’t say anything wrong and they must have made a mistake.

Luckily, the two quickly had reason take over and after regaining their composure, they calmly spoke: “Are the computers ready?”

“Area 14, Number 15.” Chen Guo pointed to where the computers were located.

If the experts weren’t there, they could only wait, while talking with the other Internet Cafe guests to see if they knew anything.

The majority of the people in the Internet Cafe played Glory and there were many like-minded people. If they wanted to, making Glory friends in the Internet Cafe was very easy. However, nowadays,

computers were essential to households, so those who came to the Internet Cafe were usually already in a group with three or five other friends. As a result, there weren't too many who would actively look for friends when they were already with a group of friends.

These two spies had come with a different purpose though, so they were different. After sitting down, the people to the left and right of them were playing Glory. The two quickly logged into the game and looked at their neighbors with a smile. The two took the opportunity to go and chat with them. Unfortunately, their neighbors weren't frequent customers of Happy Internet Cafe. They had simply come on a whim. It would be hard to get any useful information from these type of people.

Thus, as the two played Glory, they would look towards Happy Internet Cafe's entrance to see if those four experts would appear. But after sitting for an entire day, there were no signs of them appearing.

Two of those four fake experts were Happy Internet Cafe employees. If Chen Guo didn't want them to appear, all Chen Guo needed to do was tell them not to appear. The other two might not be her employees, but because they had already changed to Ye Xiu's side, as supporters, they would cooperate in earnest.

The two spies weren't able to get anything out of today. The two couldn't just live in the Internet Cafe, so when it was time to go, they could only pay the bills and leave.

"Do you know these two?" Meanwhile, Chen Guo had secretly taken a picture of them and gave them to Ye Xiu to look at.

"Of course I don't know them! If they sent two people who I recognized, wouldn't that just be asking to be exposed?" Ye Xiu didn't even look.

"Oh, that's true....." Chen Guo said, "These two will definitely be coming often."

"What's wrong with having two fixed customers?" Ye Xiu smiled.

"With their eyes shifting about, I really want to treat them like little thieves and beat them up." After knowing their identities, Chen Guo couldn't like them. Any action they did made Chen Guo want to vomit.

"Don't be in such a rush. Let them suffer!" Ye Xiu didn't care.

"What about Loulan Slash! Is there any news from them?" Chen Guo asked.

"There hasn't been any for now." Ye Xiu said.

"It's been so long! Why are they so slow!"

"Slow? It's only been two days!" Ye Xiu said.

"How is that not slow."

"This isn't just about a game. This is a business deal and a gamble. Wouldn't you want to be careful?" Ye Xiu said.

"Tch!" Chen Guo clearly didn't care.

The two spies went to QQ and reported the situation to Chen Yehui. There was nothing Chen Yehui could do. In the game, they had watched for an entire day again, but the characters of the four experts never appeared.

In order to be experts, there was no way they wouldn't be playing a lot. Chen Yehui felt that his initial thoughts were correct. Ye Qiu might have prepared for them long beforehand.

If that was the case, the two spies definitely wouldn't be able to get anything. Thinking of this, Chen Yehui discussed this with Liu Hao and dispatched more spies. Apart from the two who went to the Cafe like usual, they added more people to keep watch on Happy Internet Cafe 24/7. This arrangement wasn't difficult for Chen Yehui to do. Their work was done through the game, so if he sent people to go to Happy Internet Cafe, they would be playing the game too. It wouldn't delay their work.

It was just that there were no results after three days.

In game, their characters had disappeared and the experts from outside of the game were nowhere to be seen.

Chen Yehui was anxious. Liu Hao was anxious. The entire Club guild was anxious.

These past few days, there were no signs from Excellent Dynasty nor any of the other Club guilds. One reason was because Lord Grim's popularity was still on fire. They really couldn't make any movements with so many people watching him. In addition, they knew that Lord Grim was Ye Qiu, so the Club guilds were very fearful. They wanted someone else to test it out for them and die a few times before they moved.

There was also one other reason. Tyrannical Ambition was a good example of this.

Tyrannical Ambition's guild leader Jiang You was calm when Ye Qiu entered the Heavenly Domain. Their guild had only gossiped and chatted about it like everyone else and didn't make any movements. This was because Jiang You was still confident about his previous judgement: there had been some sort of inside conflict when Ye Qiu left Excellent Era, so Excellent Era definitely wouldn't want Ye Qiu to return. Thus, Guild Excellent Dynasty would definitely go all out to suppress Ye Qiu and they should just wait to watch the show.

As for Tyrannical Ambition, Ye Qiu fighting Excellent Dynasty was simply too good of a show. Both sides suffering would be a delight to see.

Jiang You's thoughts weren't complicated or anything. He had talked about it in the tenth server with many other guilds before, so many of the other guilds had this type of thought too. They really didn't want to move. It would have been so nice if Ye Qiu hadn't come to play the game. Many people shared this wish.

Thus, if it was highly probable that a guild would stand out, everyone was more than happy to wait a bit.

However, on the first day, Excellent Era had only sent out Liu Hao and two other pro players to move. Their scale was too small. The other guilds hadn't known about it. As a result, it seemed like Excellent Era was only observing too and couldn't help but feel a bit worried. These days, the spies in Excellent Era were having a tough time. They were trying all sorts of ways to get information on how Excellent Era was going to deal with Lord Grim.

The peaceful leveling these past few days had made Chen Guo feel astonished. She discussed it with Ye Xiu and after hearing Ye Xiu's thoughts, she understood that ever since Ye Xiu had stopped the ambush from the three pro players, his plan had already begun.

This was because the Heavenly Challenge had caused his fame to soar, making the guilds unable to do any large movements and were waiting to see what Excellent Dynasty was going to do.

Excellent Dynasty didn't dare make any large movements either, but the Club behind them helped out by directly sending them pro players. With a 20 level suppression, let alone three pro players, a single pro player would be difficult for Ye Xiu to beat. However, Ye Xiu's deception had caused Excellent Era to be completely uncertain to how many helpers he had and how good the helpers were. As a result, these past few days had dragged on in this way. During this time, Ye Xiu had come into contact with Loulan Slash. After another contact with each other, Loulan Slash said that he would have his answer today. If Loulan Slash agreed, then Ye Xiu wouldn't be alone anymore.

"How is it? Do you find it fun?" Ye Xiu laughed, "The top guilds are currently playing a game where whoever moves first loses, but if no one moves, then they will also lose."

"You really are....." Chen Guo couldn't find the words to describe her feelings. Those powerful guilds had been played by Ye Xiu. He had completely figured out their weaknesses and forced them into a tough situation.

However, he also had to have the skill to do so. Without enough skill, how could this situation have happened?

During these past few days, Ye Xiu had went back to the tenth server for one day.

The Heavenly Domain and the tenth server were in different servers, so players couldn't just switch whenever they wanted to. Right now, the game restricted it so that the player could only switch servers once every day. In other words, since he switched from the Heavenly Domain to the tenth server, he had to wait until tomorrow to switch back.

However, Ye Xiu had used these 24 hours well and with the four players in Happy who had reached Level 50, he formed a team and set records for a bunch of Level 50 dungeons.

Even though his unspecialized wouldn't gain any experience, four five-player Level 50 dungeon records were now under Guild Happy's name.

The tenth server Club guilds had thought that they had gotten rid of this devil and had thought that when Lord Grim got to the Heavenly Domain, he would be immediately chased after and killed, so he would never get past Level 50. But who would have thought that this devil would be so evil. Just before he was about to hit Level 51, he returned to the tenth server to set records. How evil! He wouldn't get any experience in the tenth server and didn't need to worry about Lord Grim hitting Level 51 while setting these records.

In reality, at Level 50, leveling in the normal server was very quick. This was because starting from Level 50, there were many dungeons available. They wouldn't need to kill monsters in the wild to level. The dungeons were enough to last for the entire day. Let alone the large scale dungeons, there were 4 five-

player dungeons. If they cleared them every day, how much experience was that? 50 to 51 was much faster than 49 to 50. Leveling to 51 in a few days wasn't a problem.

The reason the guilds didn't have Level 51 characters was because they had done so intentionally. As long as they didn't do their Awakening quests, the characters of the 24 classes wouldn't earn experience either. They had held out so bitterly for so long, but Lord Grim simply came back, waved his sleeves, and left, leaving behind four records under his name.

Chapter 436 – A Wall That Can't Be Avoided

Lord Grim had already returned to the Heavenly Domain, but the tenth server Club guilds had already suffered heavy losses.

He had returned at Level 50 and left behind four records.

What about when he reached Level 52? He could return to set Level 51-52 dungeon records.

At Level 54, he could set Level 53-54 dungeon records.

And then Level 55, Level 60..... all the way until Level 70.

Lord Grim wasn't there anymore, but his record-breaking spirit was still there. Were the Club guilds of the tenth server going to be unable to get a single record? If that was the case, they were no different than normal player guilds. How would the tenth server players know how powerful they were?

Speaking of this, it already seemed to be the case.

Whether it was compared to the Heavenly Domain or any of the other nine normal servers, in the tenth server, the Club guilds were undoubtedly at a lower status.

Where did their popularity in their tenth server come from? Firstly, it was directly from their own guild's players. Secondly, it was by relying on the fame of their Club to attract veteran players that had come to the tenth server to start over. New players occupied the majority of the playerbase on the tenth server, but there were still veterans like Seven Fields and Sleeping Moon who had come to the new server to play. They obviously knew of the Club guilds' fame. Their name alone was enough to attract them.

After that, their way to spread their name was through dungeon records and first clears. On the level standings, the players from their guilds were at the top.

And after that, there was nothing else.

Their only way to spread their name and prove their strength was through dungeon records. In the tenth server, everyone knew that Lord Grim ruled in this area. The guilds had already admitted their defeat here. Why else would no one challenge Lord Grim's team? They were always thinking of some way to stop them, not beat them.

Without dungeon records, it really was very difficult for the guilds to widen their influence. In the tenth server, the players only knew individuals and not guilds. Even though Guild Happy had taken all of those dungeon records, the players only felt like it was because Guild Happy had Lord Grim. They might not think that the guild itself was powerful.

The tenth server players already had the same thought in their head: wherever Lord Grim appeared was where the dungeon record would be.

This completely twisted the notion of dungeon records. The records were something that required a team to set, but for the tenth server players, they only thought of a single individual. The record didn't belong to the team, but rather to Lord Grim.

Even if Lord Grim went to the Heavenly Domain at Level 50, the Club branches didn't feel any better.

This was because the existence of Lord Grim had already influenced everyone in the tenth server. The legends of Lord Grim were deeply ingrained in everyone's heart.

From now on, even if the top guilds set a dungeon record, the tenth server players would only have one thought: the reason you were able to set a record was because Lord Grim wasn't there.

Lord Grim was a giant mountain. No matter how hard you tried to go around it, it would be of no use. The mountain would always stand there, looked up at. If you wanted to replace it, the only way would be to flatten it or create an even bigger mountain.

An even bigger mountain? No guild leader would ever imagine that happening. They were against Ye Qiu! Even in the pro scene, there was no mountain that surpassed him. What could a little group of ants do? Be laughed at?

Flatten him? Just mentioning it made them want to cry. Everyone who had tried to flatten him was now a corpse below the mountain, which only made the mountain even more terrifying.

The poor guilds knew of this reasoning, but there was nothing that they could do. They could only quietly forge ahead. If they wanted to go far away, they would need to go so far that the mountain would no longer be in sight. That way, the mountain would be forgotten.

But at this moment, Lord Grim suddenly came back from the Heavenly Domain and set four records. The mountain had appeared again and it seemed like it would never stop appearing. The guilds finally understood that it was never a mountain, but rather a mountain range that spanned the entire world.

The branch guilds were all crying. They only hoped that their main guild in the Heavenly Domain would hurry up and move, so that there would never be a day when he could return. But did the main guilds in the Heavenly Domain care about the feelings of their tenth server branches? Not one bit. They were currently playing a game of "if no one moves, everyone loses. But whoever moves first also loses".

Ye Xiu was currently leveling. Chen Guo was accompanying him on her Chasing Haze. Forest Landscape was there, too. The four fake experts were there, too. Chen Guo had already bought four suitable replacements and traded them with the four people. The four people took the accounts, contacting their former friends to add them again, while chasing after their God's footsteps.

The God was definitely going to create a guild, so the four decided not to contact their guild and would wait for the God to add them when the guild was formed.

These past few days, Ma Chenyi of Grand Internet Cafe had sent over the 24 account cards he had lost in the bet. They were all Heavenly Domain characters. Ma Chenyi wasn't petty either. He sent over the

account cards in the same condition as when they had been bought. None of the accounts had their equipment or money taken away.

Among these 24 accounts, there were seven empty ones. The remaining ones had a few pieces of equipment on them. Chen Guo looked over them and saw that they were very ordinary. She hadn't made any requirements, so Ma Chenyi obviously wouldn't send over any amazing accounts.

"It wouldn't be a problem if we created our guild now....." Chen Guo said. Twenty four account cards was twenty four characters. With those four brothers as well as Lord Grim, Forest Landscape and her, they would even have one extra.

"There's no hurry. We could have created it a long time ago if we wanted to." Ye Xiu said.

"I know. I'm just saying. Are you going to use these accounts?" Chen Guo arranged the 24 account cards in a neat pile.

"There's no need for it now, but there'll be a time for them." Ye Xiu said.

"Should I give the Battle Mage to Little Tang?" Chen Guo took out the Battle Mage account card.

"No. It'd be better if she reached here step by step. That way, she'll be able to get familiar with the Battle Mage skills. If all of the skills are pushed to her in one go, her understanding of them won't be as deep." Ye Xiu said.

"What about Mu Mu?" Chen Guo took out the Launcher account card.

"Her? She's very particular about names. I don't think she would like this Launcher's name." Ye Xiu said.

"Yeah, it's a male character, too." Chen Guo had looked at this Launcher carefully. The character was male and had a huge face, too. She didn't want Su Mucheng to use this account either.

"Has there been any news from Loulan Slash?" Chen Guo asked after putting away the account cards.

"Not yet."

"They said today." Chen Guo said.

"There's still a lot of time left today." Ye Xiu said calmly.

"What if he doesn't agree? Do you have any backup plans?" Chen Guo asked. In Ye Xiu's plan, allying with Loulan Slash was a very important step because the fake experts that were currently misleading the enemies wouldn't last long. There would be a time the guilds would have to move. For example, for Liu Hao's group, in the worst case scenario, they would have to charge in and perhaps die a few times, but they would at least be able to figure out how many helpers Ye Xiu had at his side. This was something that Ye Xiu didn't want to see because he didn't actually have any helpers. He had always been playing alone.

"If he declines....." Ye Xiu was just about to say something when his chat box flashed. He checked it and saw that it was from Loulan Slash.

Ye Xiu immediately replied, while Chen Guo came over to look at his screen.

“After thinking about it carefully these past few days.....” Loulan Slash messaged.

“Just get to the point!” Chen Guo slammed the table.

Ye Xiu was smiling though: “It’s probably good news then!”

Sure enough, Loulan Slash expressed his approval to working with Ye Xiu.

“I’d be happy to cooperate.” Ye Xiu replied.

“Ha ha, after thinking carefully about it these past few days, we think that a cooperation will definitely be something to be happy about.” Loulan Slash replied.

“What do you plan on doing next?” Ye Xiu asked.

“We’re going to drag you to our guild, of course. Where are you?” Loulan Slash asked.

The two sides agreed on a location and met up. Loulan Slash was leading the same four players from before, giving Chen Guo another reason to despise his ostentatiousness.

Soon afterwards, Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim joined Loulan Slash’s guild: Heavenly Justice. Chen Guo listened to Ye Xiu’s arrangement and didn’t join for now. She and Forest Landscape continued to be free.

“If you two have time, you guys should check out the Glory forums and the eSport websites.” Loulan Slash said to Ye Xiu and Chen Guo.

“You’re going to begin announcing your team?” Ye Xiu smiled.

“Yes. Could we trouble you to have a spar with our brothers?” Loulan Slash said.

“You still want to test if I’m real or not?” Ye Xiu said.

“A bit, but more importantly, we would like it if you could measure our skill level and we also hope God could give us a few pointers as well.” Loulan Slash was quite modest. By calling him God, it was already clear that Loulan Slash believed that Ye Xiu was Ye Qiu.

“Ha ha, no problem. What class would you like to play against?” Ye Xiu asked.

“What class?” Loulan Slash stared blankly.

“Yeah, any class is fine.” Ye Xiu said.

“Because you’re unspecialized?” Loulan Slash said.

“No..... it’s because I have 24 account cards of each class with me right now.” Ye Xiu said, while indicating Chen Guo to bring over the stack of account cards.

“So you really are going to use them.” Chen Guo was speechless.

Loulan Slash stared stupidly for a bit and after a brief pause, he spoke: Then let’s go to the Arena and make a room. God, could you give me your contact information. That way it’ll be easy to find you when you switch accounts.”

“Okay.” Ye Xiu nodded his head and the outside of the game, the two added each other on QQ.

Chapter 437 – What Class Would You Like to Play First?

The Heavenly Domain had a huge world and thus had many cities. The experience loss and equipment drop chance was higher here than in the normal servers as well. The official statement was that it was done to increase interactions between players, but in reality, it was to increase competitiveness. In Glory, equipment could be bound. However, from a monetary perspective, binding the item wasn't good. If the item was bound and one wanted to switch equipment, the player wouldn't be able to sell his old equipment for money.

This made binding equipment a difficult choice. Choosing to bind the equipment would guarantee safety, but it also meant a loss in money. From the system's perspective, the system encouraged players to bind their equipment. Bound equipment would lose their value in their market, which meant that the system had taken it back. If the equipment was kept circulating, then the equipment would only continue to lose value with each new one that appeared out in the market.

Loulan Slash took Ye Xiu's group to the city Sword Shadow, which was where their Guild, Heavenly Justice's, headquarters was located at. In the Heavenly Domain, guilds could possess a certain amount of territory. Of course, the prerequisites for this were power and wealth. As a result, most player guilds wouldn't ever think of having their own territory. This wasn't a problem for Club guilds and Loulan Slash's guild had money to strengthen their power, so they had a much easier time developing than normal players.

After entering the city, they entered the Arena. For top-level cities, there was practically no difference in facilities inside the city. All the necessary ones were there. The only difference would be the amount of small buildings. Each city only needed one Arena. It was the equivalent of a teleport device.

"How about Fixed Field? The equipment on the account cards I have aren't very good" Ye Xiu said.

"Oh?" Loulan Slash was a bit surprised. Wasn't he a God? God's request seemed a little weak!

"We're testing skill anyways, so equipment isn't important." Ye Xiu said.

"That's true." Loulan Slash said. An equipment's quality could be directly observed. All one had to do was look at the stats. Loulan Slash was looking to test skill level, so equipment wasn't important.

"What class do you want me to play first?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Battle Mage, of course." Loulan Slash laughed.

"No problem." Ye Xiu also laughed. Lord Grim logged out and logged in to the Battle Mage account. He didn't head toward Sword Shadow City and just went to the nearest Arena. He logged onto QQ, asked for the room number and then joined the room.

Loulan Slash, as well as Chen Guo and Forest Landscape, had both joined to spectate. Seeing Ye Xiu enter with a Battle Mage, the old veterans were all speechless.

How could the equipment on him be called not very good? The Battle Mage was practically naked! No one needed to look at his character's info page. They could see it just by looking at him.

“Wow, it doesn’t even have a weapon!” Ye Xiu mumbled. The Fixed Field only adjusted for the equipment stats. If his Battle Mage didn’t have a weapon, then he wouldn’t even be able to use his class’s skills.

“I have one here. Just make do with it for now!” His opponent was the Battle Mage in Loulan Slash’s group. His current feelings were a bit complex facing his idol. He had an extra Battle Mage weapon on hand, so he threw it over.

Ye Xiu went over and picked it up: “Dang, it’s a spear! This account is a staff style……”

The staff-style path of Battle Mages used magic wands, not spears.

Magic wands were weapons with high magic attack. Battle Mages were a class that dealt both physical and magic damage. Staff-style Battle Mages relied more on magic to deal damage. Their main method of attacking was through chasers and was one of the features of a staff-style Battle Mage. Staff-style Battle Mages also had higher attack speed. This was because magic wands attacked at an average speed, while spears attacked at a slow speed. Faster attacks allowed for more Chasers. Ye Xiu’s character was a staff-style Battle Mage. If he used a spear for battle, his magic damage would be much lower. But most importantly, his attack speed would be slower. Attack speed wasn’t a basic stat, so the Fixed Field wouldn’t fix it.

“Does anyone have a magic wand?” Loulan Slash asked. There was an Elementalist in his group. Elementalists usually used magic staffs because of their very high magic attack, but some used magic wands. This was because magic wands not only attacked faster, but also cast faster.

“Mine is bound……” This Elementalist was called Ocean Ahead. He had a magic wand, but because it was bound, it couldn’t be traded.

“It’s fine. A spear will do.” Ye Xiu said. This was the type of air that a God should have.

“Then shall we start?” the opposing Battle Mage said. This was the player called Little Bei by Loulan Slash. His Battle Mage character’s name was called Homeward Bound.

“Start.” Ye Xiu replied. Little Bei confirmed and the two sides began to fight.

Five seconds had passed. Neither side had moved.

Little Bei was waiting to admire his idol’s play. Ye Xiu didn’t know his opponent’s skill. Both sides wanted to see the other side move first. In this small boxing ring, the two sides could see each other, but neither side moved.

The spectators were all friends, so when they started seeing that the two weren’t fighting, they decided to yell at them. Go and fight messages came out.

“Yeah, fight!” Ye Xiu said.

There wasn’t any bad blood between him and Loulan Slash and the two had decided to cooperate together, so the match wasn’t anything serious. Little Bei saw that neither of them were moving and also felt it was funny. Following Ye Xiu’s words, he immediately controlled his Homeward Bound to rush forward.

“Oh oh, not bad!” The two sides began fighting, attack after attack. Ye Xiu had already begun commenting.

“Are you going to be a part of the team’s main roster?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Am I good enough?” Little Bei said.

“Depends on the team.” Ye Xiu said.

“Champion team!” Little Bei said.

“Having a dream is good.” Ye Xiu praised, but he was clearly implying that he wasn’t good enough.

“Then I won’t be nice anymore!” Little Bei shouted.

“Oh, oh? You were still holding back?” Ye Xiu said.

After two minutes, Homeward Bound fell.

“You were holding back?” Ye Xiu doubted.

“Shameless!” Little Bei cried. His corpse sent out a word bubble. This was an in-game Arena, so the settings were decided by the players. It wasn’t like the pro matches, where word bubbles were restricted when one died.

“I thought you were staff-styled. Why’d you use a spear style?” Little Bei was sad.

“You’re too inflexible. Who says you’re only allowed to use one style?” Ye Xiu said.

Ye Xiu said this, but in reality, Ye Xiu really only used a spear style of playing. The difference between the spear style and staff style was that the spear style mainly used physical attacks to deal damage. However, the two styles prioritized different skills, so his damage wasn’t as good. Even so, Ye Xiu was still able to easily beat Little Bei’s Homeward Bound.

The victory had looked easy, too. Loulan Slash and his fellow companions all looked at each other. They had been fairly confident in their skill. To be defeated so easily meant that he really was Ye Qiu. If their skill was that far from a God, then being a Champion team really was just a dream right now.

“Who’s next? What class would you like to fight?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Please use the same class!” The next to jump out was the Elementalist Ocean Ahead.

“Ocean, good luck!!” Little Bei shouted.

“Really?” Ocean Ahead laughed. He obviously knew that Little Bei admired Ye Qiu. With his identity appearing to be true, would he sincerely cheer for him?

“Really.” Little Bei said, “But you’ll still lose anyways. Even if ten thousand people came to cheer for you, it’d be no use.”

“F*ck off!” Ocean Ahead cursed. However, he really didn’t have any confidence because he knew how good Little Bei was. Even if he wasn’t Ye Qiu, his skill was the real deal.

Ocean Ahead was more on the cautious side. After the match began, he pulled open the distance and didn't hurry to move forward. On the other hand, Ye Xiu's Battle Mage waved his spear and an Elementalist skill, Flame Explosion, shot towards him.

Ocean Ahead hastily rolled and dodged: "What are you doing? Are you going to fight like an Elementalist?"

Just as he said this, he heard a "Bo!" as he got up from his roll. For an Elementalist, he was very familiar with this sound. It was the sound of a Frost Ball hitting.

So unlucky..... Ocean Ahead thought. He felt that if he had rolled left, he would have been fine. But when he looked to the left, he discovered that a Dark Missile had just flown past him.

How quick! Ocean Ahead was surprised. The opponent had cast three spells one after the other. These low-level spells had a low cast time. His opponent had covered all of his options, so he would have been hit by a spell if he went left or right. If Ocean Ahead had rolled right, he would have been hit by a Frost Ball. If he had rolled left, he would have been caught by the Dark Missile.

"Staff styles will learn lots of Elementalist and Witch skills. Didn't you know that?" Ye Xiu said. His character flicked his sleeve and a purple shadow came out and wrapped around Ocean Ahead.

Sure enough, it was the Witch skill: Shadow Cloak.

Right afterwards was the Battle Mage skill: Sky Strike. Ocean Ahead was launched into the air. A magic Chaser flew out and exploded. The explosion blasted Ocean Ahead towards the ground. Who would have thought that at this moment, Ocean Ahead would fly back up into the air again.

Impossible!

Ocean Ahead was startled. Sky Strike's cooldown wasn't that quick.

But when he looked again, he saw an elemental wave above his head and understood what had happened. The knock up skill that had been used wasn't the Battle Mage's Sky Strike, but rather the Elementalist knock up skill: Elemental Power.

"The way this account added skill points is quite interesting!" Ye Xiu mumbled and then went up to combo. Ocean Ahead had been caught completely unprepared. He had originally been planning on being careful, but apart from his initial roll, he never touched the ground again until he fell, defeated.

Chapter 438 – The Opponent Is Too Strong

Loulan Slash's group were even more shocked this time.

If Little Bei's Homeward Bound had lost without much suspense, then Ocean Ahead had lost in an almost ugly way.

Being directly comboed to death in the air was something that was rarely seen in the Pro Alliance. No matter how amazing a God was compared to an aspiring pro player without any experience, the gap shouldn't be that large.

"What happened?" Loulan Slash asked when Ocean Ahead came down from the field.

“His timing is too good. He predicted what I was planning on doing every time.” Ocean Ahead said.

“What you were planning on doing?”

“Yes, he saw through it all.” Ocean Ahead said. Just from this, it could be seen that their skill wasn’t ordinary. They at least understood what went wrong when they lost.

“Little Ye, you go next!” Loulan Slash said in a heavy voice. Whether they won or lost wasn’t something they cared about, but losing two matches in a row so miserably was a bit shameful. Even if their opponent was a God, they weren’t regarding themselves as normal players. Their goal was to become pro players. For pro players to have such a large gap between them, wouldn’t that be a joke?

“Okay.”

The player called Little Ye played on a Grappler called Night Tide.

“Little Ye, good luck!” Little Bei cheered. Night Tide didn’t make any small talk with Ye Xiu like Ocean Ahead before him. He entered the match and the two quickly began fighting.

For this match, Night Tide had completely eliminated his attitude of just playing for fun and giving it a try. He was taking it seriously as if it were a real match.

Grapplers were a class that required to be in a close range to do anything. Ye Xiu continued his previous strategy when he was against Ocean Ahead. He used Elementalist and Witch low-level skills to maintain a distance between them, while being prepared to use Battle Mage attacks at any moment.

This match wasn’t as lopsided as the previous two matches. Loulan Slash could finally relax. Little Bei and Ocean Ahead were feeling a bit embarrassed. Night Tide wasn’t any better than them. It was clearly a matter of attitude. If they had taken it seriously, they wouldn’t have lost so easily to the God.

Of course, their unpreparedness was another important reason. In a situation where both sides lacked information, Ye Xiu’s experience as a God was a huge advantage.

Although Night Tide had lost, he had lost in an acceptable manner. After he came down, Loulan Slash personally went up to fight.

There was still one more player in their group of five called Thousand Falling Leaves, a female. Her class was a Cleric and it didn’t seem like she was going to go up and fight. This meant that she was a support Cleric. Fighting 1v1 was pointless.

“God, please instruct me!” Loulan Slash said.

“Sure, sure. In the Fixed Field, your Swordpoint is a bit of a waste.” Ye Xiu said. In the Fixed Field, the stats of each character were adjusted, so both sides were at the same level. Swordpoint converted the item hotkeys into physical attack, but this value would be adjusted, so the two sides’ stats would still be on the same level. As a result, he wouldn’t be able to showcase Swordpoint’s incredible damage.

“We’re testing for skill, no? Equipment isn’t important.” Loulan Slash said.

“Taking advantage of Swordpoint’s power is one way to showcase skill!” Ye Xiu said.

“Mm.” Loulan Slash nodded his head. He had obviously done his research when he chose this weapon. This didn’t mean that he should raise his physical attack to the limit. If all 12 item hotkeys were filled with weapons, then the weight would be too much of a burden. Thus, how many item hotkeys should be filled required a lot of experimenting.

However, in the Fixed Field, none of this mattered. Loulan Slash said a “Let’s start” and then the two began fighting.

Loulan Slash didn’t dare be careless and fought seriously like Night Tide.

“Oh oh…… You’re okay. You’re a bit better than those three.” Ye Xiu commented, while fighting.

“Thank you!” Loulan Slash replied. But this wasn’t any news to them. They had sparred against each other many times before, so they knew who was better and who was weaker.

“It seems like God is still better though.” Loulan Slash followed. Halfway into the battle, from their respective health left as well as the circumstances, Loulan Slash was in a disadvantageous position.

“I should be.” Ye Xiu laughed.

There wasn’t any twist to this match as it quietly ended. In the end, Loulan Slash wasn’t able to take a match from Ye Xiu’s hands. Four of their players had went up to fight, but all of them had lost. Even though they said that winning or losing didn’t matter, it was still a bit hit to their confidence.

Before, they had only looked at videos, watched match VODs, and then compared themselves to the pro players and Gods. This was their first time fighting against a genuine pro God and truly experienced the gap between them. It wasn’t important that none of them were able to take a match. The important point was that the gap in skill they had felt from these matches wasn’t something that could easily be closed.

At this moment, they lacked the fearlessness of youth that Tang Rou had even when she couldn’t see the gap.

“Again?” Loulan Slash discussed with his teammates, when he heard Ye Xiu ask happily: “Would you like to challenge any other class?”

“Uh…… how about your Lord Grim!” Loulan Slash finally said after discussing with his team.

“Oh, that…… that’ll be even tougher.” Ye Xiu said. He switched accounts and logged onto Lord Grim. The 20 level gap was adjusted by the Fixed Field. Loulan Slash went with the same arrangement as before and each player fought one match.

In the end…… Loulan Slash regretted deciding to fight Lord Grim.

All four of them lost even more miserably than the previous time.

Against the Battle Mage, Little Bei and Ocean Ahead had been somewhat careless. In addition, Ye Xiu’s play style had caught them off guard. Night Tide and Loulan Slash had taken it seriously and did much better.

But for this round, all four of them played very seriously. And before they went up on stage, they did preemptive thinking and planning, but the result was even worse than last time.

Against an unspecialized who had access to the skills of all 24 classes, the four clearly didn't have the experience nor the decision making to keep up. After returning from losing, the Cleric Thousand Falling Leaves quietly said: "Even if this was a Group Competition, you guys still would've lost."

In other words, the total damage all four players inflicted on Lord Grim wouldn't be enough to take down his health bar. It could be said that Ye Xiu had won 1v4.

All four were silent. It wasn't that they hadn't expected a gap between them. They just didn't think that it would be so large. Their previous confidence felt naive and arrogant.

"Nice!" Chen Guo didn't empathize at all with the other side and praised Ye Xiu.

"That's how it should be." Ye Xiu laughed.

"That'll be it for today....." Loulan Slash said. His tone clearly showed how disappointed he was.

Everyone left the Arena and stood outside the entrance. For a moment, neither side talked.

"What's wrong? With how you guys are, you guys don't seem like you'll be competing in the Pro Alliance!" Ye Xiu said.

"With such a large gap, how could we even hope to compete?" Little Bei couldn't help but say what he was feeling.

"What? Did you guys really think that you could become Champions as soon as you entered the Pro Alliance?" Ye Xiu said.

"That was just a joke." Loulan Slash said, "But we had always thought that we were good enough to enter the playoffs."

"And then if your luck was good, you might be able to miraculously become Champions, am I right?" Ye Xiu laughed.

"Uh..... that....." Loulan Slash felt a bit embarrassed because that really was what they had been thinking. This was because the playoffs was in an elimination format. Sometimes, one mistake could lead to dropping out of the playoffs. Luck was undoubtedly a very important factor in these types of moments. If one's luck was really good, then winging one's way to becoming Champions really was a possibility. As a result, they had a lot of these types of dreams when they privately spoke to each other.

"Slow and steady, one step at a time....." Ye Xiu said.

"If we enter the Pro Alliance right now, what place do you think we would get?" Little Bei couldn't help but ask.

"Are you the only ones in the team? Do you have any other teammates?" Ye Xiu asked.

"We have six players. One of ours hasn't been able to come on these past few days, but his skill level is around the same as ours. We're planning on finding some way to get more." Loulan Slash said.

“Digging out pro players?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Probably.” Loulan Slash said.

“Which pro players are you looking at?” Ye Xiu asked.

Loulan Slash hesitated. With the team’s preparations at this stage, they already had a list of players they wanted. After their application into the Alliance was completed, they would immediately begin getting in touch with them. However, this sort of thing was more of a secret. Loulan Slash wasn’t sure if he should tell Ye Xiu or not.

Ye Xiu didn’t wait for him to reply and continued: “You’ll definitely need pro players and they must be veterans. Please don’t think of using you six as the main roster. Afterwards, you can find four or five others to be reserve players and then switch them around every match.”

“Uh……” The five were all sweating like mad. That was clearly what they had been planning.

“In the Pro Alliance, you’re all just people!” Ye Xiu said, “You need to find veterans and from them, you’ll learn a lot of things.”

“Okay……” Loulan Slash replied.

“There’s more.” Ye Xiu said.

The five listened carefully.

“Don’t take today’s matches too seriously.” Ye Xiu said, “It’s not that you guys aren’t good, it’s just that your opponent was too strong.”

The five cried. They even forgot to put out emojis or it.

Chapter 439 – A Strong Alliance

Ye Xiu’s habit of predicting everything was something Chen Guo had experienced many times before, and it didn’t feel like it was strange anymore. However, seeing the dead-like reaction from Loulan Slash’s group, she felt quite delighted looking at their misfortune. Chen Guo couldn’t feel happy about how Loulan Slash was running his operation and felt very happy after Ye Xiu gave them a good beating.

Ye Xiu’s comforting wasn’t very helpful. These five were still in low spirits. They had once been looking forward to it, but after the battle was fought, it all became a nightmare. There was even a bit of lingering fear when they thought about it. They were secretly celebrating that they had only been talking about it amongst themselves before. If they had announced how extraordinary their team would be, then when they entered the Pro Alliance, people would treat them like a joke.

After all, in eSports, most players were young, especially in the pro scene. Loulan Slash’s group wasn’t old either and also had youthful thoughts. They had thought of hiding their true strength and then when they entered the Pro Alliance, they would scare and astound everyone, knocking those pro players from their feet. It would feel great. But now, they finally realized that their thoughts were too naive and ignorant.

When they watched the matches, they hadn't felt like pro players were a big deal. They could do everything the pros could do; things like hand speed had been practiced until they weren't a problem. They hadn't thought that when they fought a real God, it wouldn't be like how they had imagined it to be. In practice, they could easily reach 200 or 300 APM, but in a real battle, they weren't able to put it to use. The combos they had practiced so thoroughly had been broken in a few moves by their opponent.

Loulan Slash's group wasn't able to escape their crushed morale, but the announcements that they had planned had already begun.

The news first spread through the Glory forums.

In these forums, quite a few discussions concerned Lord Grim. In these discussions, messages popped up pointing out Lord Grim's circumstances and whereabouts: Lord Grim had joined Guild Heavenly Justice.

Even though Heavenly Justice didn't have branch networks in the normal servers like Clubs, they were already a huge name in the Heavenly Domain.

In reality, many players felt that once they had reached the Heavenly Domain, the normal servers would be things of the past. Any achievements made in the normal server weren't worth bragging about. Thus, the long term plans of the Club guilds in the new servers were mainly ignored by the vast majority of players. They only cared about the Heavenly Domain. And here, Heavenly Justice was a rare player guild that had the power to compete with the Club guilds.

On one side was a very famous player guild. On the other side was an immensely popular mystery character. With the two combined, they immediately began stirring up the forum users who were slowly beginning to lose interest in Lord Grim. Gossip immediately began to fly around.

The Clubs quickly received this news. They didn't even need to look through the forums. For a guild like Heavenly Justice, even though they weren't considered main competitors, they still had to take precautions against them if they suddenly jumped out. The Club guilds were responsible for their image and the balance of power between themselves. But how could a player guild care about this? They simply did something if they thought it was "cool", so their movements couldn't be predicted. For a ticking time bomb like this, the Club guilds would plant a few spies there and gather some intelligence.

Members like these could see guild announcements, so they quickly sent the news to their guilds.

After observing for several days, the Club guilds hadn't thought that there would be such a result. They hadn't dared to make any casual movements against Lord Grim with his recent fame. Now that he had joined the famous Guild Heavenly Justice, moving against Lord Grim would be even more troublesome.

The information coming out of the forums was attracting everyone's eyes and leading everyone's discussions. This made the Club guilds feel like this was becoming a bigger and bigger problem, but it didn't stop here. All of the big eSport platforms soon came out with another piece of news: Guild Heavenly Justice's leader Loulan Slash was planning on creating a team to join next season's Pro Alliance.

The information being spread in the forums might have just been gossip, but the official announcements from these eSport platforms wouldn't bring false news.

This piece of news was quickly spread to every place a Glory player might step into.

Loulan Slash was already quite a famous player in Glory. His name alone was enough to attract many eyes. News of him creating a team would naturally receive a lot of attention.

More importantly, with the previous news that Lord Grim had joined Guild Heavenly Justice, everyone immediately understood: that wasn't Lord Grim joining a guild. Wasn't that clearly saying that Lord Grim was going to join Loulan Slash's team? It was no wonder that such a famous expert like Lord Grim hadn't been scouted out by the established Clubs. He had already been roped in by Loulan Slash.

Many players knew that Loulan Slash was a player with lots of money. However, no one knew exactly what his background was. The amount of news that had been announced wasn't actually that much. It was just that Loulan Slash was planning on creating a team to join next season's Pro Alliance and that Lord Grim had already joined Guild Heavenly Justice.

Once the Club guilds knew of this piece of news, the problem would no longer be pondered over only by the guild leaders. This issue had already been thrown to the upper levels of the Clubs.

Facing a team wasn't something that the guild leaders had the power to create countermeasures for.

In today's Pro Alliance, every season, the two lowest placing teams in the Pro Alliance would be eliminated. Afterwards, two teams would join the Pro Alliance to fill up the vacancies. The Glory competitive scene hadn't been around for very long, so they hadn't reached the point where they could have a complete secondary league. For now, they could only use this type of elimination format.

How did they choose the two new teams to enter? The Alliance had their own way of selection. The Clubs obviously knew what the requirements were. With the season at this stage, it was about time for next season's team selection to be done. An announcement at this time was quite reliable. Moreover, these Clubs had their channels and contacts. After inquiring about it, they confirmed that this news could be trusted.

The Clubs didn't dare stay idle facing a team.

In today's Alliance, a new team didn't necessarily mean a weak team, especially if was supported by strong investment. With the power of money, it was very possible to directly create a luxurious team. At the same time, they would make the market a mess as well as disrupt the Alliance's structure.

The new team's leader, Loulan Slash, was a famous player known to have lots of money. Moreover, no one knew exactly how deep his pockets were. The Clubs had no choice but to be wary, especially since Loulan Slash had somehow pulled in Lord Grim.

The players didn't know who was behind Lord Grim, but the Clubs knew this very clearly. That was God Ye Qiu. If it wasn't for his retired status, he would have definitely broken the headlines. Even though Loulan Slash couldn't use him in the next season, creating a powerful team wasn't just a possibility with the ability of a textbook and God by his side.

After this news was verified, the Clubs immediately held an emergency meeting.

Ye Qiu alone was something they had to be wary of, but it wasn't anything scary. However, now that he had actually found a powerful backer, they immediately became uneasy. Some were even beginning to wonder whether Ye Qiu suddenly retiring from Excellent Era was because he had already made an agreement with Loulan Slash.

Loulan Slash planning on creating a team and applying wasn't something that could be done in a day. Reaching the requirements necessary for applying wasn't work that could be accomplished in a short amount of time. They wouldn't be surprised if Loulan Slash had already been planning for a year or two. When did Ye Qiu make an agreement with him? To make Ye Qiu give up on Excellent Era, which he had led for seven full years, and to even make Ye Qiu retire in such a fashion, just how attractive was Loulan Slash's team?

The Clubs thought too far into it and had come up with all sorts of conspiracy theories for the entire thing. Only Excellent Era knew the inside story behind Ye Qiu's retirement and as a result were able to keep a clear mind. However, Ye Qiu rising back with such momentum was something they didn't want to see either.

Moreover, on Excellent Era's side, through Liu Hao's and Chen Yehui's efforts, they had received information the other Clubs didn't have: Ye Qiu had already netted a group of powerful experts, and it was very likely that this group was Loulan Slash's team.

As a result, the Club wanted Chen Yehui to gather information on Loulan Slash's guild and begin analyzing which of those from the guild might be the hidden experts.

Witch, Striker, Assassin, Launcher. Every Heavenly Justice player that used these classes were watched. Club Excellent Era's experts were currently wondering if they should use an open account and test them out.

The problem was that Heavenly Justice was also a guild with the maximum ten thousand players. If they averaged all the classes, every class would have around four hundred players. With four classes, that totaled around one thousand and six hundred players.

If they went to test them, the amount of work would be too much. Not only that, their movements would be too large. Loulan Slash had just announced that he was going to create a team. If this Heavenly Domain guild suffered an ambush, it would definitely attract a lot of unwanted attention. No Club would want to attract the public's eye in this way.

They had to think of a way to create a conflict!

Excellent Era was trying hard to think of a countermeasure against the newly rebooted Ye Qiu.

Chapter 440 – Team Feature

All of the Clubs were worried because of this.

Meanwhile, at Happy Internet Cafe, Ye Xiu and Chen Guo were also looking at the news and the discussions that were being spread around by the players.

"They..... were being a bit naive with their team roster, but they're being pretty mature in hyping the team up." Ye Xiu commented.

"What do you mean?"

"See, they intentionally broke the message into two parts. First, they announced that I had joined Guild Heavenly Justice through the forums. Then, they released news that they were creating a team through the eSport platforms. But did they ever say that I joined their team? No, right?" Ye Xiu said, "This is to

protect them from any form of criticism down the line. If they had said that I had joined their team, they would clearly be lying!”

“But they’re intentionally misleading everyone!” Chen Guo said.

“Obviously.”

“They’ve thought a lot about it!” Chen Guo disdained.

“If they don’t take their time to think, they won’t be alive for very long.” Ye Xiu said.

“How come I didn’t really see any thought being put into their team roster?” Chen Guo said.

“Youngsters are quite naive.” Ye Xiu said, “But if they were thinking about amazing the world as soon as they had began, don’t you think they would put quite a lot of thought into it?”

“Is their skill really not that good or were you intentionally provoking them?” Chen Guo asked.

“Am I really that mean?” Ye Xiu was speechless.

Chen Guo thought about it for a moment before finally saying: “If you were being nice, then was it because you pointed out that their skill wasn’t good enough or was it because you had provoked them to improve?”

“It’s because I pointed out that their skill wasn’t good enough, of course.” Ye Xiu said.

“How are they when compared to me?” Chen Guo asked.

“You?” Ye Xiu’s expression already told her of his reply.

“You’re real nice, aren’t you!” Chen Guo grinded her teeth.

Listening to the news and looking at the drama, this was what Chen Guo did on her computer. Ye Xiu, on the other hand, continued to level. It was a pity that he couldn’t do any quests or dungeons in the Heavenly Domain. Although the experience from wild monsters in the Heavenly Domain was a lot better than they were in the normal servers, his leveling speed couldn’t compare to the players who gained experience through the many Level 50 dungeons. In the normal servers, the players had already reached Level 51. In the Heavenly Domain, Ye Xiu didn’t spend any less time than they had, but he was only two thirds of the way to Level 50.

There was nothing Ye Xiu could do in this Level 50-55 range. No matter how hard he tried, it would be very hard for him to maintain this leveling speed, so he wanted to hurry and get past this difficult leveling range. Especially because the current situation was now stable, Ye Xiu needed to take full advantage of it. After getting past this level range, from Level 55 to 70, the Heavenly Domain would have plenty of dungeons to run and many quests to complete. Leveling in the dungeon was much safer when compared to leveling in the wild and the rewards were much better too.

The sensation outside of the game had slowly trickled into the game. First was Guild Heavenly Justice. When the members had heard that their boss was going to form a team and enter the pro scene, they immediately became extremely proud of themselves. The current guild members of Heavenly Justice would naturally be Loulan Slash’s first supporters.

Because of the number of players in the Heavenly Domain, there were ten global chat channels, which players called, Channel 1, Channel 2, Channel 3, Channel 4..... all ten channels were discussing this news. With a team being formed, the first thing players wanted to know was who the team members would be.

Loulan Slash's advertising was really quite good and he understood what the players wanted. They had Lord Grim attract everyone's attention. But after that, they maintained the mysterious atmosphere and didn't reveal any of their team members.

That evening, on the eSports channel, the creation of the team was the lead story. In the following article, they highlighted a few classes, holding the players in suspension. So far, the players knew which classes would be on the team, but who were the players exactly? It was still a mystery.

The Club guilds were still enduring silently. There would always be teams that would join the Alliance every year, but this was the first time the team had rooted in the Glory game. In addition, Loulan Slash and Lord Grim were already famous players. The amount of attention the team had attracted was absolutely unprecedented. It would be unwise for the Clubs to stop the waves from flowing. Even Excellent Era wouldn't dare do such a thing.

They could only wait for the waves to pass. The one thing they didn't know was that Heavenly Justice had talked about all this before.

"Not a bad job! Of all the teams over the years, you've probably done the best." Ye Xiu said to Loulan Slash.

"It's not bad, it's not bad." Loulan Slash had suffered a large blow in the Arena, but was comforted greatly by their successful marketing.

"Next, I suggest that you slowly release information little by little." Ye Xiu said.

"Oh?"

"With the huge sensation you have created, the teams now hate you to death. The foundation you now have in the game is a clear target for them to suppress you with. But with the amount of attention you have on you right now, they can't rashly initiate a war with you. Do you understand what I'm saying?" Ye Xiu said.

"So you're saying that we should slowly release information in order to prolong the amount of attention we get?" Loulan Slash said.

"Correct. The fact that your foundation comes from within game is different from the past teams, so you have to hurry and assimilate your power in-game into the Club guilds' balance of power and restrict the Clubs from making any large movements. Only by doing this will you be able to develop smoothly." Ye Xiu said.

"How complicated....." Loulan Slash said.

"Did you really think that the pro scene was just a competition, match after match?" Ye Xiu said.

"If not?"

"It's a business." Ye Xiu sighed.

Loulan Slash went silent for a moment before replying: "How boring."

"It really is." Ye Xiu agreed.

"You can't always do as you like in order to survive in this world. Is it this concept?" Loulan Slash said.

"As long as you understand :)" Ye Xiu sent a smiley face: "Unless you only want to walk freely for a short while. In that case, you don't need to think about all this."

"That's not what I want to do. Our goal is to be Champions!" Loulan Slash said.

"So you have to create a good foundation. Champions aren't created in one day. Your starting point is very good. Don't waste this great opportunity you have." Ye Xiu said.

"Our starting point is good?" Loulan Slash said sullenly, "What I'm worried about is that with all of the attention we now have, our actual skill won't match this popularity! When we got into the Alliance and the results came out, if it's too terrible, won't we immediately lose a whole bunch of supporters?"

"Yes, that's true. Right now, you only have popularity and attention. If you want to turn this into team fans, then it needs to be done through the team's performance. But you have to understand that a team's fans isn't always gotten through achievements, but through the team's features."

"Features?"

"It could be a feature that players can resonate with or a unique feature that no other team has. I'll give you an example: land. The land your base of operations is located is a feature that many players can resonate with." Ye Xiu said.

"That counts too!" Loulan Slash began to sweat.

"Of course, City H clearly has a lot of Excellent Era fans. City S, where the All Stars took place, has a lot of Samsara fans. Where do you live?" Ye Xiu asked.

"I live in City B." Loulan Slash said.

"City B....." Ye Xiu sent a helpless emoji. It seemed like everything he said was for nothing.

Loulan Slash also understood: "City B already has two teams....."

"If you go, you'll be the third....."

"One of them is even Tiny Herb, the Champion team! We will have to try and win over Tiny Herb fans?" Loulan Slash wanted to cry.

"It's very challenging isn't it?" Ye Xiu said.

"Too challenging....." Loulan Slash was already choking.

"Land is an intrinsic feature. It's a relatively simple one. The others such as ace players or characters are also a type of feature. Among these, there's actually one class that's missing. I don't know if you've noticed it or not." Ye Xiu said.

“Oh?”

“Did you watch this year’s All Star Weekend?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Of course!” Loulan Slash said.

“Among the All Star players, not a single player used a Summoner.” Ye Xiu said.

“Oh.....” Loulan Slash recalled. It was true.

“So if you can push out an All Star level Summoner, you’ll definitely win a lot of Summoner fans.” Ye Xiu said.

“Summoner..... we don’t have one either.....” Loulan Slash said.

“It’s just an example.” Ye Xiu said.

“Hearing God speak, why does it feel like we hadn’t plan enough for our team?” Loulan Slash cried.

“Uh, I’m just giving examples.” Ye Xiu said.

“We don’t have any features!” Loulan Slash said.

“Then you can only decide on your position. You’ll have to know what type of style you want the team to play.” Ye Xiu said.

“.....” The ellipses let Ye Xiu know that Loulan Slash hadn’t had any of those thoughts.

“Right now it’s February. There’s still three more months in this season and then a three month summer break. You’ll have a good half a year to prepare before the season starts again in September. You’ll have to find the correct way to improve yourselves. Bullying normal players in the Arena won’t help you much anymore.” Ye Xiu said.

“D*mn! You even know about that?” Loulan Slash said.

“Know what?” Ye Xiu wasn’t sure.

“You don’t know? Nevermind then.....” Loulan Slash felt a bit embarrassed. After being crushed by Ye Xiu in the Arena last time, they went into the Arena to regain their confidence by bullying normal players. Even though they had won every battle, they still weren’t able to gain back their confidence. When Ye Xiu said it, Loulan Slash thought that God knew about their ridiculous actions.

“It’s not that there aren’t any experts in the Arena. It’s just that it’s too difficult to find them. It’ll mostly be a waste of time. You have to fight with real experts and gain experience. Under harsh conditions, practice your synergy and find your own strategy that fits you. The team’s members can be switched, but if you can maintain the same unique playing style, that’ll be a very valuable asset to your team. This is a team’s feature.”

“A feature again.....” Loulan Slash was foaming at the mouth. After talking for quite a while, they came back to same issue.