

## Avatar 451

### Chapter 451 – The Mystery Man

Club Excellent Era. The director hadn't gathered every team member, but Sun Xiang and Liu Hao as well as the crowd members who were revealed couldn't escape.

When they entered the meeting room, they saw how dark the director's expression was. It looked as if it were dripping with malice. After they sat down, one of the team members asked in a meek voice: "What happened?" The director threw the newspaper he had picked up that morning at him.

Some of them had seen the news. Some of them hadn't seen it yet. The person who had asked the question was called Guo Yang and was a part of Team Excellent Era's main roster. He played a Qi Master named Qi Breaker. Yesterday night, he had been a part of the group chat and had followed along with everyone else to see the show. Today, his name had been revealed in the news, but he himself didn't know what had happened. The director was absolutely furious and glared viciously at Guo Yang.

In the eSports newspaper, there were four pages besides the lead story with details, analysis, comments, and a whole bunch of screenshots. It was quite impressive that they had been able to write and print out everything that had happened just last night so quickly.

"What were all of you thinking? Our hated enemy isn't popular enough right now, so you have to run over and give him advertisement? Am I right?" The director began shouting at them. Even though, he was only facing the few in front of him, he also cursed at the pro players from other Clubs who had been exposed as well.

At Excellent Era, there were four people who had went to watch the show.

Sun Xiang, Liu Hao, He Ming. They had went to watch because they cared a lot about the strength of Ye Qiu's unspecialized. As for Guo Yang, he was there more as a cheerleader and now, he had attracted the director's aggro. Who made him go in and act like he didn't know what was going on?

As an old veteran in the pro scene, he had experienced the director's shouting many times, especially this season. Their record was poor. Everyone had seen the director like this before. Only Sun Xiang hadn't. In the past, when he was in Team Over the Clouds, he was considered a jewel. When he came over to Excellent Era, he sat as their ace player. It was his first time in the pro scene being yelled at like this. His expression immediately turned uglier.

"Cough." Liu Hao cleared his throat as if he were about to say something, when someone knocked on the door. The director turned his head and roared "Enter." An employee scurried in: "Director, there are reporters outside who want to interview a few players. What do we do?"

News stations which specially covered eSports often had reporters living in cities with Clubs. Yesterday night, they had been busy writing, so now they were here to conduct post-interviews in the morning.

The director had clearly expected this to happen. He waved his hands: "Have them wait a bit."

"Okay." The employee left. The director turned his head back and stared at Liu Hao: "What did you want to say?"

"I don't think this is a random accident." Liu Hao looked at the newspaper, "Even though we got a lot of attention when we showed up online, after entering the Arena, no one knew which room we had went into. Even if they bumped into it through trial and error, the room had a password. How could someone break in? Moreover, from this report, it couldn't have been some random person who had chanced upon the room. The intruder had clearly come in with a goal. This was the work of someone's scheme. We've all been used!"

"Who needs you to say something so obvious?" The director barked.

"We hadn't thought of this at that time." Liu Hao said helplessly.

"With things having come to this, there's no use in talking about it." The director said, "I looked at the news and it seems like Ye Qiu's identity hasn't been revealed?"

"This....." Liu Hao hesitated because there was no way he could remember every single detail from last night. Everyone at the scene knew that Lord Grim was Ye Qiu, so there was no need for them to mention it when they talked amongst themselves. Did anyone expose Lord Grim's identity in the chat? He didn't think so. This may be why the news didn't reveal Lord Grim's identity and described him as a mystery man.

But even if he was a mystery man, people would definitely try to guess. As a result, these guesses would be the main topic for today. But it didn't seem like the mystery man would be much a mystery. With the rumors of Ye Qiu planning on creating a team, most people would guess the mystery man was Ye Qiu.

The few people would question this would be because of one issue: if he were Ye Qiu, it hadn't been long since he had retired, so why would he create such an uproar and announce that he would come back? Wasn't he a bit too quick in regretting his retirement? These types of disbelievers also didn't believe the rumors that Ye Qiu was planning on creating a team.

Speaking of this, the rumors of Ye Qiu's return was only an inference made in the All Star Weekend, when a Battle Mage had come out and showed a Dragon Raises Its Head. It wasn't 100% proof that person was Ye Qiu.

"I remember. I think when Huang Shaotian shouted for a match, he mentioned Ye Qiu's name." At this moment, Guo Yang suddenly said.

Liu Hao recalled and it seemed to be true. At that time, after Huang Shaotian defeated an opponent, Ye Qiu's Lord Grim still hadn't come down, so he shouted Ye Qiu's name in the public chat. If this had truly been an intentional leak, then such a detail shouldn't have been missed. Ye Qiu's name would also create a huge uproar!

All of the Clubs knew that Lord Grim was Ye Qiu, but why did no one announce it to the public? It was because they didn't want to help him cement this identity. Right now, Ye Qiu was one of their competitors. By utilizing the popularity from his identity, a lot of things would become easier for him. This was why they hoped to see Ye Qiu just die away like a nameless soldier. Because he had never revealed himself to the public in the past, it wouldn't be easy for him to prove his identity.

For Excellent Era, especially their guild Excellent Dynasty, they were extremely nervous of Ye Qiu's identity being revealed. The revelation would certainly have a huge negative impact on Excellent

Dynasty. The guild had old members that had been in the guild for more than five years and many of them were fans of Ye Qiu. If his identity really was revealed by an official and trusted source, it wouldn't be possible for Excellent Dynasty to go against Ye Qiu. The other guilds even needed to help block this bullet. Otherwise, if Excellent Era didn't care about their image and popularity and would rather discard everything to be criticized.....

This was why Excellent Era was so worried about this.

The other Clubs were also quite angry that their players would help advertise him and raise their enemy's popularity.

Loulan Slash's team had been quite popular from the start. Afterwards, their advertising had only attracted more and more eyes, making everyone look forward to them. They felt like they would be a strong team that would rock the Alliance. Now, Lord Grim had caused another huge sensation, proving their strength again.....

Even though the headlines wrote that the pro players had attacked Lord Grim, Lord Grim was already bound with a team. Loulan Slash's team would have Lord Grim as the team's ace player and spokesperson.

If Lord Grim was so strong, didn't that mean the team he was in would be strong too?

And how strong was Lord Grim? From the detailed report of the fight, it described how he defeated Huang Shaotian.

Huang Shaotian! Who was that? To beat him, even if it was in the Fixed Field, would mean he's an absolutely amazing expert, no?

Who exactly is he? Who is he? Who is he?

The newspaper invited many famous Glory commentators, hosts, and other professionals to give their opinion. Eighty percent of them suspected that he was Ye Qiu. Professionals were professionals. All of them knew what type of fundamentals was necessary to play a class like an unspecialized. Ye Qiu was without a doubt the most suitable to play one.

To the Clubs, Ye Qiu being revealed would also make their popularity go up another level. They weren't like Excellent Era who had so many worries. This was also one of the reasons Excellent Era's director was so anxious. These Clubs would certainly be interviewed. If any one of them nodded their heads to the media, the guesses that Lord Grim was Ye Qiu would be 100% confirmed.....

"Director..... should we contact the other Clubs and probe their stances, so we can make preparations?" Liu Hao was an expert at currying favor. He had thought of these issues and had come up with a suggestion. The so-called stances were pointing to the other Club's stances towards how they would reply to the Lord Grim question.

Who Lord Grim is and why the pro players swarmed over to fight with him would certainly be questions that would be asked by the reporters.

Excellent Era's director thought about this suggestion and was just about to grab the phone, when Wang Sheng from their public relations department suddenly spoke: "I don't think there's any need to do that."

"If this was something that had been planned, then there's no way they would miss the fact that Lord Grim was Ye Qiu, no?" Wang Sheng continued, "In my opinion, revealing information step by step and escalating the speculation around Lord Grim would be a good tactic. They wouldn't reveal everything all at once, but rather a bit at a time, revealing important details slowly. Lord Grim is Ye Qiu. We won't say it, but it'll be revealed sooner or later. If we say it, we can at least take the initiative, but if we wait for them to say it, we'll have absolutely no control of the situation."

When Wang Sheng said this, Chen Yehui began to grow anxious. No matter the case, he didn't want Ye Qiu's identity to be revealed. Not just in the future, but even now, if the guild players knew that Lord Grim was Ye Qiu, their Excellent Dynasty would have a huge wave of deserters.

"I can't agree with that. If Ye Qiu identity is revealed, the guild will go into chaos!!!" Chen Yehui hastily said.

"Ha ha, this will depend on how we word the statement. Don't worry Chen, we'll make sure to consider this when we do it." Wang Sheng laughed. Their public relations department was responsible for their Club's marketing. Guild related issues would always be put into consideration.

"Oh? What do you plan on saying?" The director asked. Even though the wording for the statement would be Wang Sheng's responsibility, the director still needed to know the general picture.

#### Chapter 452 – Counterattack with the Truth

"D\*mn! Excellent Era is too shameless!!!"

In the end, the newspaper reports didn't cover all of the information. That evening, several more reports came out with more details from the numerous pro players interviewed that morning. The program couldn't show every single conversation from each pro player. The spotlight would be on the Gods, of course.

With a single exception, as if they had agreed upon it, all of the guilds directly confessed that they had ran over to watch because they suspected that Lord Grim was Ye Qiu. However, none of them said it in a completely certain tone of voice.

"Probably? Playing an unspecialized requires knowledge and proficiency with every class. From what I saw from Lord Grim's performance, Ye Qiu is without a doubt the number one suspect." This was what Team Tiny Herb's Wang Jiexi replied with.

"An unspecialized is a class that cannot be controlled by a single person. But to be able to control one to such a degree, I believe that Ye Qiu is certainly capable of doing so." This was Team Wang Jiexi's answer.

"Hm, probably Ye Qiu..... because..... he's very strong....." Samsara's Zhou Zekai.

"At that time, all of the Gods were present. To be able to fight with me to that extent, by using a process of elimination, he would be Ye Qiu." This was Huang Shaotian's reply. He was the person who everyone wanted to interview. He was the one who directly fought with him!

“What about Zhang Jiale?” The reporters asked about a God, who had also retired.

“Zhang Jiale? I called him before. He said he wasn’t him.” Huang Shaotian said in a serious tone. He had clearly known that Lord Grim was Ye Qiu long before this, but right now, he looked as if he had only figured it out after fighting him.

“Then what are your thoughts on the match?” The reporter asked.

“I lost. But as a pro player, losing is a very common occurrence, even more so against an opponent like Ye Qiu. More importantly, this match let me see all sorts of different things. Those who haven’t played the game since the beginning probably don’t even know that there is such a thing as an unspecialized playstyle, yet now one appears in front of us. I don’t know if you guys saw the match recording carefully or not. Ah! That’s right! Do you guys have a recording of it? If you want one, I have one. I can go get one for you guys real quick, if you want.....” Huang Shaotian spoke frankly with the interviewers.

They didn’t even need to try and dig deeper and they already had so much content to work with, perhaps even too much content. They didn’t know if the space given to them was enough to write it all down. It seemed like they would need to pick out the important words from all of the other excess.

The reporters were always happy to interview Huang Shaotian.

Apart from Huang Shaotian, the other people they needed to interview was of course, Excellent Era.

For Excellent Era, Ye Qiu would always be a topic that would never go away. As long as they were in the Glory scene, Ye Qiu and Excellent Era would always be connected with each other.

Every player was asked why they went to watch the match. Sun Xiang, Liu Hao, and the others who watched it said the same as everyone else. They expressed their suspicions that he was Ye Qiu, which was why they had went over to look.

Afterwards, when they got to the special relationship between Ye Qiu and Excellent Era, Wang Sheng gave a statement.

First, he said how Ye Qiu had still wanted to develop in the Glory scene and how he was very perplexed that Ye Qiu would choose to retire.

Next, he also talked about Lord Grim’s identity as Ye Qiu and how he couldn’t understand some of his actions in the tenth server, especially the conflicts with Guild Excellent Dynasty.

After that, he mentioned Lord Grim’s recent addition to Loulan Slash’s Guild Heavenly Justice. Wang Sheng expressed that he respected any choice Ye Qiu would make and gave him his blessings. However, the Glory Alliance was still a competition, after all. Even though Excellent Era and Ye Qiu would always be friends forever, whether they were in the professional scene or the game, everyone should have a professional attitude. Lastly, he gave Excellent Era and Ye Qiu his best wishes.

“Shameless! Too shameless!!!”

Excellent Era’s spokesperson gave his statement. The eSports channel broadcasted this segment. Chen Guo, who was watching while eating dinner, slammed the table and shouted. Ye Xiu, who had been sprayed all over with food in the morning, immediately took up his guard. He grabbed his bowl and ran far away from her.

"I can't believe he had the nerve to say that." Chen Guo was furious at Wang Sheng.

Hiding far away, Ye Xiu took up his bowl and filled his mouth with food: "This is nothing. You really haven't seen the real world have you."

"How can you be so calm!" Chen Guo didn't understand.

"In terms of his responsibilities, I felt like he did quite a beautiful job." Ye Xiu said.

"Ptui."

"If you can't even bear this, you'll be coughing blood in the future." Ye Xiu said.

"Hmph, I won't be so shameless!" Chen Guo said.

"You won't. But what about your opponents? When the time comes, they'll spread all sorts of rumors, mixing up truth and lies. And when the reporters look for you to ask questions, you'll just curse at them and call them shameless?" Ye Xiu said.

"Then what should I do?" Chen Guo said.

"Beat them up in the matches!" Tang Rou interrupted in a determined voice. Chen Guo looked over, a bit surprised. She immediately realized that Tang Rou wasn't happy about the interview either. She just hadn't slammed the table like her.

"Mm, counterattack with the truth. No matter how powerful they are, they can't beat that." Ye Xiu said.

"Then how are you going to use truth to counterattack this time?" Chen Guo asked.

"By eating dinner peacefully here." Ye Xiu said.

"What type of counterattack is that!" Chen Guo frowned.

"There's still a long way to go. We've only just started." Ye Xiu said dully.

That night, the interview created a huge uproar.

In these interviews, Loulan Slash's team may have been mentioned, but only a relatively small amount. Many had already guessed that Lord Grim was Ye Qiu in the morning news, but now the entire pro scene had admitted it. Even though the pros said this and that, they all had the same meaning: he was Ye Qiu, no doubt about it. However, even if you didn't believe the pros, it was too difficult to actually ask Ye Qiu because everyone knew that Ye Qiu never accepted interviews.

The reports were still busy, hoping to dig even deeper. They wanted to find some way to contact people who were close to Ye Qiu like Su Mucheng. They tried contacting Loulan Slash..... the interviewing wasn't over yet.

As for the Glory community, the discussions going on amongst them were growing larger and larger.

All of these discussions made Chen Guo quite depressed.

Wang Sheng's statement expressing how he couldn't understand Ye Qiu's actions, how he was perplexed, and then his blessings, made Excellent Era fans who didn't know the truth very unhappy with Ye Qiu.

After being deceived by Wang Sheng's statement, they couldn't that Ye Qiu would betray Excellent Era like that. Their cherished memories of Ye Qiu all became doubts towards him.

These feelings had begun being planted ever since rumors that Ye Qiu was planning to create his own team sprouted. And now, Ye Qiu had ran over to Loulan Slash, who was famous in the game for having lots of money. The players couldn't help but suspect that Ye Qiu had left for money. At this moment, the discussions online were filled with criticism and hatred for Ye Qiu.

Chen Guo knew the truth and felt angry and sorry for Ye Xiu. She looked at these alone and didn't call over Ye Xiu to look, up until she couldn't take it anymore.....

She turned around and peeked at Ye Xiu's screen. To her surprise, he wasn't playing the game, but rather skimming over these discussions. Chen Guo quietly went over and stole a glance at Ye Xiu's expression. He looked very calm and relaxed.

"You aren't going to play?" Chen Guo asked.

"Now? It's not a good time. Too much commotion. I should avoid making any appearances for now." Ye Xiu said.

"Avoid for how long?" Chen Guo was depressed. Now that Lord Grim was Ye Qiu, Lord Grim would be like Troubling Rain and have crowds of people gathering wherever he went. In addition, with so many angry players, Chen Guo suddenly felt extremely uneasy.

"It won't be very long." Ye Xiu grinned.

"What are you planning! Tell me!" Chen Guo could see that Ye Xiu definitely had some sort of plan up his sleeve.

"You'll know soon!" Ye Xiu said.

"When is soon?" Chen Guo asked.

"Look at the news!" Ye Xiu said.

"News? What news is there going to be at this time?" Chen Guo didn't understand.

"It'll be there." Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo went over to browse the Internet, but didn't see anything after checking several big sites.

"Where?" Chen Guo yelled, just as she refreshed again. A new pieces of news really had come out.

Team Heavenly Swords had officially been announced!

"Team Heavenly Swords?" Chen Guo stared blankly. Even though Loulan Slash had already told them about his team, he hadn't said what his team name was. Heavenly Swords was undoubtedly the team Loulan Slash was planning on creating.

Chen Guo immediately clicked on the news article. With everything all written down already, the news conference for it must have ended a while ago. The spokesperson for Heavenly Swords had stated that their application had taken two days to pass, which was why they had only conducted a news conference now. At the news conference, they also officially announced that their team name would be Heavenly Swords.

Apart from this, another huge announcement had come from Team Heavenly Sword's spokesperson. The announcement made clear that Team Heavenly Swords had not recruited the former captain of Excellent Era, Ye Qiu.

"This..... this....." Chen Guo suddenly felt dizzy as she stared at the headline.

"See, this is the truth." Ye Xiu had seen the news too. He stood up and looked at Chen Go with a smile on his face: "That's not a bad counterattack, right?"

Chapter 453 – Unable to Speak

"You guys..... had it all planned beforehand?" Chen Guo finally understood. Ye Xiu didn't need to explain anything to her.

It was true that Lord Grim had joined Guild Heavenly Justice, but it had never been said that Lord Grim would join the team. Everyone had only thought that.

Now that Team Heavenly Swords made everything clear, Ye Qiu was in a great spot. With this sudden turn of events, the players would think that they had made a mistake. They might even think that Lord Grim wasn't Ye Qiu.

"Pretty much. I was really only there as a guest performer to help Loulan Slash publicize his team." Ye Xiu said.

"Who guest performs like you? The amount of attention you got was even more than their team!" Chen Guo said.

"That's what happens when you borrow someone else. It's how you get everyone's attention!" Ye Xiu said. His QQ made a noise. Loulan Slash saw that he wasn't in-game, so he went to see if Ye Xiu was on QQ.

"Nice!" Ye Xiu replied: "That was a great press conference!"

"Ha ha ha, too splendid. When those reporters heard that we were going to open a press conference, they immediately gathered there. We prepared the answers to questions relating to you a long time ago. The moment those reporters heard the spokesman say that Ye Qiu definitely wasn't joining Team Heavenly Swords, you should have seen the expression on their faces! It was amazing!" Loulan Slash said and sent a few pictures of the dumbstruck expressions.

"They really are amazing." Ye Xiu appreciated them.

"Ha ha ha." Loulan Slash was very happy. Their plan had gone perfectly. There wasn't much else to talk about after saying that. It was clear that the reporters were mainly for that one question. First, they asked a few questions regarding the team out of courtesy and then immediately switched to inquiring about Lord Grim.



The spokesperson repeated his statement again and for the questions asking about Lord Grim, he simply replied saying his weapon was a secret and couldn't be revealed to the public.

"Why did Loulan Slash cooperate with you?" Chen Guo wondered.

"I helped publicize his team. Why wouldn't he cooperate with me?" Ye Xiu said.

"But if he used your identity as Ye Qiu, he could have gotten even more attention. He could have also pulled in a whole bunch of your fans, no?" Chen Guo's reasoning was also logical. Even though most people had been angry at Ye Qiu after the previous reports, there were also quite a few who defended Ye Qiu. These few were clearly loyal fans of Ye Qiu and supported their idol unconditionally.

"However, I really wasn't going to join them. That's the truth. It would have been seen through sooner or later." Ye Xiu said.

"But with the way they did things, they're also just making everything unnecessarily complicated. Lord Grim is you. That'll be revealed sooner or later too. Doing it this way won't win much of a favorable impression either, no?" Chen Guo said.

"It's different. The way they did things is simply a trick to hype up everyone. There will be many chances in the future to slowly dissolve the situation. But if they directly said that I had joined their Team Heavenly Swords, then they would be lying. Once their lie came out, they would provoke a lot of hate from the players and it wouldn't be easy to dissolve the situation. Loulan Slash wants to be relevant in the Alliance for a long time, so he doesn't want that type of stain." Ye Xiu said.

"Oh....." Chen Guo acted like she understood, even though she didn't. Today, she hadn't done any fighting in the game, but the several waves of news, made her emotions go up and down all day. It was even more of a thrill than fighting. Chen Guo was now convinced that the competition in the pro scene wasn't just as simple as characters fighting in matches.

"Are you still going to play today?" Chen Guo asked.

"It's better not to for now! I'll be taking a look at the situation after the announcement." Ye Xiu said. After the Spring Festival, Ye Xiu's work and rest schedule had been slowly changing to a normal person's. Before, he had to stay up all night because he had to take up the night shift. But now he only had to focus on the game, it didn't matter whether he played during the daytime or during the nighttime. With Chen Guo's frequent shouts, he would probably be heading towards a healthier schedule.

The newly released statement naturally lifted another huge wave.

The thoughts of the players were about the same as Chen Guo's. All of the news being released today made it so their hearts couldn't take it anymore.

They had just thought that Lord Grim was Ye Qiu, when Team Heavenly Swords clearly said that they hadn't roped in Ye Qiu.

Just like Chen Guo thought, the players immediately felt that Lord Grim actually wasn't Ye Qiu.

If Lord Grim wasn't Ye Qiu, then Ye Qiu's name didn't need to be brought into the discussion. As a result, Lord Grim once again became a "mystery man". Who exactly was he? Everyone began guessing again. This Lord Grim beat Huang Shaotian. He had been acknowledged by the Gods, who had unanimously

believed that it was likely that he was Ye Qiu. But he wasn't actually Ye Qiu. There were only so many Gods in the scene. From the looks of it, it was actually his first time stepping into the pro scene. Was he some sort of immortal that had just come out of closed door training?

When the Clubs saw the reports that night, they were all dumbstruck.

These Clubs were just like the players and immediately felt like Lord Grim wasn't Ye Qiu. They were suddenly very upset. If he wasn't Ye Qiu, then why didn't they try and rope him in? Who told them that Lord Grim was Ye Qiu? Had the pro players made a mistake? After all, no one had personally witnessed Ye Qiu controlling Lord Grim.

Some were completely certain though. For example, Huang Shaotian, Liu Hao, Han Wenqing, Wang Jiexi. All of them had talked with Lord Grim and Ye Qiu directly and were 100% sure about this point. They were having a bit of trouble understanding after seeing Team Heavenly Sword's press conference.

"I can't believe he has the balls to lie like that!" Huang Shaotian was dumbstruck and was about to look for Ye Xiu to ask.

Yu Wenzhou quietly thought for a bit before saying: "Maybe it's not a lie."

"How could it not be! Lord Grim is obviously Ye Qiu. Hm? Wait a sec....." Huang Shaotian looked more carefully at the statement and then immediately understood.

"See! Heavenly Sword's people never said that Lord Grim isn't Ye Qiu." Yu Wenzhou said.

"You're right!" Huang Shaotian recalled Team Heavenly Sword's marketing from the beginning to end. From the very start, when the news came out that Lord Grim had joined Heavenly Justice, they had never put Lord Grim and Ye Qiu together.

"What a beautiful plan to create hype!" Yu Wenzhou said.

"If it's just for hype, wouldn't it be better to reveal Ye Qiu's identity?" Huang Shaotian said.

"Didn't you hear the official statement? Ye Qiu isn't joining their Team Heavenly Sword." Yu Wenzhou said.

"Oh....."

"The team and the guild in the game are two different things." Yu Wenzhou said.

"How crafty." Huang Shaotian said.

"Unless you're absolutely sure that Lord Grim is Ye Qiu like us, I doubt many will be able to see through the scheme." Yu Wenzhou said.

"But we can't prove anything either." Huang Shaotian said.

"We don't need any proof." Yu Wenzhou said, "The people who are having it the most difficult right now is probably Excellent Era. It was lucky they made that statement this afternoon."

"Ha ha ha, it'll be a bit difficult, but they didn't lose anything. They made it clear that even if Lord Grim is Ye Qiu, they would still have a professional attitude, which pretty much means that they regard him first

as a competitor and opponent. They will do what they need to do. Even if their opponent isn't Ye Qiu, they can still do what they like. Even if it'd made clear in the future, it doesn't matter, no?" Huang Shaotian said.

"That's certainly true, but their goal was to create an unfavorable public opinion of Ye Qiu. This statement effectively neutralized this." Yu Wenzhou said.

"A pity. They probably can't prove that Lord Grim is Ye Qiu either." Huang Shaotian said.

Yu Wenzhou and Huang Shaotian had already analyzed Excellent Era's situation well. On the other hand, Excellent Era themselves didn't react as quickly as the two of them.

They had confirmed that Lord Grim is Ye Qiu. After seeing the news, they were extremely angry at the scheme set up by Team Heavenly Sword and Ye Qiu and had completely forgotten about their statement that afternoon.

After a lot of yelling, Wang Sheng was able to clearly see the word game being played around in these statements.

However, just like Yu Wenzhou and Huang Shaotian predicted, there was nothing they could do. They couldn't prove that Lord Grim is Ye Qiu!

After thinking about it for a bit, exposing their opponent's plot and proving that Lord Grim is Ye Qiu wouldn't really benefit them in any way. Team Heavenly Sword had attracted a huge amount of attention from this. If they jumped out and struck back during this hype, they wouldn't interrupt it, but instead help them even more.

Even though Excellent Era could attract a lot of eyes this way too, but Excellent Era was an old established team. If they were going to hype things up, they would have to fight with someone of equal status as them. Picking a fight against a new team would make them drop in status. The other side would actually pull themselves up using Excellent Era's drop instead. If Excellent Era wasn't even able to see this, then there was no way they would have been able to stay in the Alliance for so many years.

In the end, Excellent Era could only grind their teeth and hold it in. Seeing the forums explode with guessed to this "mystery man" while not being able to speak the truth was truly quite painful.

"We can't give them another opportunity to attract more attention. Picking a fight would be falling into their trap." Wang Sheng said.

"Mm, but we can't have them think we're idiots. Make another statement, reinforcing our previous statement and that it still holds." The director slapped the table.

#### Chapter 454 – To Make a Big Fuss Over Nothing

For this type of disturbance, each side had their own plans. They all had people within the circle, so they knew many inside things. However, Chen Guo wasn't a part of the circle. This time, she got a taste of what it was like inside.

If this was in the past, she would have definitely jumped out and shouted her support for Ye Xiu. but now, she finally understood the background behind the dispute and the many schemes surrounding it.

Fans would dispute to prove what they thought. Would the people being talked about actually care what they said? They might not.

Ye Xiu's indifferent attitude made Chen Guo even feel as if it were a bit cold-hearted. She wondered how many pro players had this type of inner quality. However, Chen Guo did believe that slamming the table in anger because of this kind of small matter didn't fit for someone within the circle. Chen Guo acknowledged that this type of ruthlessness and reasoning was needed, but she wasn't sure if she would be able to learn it.

She hoped that there would be a day Excellent Era would be unmasked and hated how Excellent Era fans could completely change sides in a single night. Their false statement had struck a direct blow to Ye Xiu, but all Chen Guo could see from him was indifference.

Even the hype created from the collaboration between Loulan Slash and him seemed as if it had just been done out of convenience, while giving himself a path to retreat at the same time. Did he actually plan on using this type of disturbance to attack Excellent Era or someone else? No. Not at all.

In reality, those who thought that they had suffered a blow had really just been caught up in the storm. They thought they were the goal, when they actually weren't.

All Ye Xiu did was take advantage of what he had to help Loulan Slash create some hype for his team.

"What about you? What did you gain from this?" Chen Guo asked.

"Me?" Ye Xiu said without taking any time to think, "Didn't I already say this before? The more attention Loulan Slash's guild gets and the more attention Lord Grim gets, the harder it is for the guilds to make any movements."

Chen Guo suddenly felt dizzy: "So you're saying, this was all just to continue leveling in peace?"

"Of course!" Ye Xiu nodded his head.

Chen Guo wanted to cry. This type of leveling environment was a given for a normal player. But for a God, why did it have to be so complicated? He led the entire Glory scene into a frenzy, forcing all 20 Clubs to make a move. Millions of players had crowded together discussing and arguing. The media platforms made several headlines in a row.....

Comrades! It was all just a big misunderstanding.....

The truth behind everything was that this God just wanted to level!

Chen Guo didn't want to be the only person to know the truth. She wanted to share it with the world and wanted everyone to cry along with her.

"I'm going to bed....." Chen Guo swayed back and forth as she walked away.

"Go ahead! I'll be going to sleep soon too." Ye Xiu said as if nothing had happened.

Who cares about you!! Chen Guo repeatedly said to herself. At this moment, she suddenly felt that the Clubs were completely correct to hunt him down. He just wanted to level peacefully and in order to do that, he brought the world into chaos. What was this guy made of?

That night, Ye Xiu didn't go online again. He browsed around the Internet and then went to bed.

The next morning, a few slower news platforms released some articles. Being a bit slow, they had more time to report everything in more detail. However, Chen Guo wasn't interested in reading them. Once she thought of how much trouble this could bring to Happy Internet Cafe just for Ye Xiu to level, Chen Guo immediately felt weak.

"Are you going to level later you finish eating?" Chen Guo said. She stressed the word level with a bit of a mocking tone.

"Of course." Ye Xiu spoke as if he hadn't heard Chen Guo's tone of voice.

"Will a crowd come to watch?" Chen Guo asked.

"Hard to say. Though if it's just normal players, then I'm confident I can escape." Ye Xiu said.

"I hope you succeed." Chen Guo mocked.

"Thanks. You guys take your time." Ye Xiu got up and went to the second floor to play.

"What's wrong?" Tang Rou could hear that Chen Guo's tone wasn't right.

"Did you know? He....." Chen Guo said everything on her mind to share her pain and then cursed at him a whole bunch.

"Ha ha ha ha." Tang Rou couldn't stop laughing when she heard it, "I think he did pretty good!"

"What's good?" Chen Guo said.

"Don't you find it bold making such a big fuss over nothing?" Tang Rou said.

"You've been completely ruined by him." Chen Guo shook her head in disappointment.

"He he." Tang Rou chuckled. Chen Guo couldn't find any sympathy from Tang Rou, so she stopped talking about it.

Chen Guo didn't take it to heart. This wouldn't stop this disturbance from ending. In reality, the great debate brought about by this had only just begun.

That morning, reporters contacted Excellent Era asking about their thoughts on Team Heavenly Swords denying that Ye Qiu had joined their team.

Excellent Era had already been prepared. They didn't try to prove that Lord Grim was Ye Qiu and instead, they expressed calmly that it didn't matter if Ye Qiu joined Team Heavenly Swords or not. No matter what he planned for in the future, Excellent Era would give him their blessings, but would also face him with a professional attitude. As for Heavenly Swords, Excellent Era congratulated them for their success in making it into the Alliance and wished them good luck in the future.

When asked about their thoughts on Lord Grim, who was able to defeat Huang Shaotian, Excellent Era answered that they weren't scared of any opponent. They didn't mention Heavenly Swords and declared that they would definitely make a comeback next season to win the Championship.

These sort of words and replies were commonly seen. Apart from this, their words also implied that they didn't find the new team as a threat and didn't put them in their eyes.

Besides Excellent Era, the pro players who affirmed that Lord Grim was Ye Qiu were given another round of interviews.

These pro players had all seen Ye Xiu speak in the group chat and then followed into the game to find Lord Grim, so they had been very certain of his identity. However, Team Heavenly Swords declared that Ye Qiu hadn't joined them. They caught the word play involved in these statements, but none of them jumped out to prove Lord Grim was Ye Qiu because for the Clubs, such an action wouldn't help them in any way. As a result, everyone just went with the flow. Heavenly Swords could do what they wanted. They weren't going to get mixed up with them. So as to avoid what happened last time, they sent out their iconic players to act as live promotional signboards.

Some players ran over to look at Heavenly Justice players. After the news came out, Team Heavenly Swords was looked at exceptionally well by many. Some of the more exaggerated analysis claimed that with Heavenly Sword's strength and resources, they would definitely make a huge impact in the Alliance and might even win the entire Championship as the dark horse.

These discussions made the other Clubs a bit scared. However, they had seen their strength after their fights with Huang Shaotian. All of the pro players at the scene had a good estimate of their skill levels and didn't see them as a threat.

The reports downplayed one part though. Heavenly Sword's introduction to scene had cost quite a bit.

As for the "mystery man" who beat Huang Shaotian, everyone knew he was Ye Qiu. Team Heavenly Swords said that Ye Qiu hadn't joined their team, which was quite a weird roundabout way of saying things.

After the discussions.

Ye Qiu couldn't formally join now because of his recent retirement, so of course he couldn't join. But the two sides could have made an agreement for him to join next season.

This was a guess that the Clubs had agreed upon as a possibility. However, all of them simply acted as if they didn't know this. They laughed over the interviews and didn't say too much.

There was only one pro player who said things different than the rest: Tyranny's Han Wenqing. Facing the reporters' questions, he coldly threw down: "Did Heavenly Swords ever say Lord Grim wasn't Ye Qiu? Who else could Lord Grim be but Ye Qiu?"

That day, the interviewed players from all of the different Clubs all replied with similar words. Han Wenqing's reply immediately stood out. Everyone else's interviews were suddenly thrown to the side and only this reply was reported.

In reality, Team Heavenly Sword's little wordplay may have tricked most players, but the media reporters were good at these types of tricks and were aware of it long ago. They had already prepared for it. Now that a pro player directly said it, it was as if they had obtained a treasure.

As for the interviews towards Heavenly Swords, they refused to reveal Lord Grim's identity.

Lord Grim being Ye Qiu instantly became very believable, so the Clubs' analysis of an agreement and then joining in the future had also been analyzed by the media and reported out.

The credibility of such a statement was extremely high.

Lord Grim had went in a huge circle. In the end, he was still Ye Qiu. Quite a few fans treated the entire course of events as a drama novel. The media wasn't done yet though. They obtained views from a few reporters, commentators, and normal players.

The view that he would come out of retirement and join became widely accepted. Everyone unanimously believed that Lord Grim was Ye Qiu and had determined him as a part of Heavenly Swords. They were convinced that Heavenly Swords was just saying all of that to make things unnecessarily complicated.

Chen Guo said she didn't care, but in the end, she couldn't help but read the reports. The results made her feel dizzy: "Everything just went around full circle. Why'd it return to this?"

"The topic stays hot. The media likes it. Heavenly Swords likes it too." Ye Xiu said.

"It looks like your identity has been seen through." Chen Guo said.

"It would have happened sooner or later." Ye Xiu seemed as if he didn't care.

"Why does Heavenly Sword refuse to say it? Did you ask them to?" Chen Guo asked.

"They only know that I won't join them, so it's better to not say it. You think about it." Ye Xiu said.

"Think about what! Just say it!" Chen Guo said.

"I'm busy! BOSS!" Ye Xiu called.

"What?" Chen Guo flew over when she heard this.

Chapter 455 – Scrap Picker

Boss!

This was a word that would make any Glory player's heart leap. Moreover, this was the Heavenly Domain. A Heavenly Domain boss was on another realm compared to one in the normal server. Chen Guo also knew that Ye Xiu could only level in the wild, which meant that this was a wild boss.

The Heavenly Domain was similar to the normal servers in this sense. Wild bosses would randomly spawn someplace every week. But the difference was that wild bosses would only spawn once a week, which meant that every wild boss would spawn a maximum of 52 times a year. The unique equipment and material dropped from this type of boss would undoubtedly be rare and precious.

The top guilds naturally watched for these types of bosses with great attention. At the start of every week, in all of the Level 55 to Level 70 areas, the top guilds would dispatch scouts to wander around randomly 24/7. At the same time, they also bought information on the boss's coordinates from players who didn't have the strength to kill one but had found one.

Every time a wild boss spawned, it was likely a huge war would erupt. Lower leveled bosses were a bit better. Normal players had a chance to snatch one. After all, apart from Ye Xiu's Lord Grim, everyone else in the Heavenly Domain was Level 70, so they had a high level suppression. In addition, even if they weren't experts, they were all experienced players. Killing a low-leveled boss with friends wasn't too difficult.

As for high leveled bosses, those would always fall into one of the top guild's hands. One reason is because high level bosses spawn in high level areas. With everyone in the Heavenly Domain being Level 70 players, most of them played in high level areas. High level areas weren't as empty as the Level 55 area Lord Grim was in. As a result, if a boss spawned in a high level area, many players would notice it and there was no opportunity to hide it and kill it.

The second reason was because high level bosses were strong. No matter who fought them, they wouldn't be easy to kill. The longer it took for one to die, the more likely the chance someone could run over to kill steal it. The only ones who could fight to the end with such risks were those with strength.

Thus, for high level bosses, normal players wouldn't dream of snatching one. But Level 55 bosses had more hope.

"What type of boss?" Chen Guo rushed over to Ye Xiu's computer while asking. Her eyes were already fixed on his screen. Ye Xiu's line of sight only exposed half the screen. Something was clearly blocking the other half. From the exposed half a screen, numerous players battling a single boss could be seen.

"This one is..... Wilderness Escort! How could one appear here??" Chen Guo didn't ask about Ye Xiu's blocked line of sight and first identified the boss. The Wilderness Escort wore a large felt cap, a pair of leather boots, a corset. His tanned face gave the look of a rough and uncouth male. He was the Level 65 Wilderness Escort of the Eastern Wilderness. However, this place was the Level 55 Chalk Town. The wild boss here should be the Evil Mayor Chalk.

"He was clearly summoned here!" Ye Xiu said.

"Oh!" Chen Guo immediately understood. As the number of players in the Heavenly Domain increased, a wild boss spawning once a week wasn't enough to satisfy everyone's appetite. Many players who had played for several years hadn't even seen a wild boss yet. As a result, in one update, Glory released a "Boss Summon". As rewards for some quests or for killing a boss, there was a chance to obtain an item to summon a boss. This item could be used at any time and any place outside of a dungeon in the Heavenly Domain. As the name implies, the item summoned a boss for everyone to kill.

This type of item was equivalent to a boss, so it was obviously rare as well. Apart from this, these items couldn't be traded. As a result, when players who didn't have the strength to kill the boss happened to obtain this item, they would find a way to contact the top guilds. The player would summon the boss, the guild would kill it, and it could be considered as selling a boss. The price for selling a boss would obviously be much greater than selling information on a boss's coordinates. With this item, one could find a place with no one around and then kill it in secret.

The people in front of them right now were clearly trying to kill it in secret.



Level 55 areas were without a doubt the most empty places in the Heavenly Domain. They were currently located in the corner of a Chalk Town. If one didn't wander deep into the town, there was no way they would find this place.

Coincidentally, Ye Xiu wanted to find a place to level with no one around, so he chose Chalk Town. After wandering around, he happened to bump into this place.

The Wilderness Escort was a Gunner though as a boss, it wasn't any particular class. If you did, you would definitely suffer. If you thought it was a Sharpshooter, he might just send you a Spitfire skill.

"What are you doing? Are you going to try and steal it?" Chen Guo noticed that Ye Xiu's movements were a bit strange. He only half his screen looking at the situation, which meant he must be hiding behind a window in some room.

"That would be too lacking in principles." Ye Xiu said, "I'm going to pick up scraps."

"You..... don't you feel ashamed!!!" Chen Guo heard this and almost fell over.

Picking up scraps was a term used in the Heavenly Domain because the Heavenly Domain players had a high chance of dropping items when they died. Thus, in a large scale conflict, there would always be players who would do this. They would wear cheap equipment and charge into the battle without any fear. However, don't make this misunderstanding, these players weren't a suicide squad to attract attacks. Their target was the equipment that dropped when players died!

This type of activity was called picking up scraps, while the players who did this were called scrap pickers. Scrap pickers were hated by others and if one appeared next to them, they wouldn't hesitate to kill them. A boss fight was a prime opportunity for scrap pickers. There would always be casualties against a boss.

But what type of person was Ye Xiu! He was a God! Right now, he was camping in a corner waiting to pick up scraps. Such shameful behavior made Chen Guo give him a good scolding.

"Shh!" Ye Xiu actually turned his head and reminded Chen Guo that she was being too loud.

"Do you want to come too?" Ye Xiu whispered.

"Uh....." Chen Guo hesitated. In reality, she didn't mind picking up scraps when she had the chance to. The only thing she couldn't accept was that a God like Ye Xiu would do such a task. After all, he used to be her idol once too. Her image of him being shattered was very painful for the fans!

"What..... can you pick up from this?" After hesitating for a bit, she still went to sit next to Ye Xiu. She opened up the game, while telling Tang Rou: "Little Tang, help me log out."

Room 213's four computers were arranged with two rows back to back. Chen Guo and Tang Rou had been sitting next to each other. Chen Guo wanted to pick up scraps with Ye Xiu, so Chen Guo was going to switch spots to make it easy to communicate with each other.

"They've probably made preparations for this type of summoning. Have there been any accidents?" Chen Guo continued.

"Hard to say. I've been watching them for awhile and they might not make it." Ye Xiu said.

“You..... can you be even more shameful?” Chen Guo was depressed.

“Sigh. If only my level wasn’t so low. I could wait for them to wipe out and then pick up the boss too.” Ye Xiu sighed.

“You can’t kill it?” Chen Guo asked.

“It’s a Heavenly Domain wild boss that’s 14 levels higher than me! No matter how good I am, there’s still a limit.” Ye Xiu said.

“What a pity.” Chen Guo muttered. She had logged into the game on this side. She looked at Ye Xiu’s screen for his coordinates and then immediately headed over there.

“Hm. Do you want to contact Loulan Slash?” Chen Guo suggested. In the Heavenly Domain, stealing a boss wasn’t looked down upon as much as stealing monsters. Even though there were fewer bosses, that was exactly why people were fine with it. Under normal circumstances, sitting on the side watching others fight without attacking them was already considered quite nice. If you couldn’t kill it, who cares if you saw it first or summoned it, it was time for other people to try.

Most directly stole it away. Usually the Club guilds were the ones who were nice. The Clubs had to care about their image. Even though stealing bosses wasn’t considered as anything bad in the Heavenly Domain, for the Club guilds, it would be bully. Even though they had strength, when they encountered normal players, they had to let them try first. It was quite depressing for them actually.

There was only on the surface though. Underneath, there would definitely be something going on. If they didn’t, then why would the Club guilds go through so much trouble to make so many wild accounts?

“I was thinking that too, but they’re not online!” Ye Xiu sighed.

Chen Guo had just gotten online. When she looked at her friends list, she also saw that Loulan Slash and his group wasn’t there. As for Chen Guo’s original friends, they were all from Excellent Dynasty. The group of people sent over would be from Guild Excellent Dynasty, so they were a no go.

“If you use my account, can you kill it?” Chen Guo asked.

“Solo..... the problem is time! This isn’t like the tenth server, where no one goes to the high leveled areas. Killing the boss would need three hours without anyone noticing. That isn’t very likely.” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo was helpless. That wasn’t a possibility. Let alone others, but the team in from them would definitely come back if they wiped out.

“Is picking scraps the only thing we can do?” Chen Guo wasn’t happy.

“Uh.....” Ye Xiu hesitated.

“What are you thinking?” Chen Guo could see that he had some sort of plan.

“From a scrap picker’s perspective.....” Ye Xiu had only finished halfway, when a message was sent in the global chat: “Chalk Town, coordinates 45, 74, a Wilderness Escort!!!”

“Wow! Who did this!” Ye Xiu shouted, “He was just about to say what I wanted to. This is something a professional scrap picker would do.”

Chen Guo saw a string of emojis appear after the message on the global chat. She was speechless. She could imagine that a storm would erupt soon. When this message appeared on the global chat, the team killing the boss went into chaos. Two rays of white light shot out as two players perished.

#### Chapter 456 – Not a Bad Hiding Place

There were originally fifteen players who had gathered to hunt the summoned Wilderness Escort.

In terms of preparation, this team was more than enough to kill a Level 65 Wilderness Escort. Ye Xiu didn't know what type of accident had happened, but when he arrived, he saw that the situation had already devolved into chaos. Under the Wilderness Escort's frenzy, the Cleric was frantically healing left and right, but to no avail. The situation couldn't be rescued. When Ye Xiu got there, they only had 12 players left. The number fifteen had been calculated by Ye Xiu based on their classes.

“Need help?” When Ye Xiu saw that the other side was in a crisis, he had even asked if they wanted help.

“No need!!” The other side were facing the enemy, so it wasn't possible to tell how many had yelled it out.

Thus, Ye Xiu quietly left, walked around in a circle, and then slipped into an empty room, becoming a scrap picker.

And now, when the message appeared in the world chat, Ye Xiu immediately knew that he wasn't the only one hiding there.

This other person was undoubtedly a scrap picker too because if he had cared about the BOSS, then there was no way he would have announced it to the world. This type of work was something a scrap picker would like to do. Scrap pickers loved chaotic battles. It didn't matter if you were killing a BOSS or PKing because of a BOSS. In any case, if there were battles and dead people, there would be scrap pickers.

Ye Xiu understood this sort of shady business. He wasn't the one to do it though. He had planned to telling Chen Guo about it, when someone else beat him to it.

“It seems like this corner might not be safe!” Ye Xiu sighed. He had Lord Grim move backwards and begin observing the surroundings to see if there was anyone else on the lookout as well. Only now could Chen Guo see that Lord Grim was in an empty room, next to a window looking at the others outside fighting a BOSS.

“Is it going to get chaotic real soon?” Chen Guo said.

“Yeah!” Ye Xiu constantly moved his camera around, but from out his window, apart from the BOSS, there was no one else he could see.

“Where should I hide.....” Ye Xiu mumbled. Outside of the window, a white light flashed and another player died. So far, only six players remained. In addition, the Cleric had already fallen. In a chaotic

situation, if the situation couldn't be saved, the aggro would eventually fall onto the Cleric. Once the Cleric fell, the attempt to kill the BOSS could be considered over.

"You're still not running?" Ye Xiu saw the remaining six players continue to struggle. But after watching for a bit longer, he understood their intent. They wanted to pick up the items their comrades had dropped after dying. After picking up all of the items dropped on the ground, the six immediately ran away. As expected, these were experienced players. Once they saw the announcement in the global chat, they figured out that there were scrap pickers hiding nearby.

Scrap pickers had their own styles of scrap picking.

Some risked their lives. They charged straight into the battlefield, not caring for their life, and picked up as many items as they could. These types of scrap pickers would certainly die on the battlefield, but they didn't care about the experience loss. They only wanted to see if they could pick up some good equipment.

Apart from them were scrap pickers who wanted to pick up items, while staying alive. These scrap pickers were more cautious and wouldn't charge into the battlefield. This was because once you entered the battlefield, it didn't matter if you were there to steal the BOSS or pick up equipment, your opponents wouldn't be nice.

"What a patient guy!" Ye Xiu saw that the hidden scrap pickers still hadn't moved out yet even though the other side had already picked up their equipment and left.

At this moment, the six players were preparing to escape, but the Wilderness Escort wouldn't let them go so easily. As the group ran and the Escort chased, the Escort would move away and then scrap pickers would have to follow along.

Ye Xiu didn't hurry and move. He continued to have Lord Grim stay by the window, observing the surroundings. Just as he predicted, when the six players moved away along with the Wilderness Escort, players scurried out from the corners of the streets, rooftops, and rooms.

Ye Xiu sweat like mad. He had thought that there was only one person hiding, but in reality, there were actually so many of them waiting.

These scrap pickers seemed to have a tacit understanding amongst themselves. Either that, or they didn't know there were others around. None of them seemed too surprised though nor did anyone seem to have any enmity with each other. Everyone had the same thought and immediately chased after the Wilderness Escort.

Ye Xiu still didn't move. He waited another long while, but didn't see anyone else come out. If he didn't move out now, he wouldn't be able to follow them, so he immediately had Lord Grim chase after.

"Despicable!! How despicable!!" Chen Guo disdained as she chased after with her Chasing Haze. The Heavenly Domain was very big, but luckily, Chen Guo had been accompanying Ye Xiu these days with leveling, so her character wasn't too far away and it wouldn't take her too much time to catch up. She constantly glanced at Ye Xiu's screen for his coordinates up until they bumped into each other at a street.

"Over here." Ye Xiu said. Chen Guo followed behind him.

“Did they all die?” Chen Guo asked.

“Six ran away. The BOSS is still there.” Ye Xiu said.

“And us?”

“See the opportunity and act.”

“More like see the opportunity and pick scraps!” Chen Guo said.

“Depends on the situation.” Ye Xiu said.

“How come I don’t see the BOSS?” Chen Guo couldn’t see the Wilderness Escort. Ye Xiu couldn’t see it either, making Chen Guo quite puzzled.

“I know where! I’m bringing you to a good hiding place.” Ye Xiu said. Not long after, he brought Chen Guo to outside a wall.

“Jump over.” Ye Xiu said. His character jumped over and used a Rotor Wing to directly hop over. The wall wasn’t that tall, so it wasn’t hard to get over. Chen Guo’s Chasing Haze jumped and used an Aerial Fire. Her character leaped over in a beautiful arc. While in the air, she heard Ye Xiu cry out “Oh wow.” When she landed, she stared dumbly.

“A good hiding place?” Chen Guo asked Ye Xiu.

“Of course. See, just look at how many people are hiding here.....” Ye Xiu said. When he looked around, there were already five people there. When the two flipped over the wall, the five were startled at first, but then one quickly raised his sword.

Chen Guo also reacted quickly. Her Chasing Haze lifted up her cannon towards the other side. One of the people among the five shot forward like an arrow between the two of them. His body turned left and right with his arms in a cross position to the two sides.

“What’s he doing? Is he trying to shoot out a laser?” Chen Guo didn’t understand.

Ye Xiu laughed: “He wanted to move his arms in an X position to tell us to not fight, but he messed up.”

Chen Guo understood. Some Glory people liked to show off their skill and would make small poses from time to time.

“You two, stop talking!!!” The person with his arms in a cross position was very embarrassed. Seeing that the two were still chatting, he immediately tried to shush them. Following afterwards, he gave each of them a team invite.

At the same time, the person who had just wanted Ye Xiu and Chen Guo to be quiet shouted in surprise: “Ah! Lord Grim?”

“What?” A bunch of wide eyed emojis popped up and the others crowded around them.

“Don’t use emojis! Use the party chat!!!” The person whispered.

Ye Xiu and Chen Guo looked at each other and then accepted the invite. Then, he heard the person say in a low voice: “Don’t talk and don’t use the public chat. Talk in the party chat!”

The speaker was called Sparse Fragrance. He was the person who had made the stop pose, but messed it up. This person was the party leader, a Blade Master. Blade Masters really were popular classes in Glory. Everyone else in the party were also Blade Masters.

“What are you doing?” Chasing Haze asked.

No one cared about her though! Everyone was crowded around Lord Grim!

“Wow! It really is Lord Grim!!”

“Are you God Ye Qiu?”

“Can I touch you?”

Ye Xiu sent out a sweating emoji. No one really noticed though. As they talked, they opened his character page to admire his equipment. But apart from the Silver weapon, the other equipment made the Heavenly Domain players want to vomit.

“Big bro, are you really Ye Qiu?” Even Sparse Fragrance was asking! As long as one was a Glory player, everyone knew about the drama going on.

“You guess.” Ye Xiu replied.

“I don’t think you are.” Sparse Fragrance said in a very confident tone.

“Why?” Ye Xiu said.

“Would God Ye Qiu stoop so low as to pick up scraps with us?” Sparse Fragrance replied.

“Ha ha ha ha.....” Chen Guo typed, while looking at Ye Xiu to see how he would reply.

“I’m Ye Qiu!” Ye Xiu said.

“Tsk.....” Sparse Fragrance didn’t believe him at all.

“Tsk tsk tsk tsk!!” Everyone followed along. Chen Guo was laughing so hard she couldn’t straighten her back.

“How did you guys get here?” Ye Xiu didn’t mind. He cared more about this question. He had chased after the entire way too and when he discovered that the Wilderness Escort had stopped, he felt like this was a good hiding spot. However, if they came from the front, they would have alarmed the Wilderness Escort, which was why they had looped around and jumped over the wall. He was moving at the same speed as the other scrap pickers and didn’t see any of them jump over the wall, so the others had clearly gotten here some other way. Ye Xiu couldn’t understand.

“He, there’s a small hole there. If you crawl through, you can get in. But since the grass is blocking the way, most people wouldn’t know.” Sparse Fragrance said in a delighted tone.

Ye Xiu was speechless. He may be known as a textbook and God of Glory, but he had no idea there was a dog hole covered by the grass.

Chapter 457 – Professional Scrap Picking

Ye Xiu couldn't understand why they were so happy about a dog hole, even though it was something he didn't know about. He had previously seen the group from outside the window and had thought that the scrap pickers were peaceful with each other, but now from the looks of it, these five players all recognized each other. They had partied together to pick up scraps together. If not, how could they have all decided to go into this hiding place through a dog hole?

Nowadays, players knew to make preparations against scrap pickers. It didn't matter so much for players in a conflict, but for an activity like fighting against a wild BOSS, players would often specially dispatch troops to be on the lookout for them. One reason was to prevent others from causing trouble. A second reason was to prevent scrap pickers from mixing in.

The team from before was an exception. They didn't seem to be a team with any sort of background. Their main team only had ten or so people. Where would they get the extra manpower to do all this? Thus, they simply went forward with it and found an empty place to kill it as fast as possible.

But the situation had changed now. With the announcement of the BOSS's location in the global chat, the top guilds would soon arrive along with a bunch of scrap pickers. Finding a good hiding place was extremely important. They would strike when the moment was right. If there was chaos, there would be items to pick up. If there was none, then because they were hidden, they could easily retreat.

Sparse Fragrance's group denied the possibility of Lord Grim being God Ye Qiu through Ye Xiu's actions. Towards the so-called mystery man, they just looked at him for a bit, but didn't gossip too much. They were here to pick up scraps and they didn't want any accidents to happen.

"When the opportunity comes, we'll rush out and go pick up items. Don't hold back each other!" Sparse Fragrance was mainly saying this to Ye Xiu and Chen Guo. The rest were a part of the same group, so they naturally had a tacit understanding between each other long ago.

"Then give me a spot!" Ye Xiu said. It was a bit crowded for seven people in this room. In particular, the five took up the places where the outside situation could be seen. There wasn't any space for Ye Xiu.

"Give him a spot." Sparse Fragrance seemed to be this team's leader. After speaking, someone moved back two steps and let Lord Grim take the spot.

"F\*ck, my area! Move aside!" Sparse Fragrance realized that there wasn't any space for him. After shouting for a bit, he snatched a spot next to Lord Grim.

The Wilderness Escort was still wandering around outside. Before a summoned BOSS was killed, it would wander around for eternity.

"There's still no one here yet." Ye Xiu said.

"It's far. You've got to give people some time! Who strolls around here everyday! The Mayor Chalk of Chalk Town has already been killed this week." Sparse Fragrance said. He was saying that this area's wild BOSS was already gone this week, so the top guild's hunting teams had already left this place.

"You know quite a lot!" Ye Xiu said.

"Of course. Scrap picking requires information." Sparse Fragrance said. A despicable activity like scrap picking sounded like an honest profession coming out from his mouth.

“Then how much longer do you think we’ll have to wait?” Ye Xiu asked.

“From the time the announcement was made, I’d say half an hour or so. So now, it’d be around ten more minutes!” Sparse Fragrance continued, “A Level 65 Wilderness Escort! There’ll be quite a fight for it. The more chaotic the better!”

Ye Xiu understood after hearing this. They weren’t expecting to see the BOSS show off its might because with a top guild’s strength, killing a Level 65 BOSS wasn’t a problem. They hoped to see a struggle between different groups fighting amongst each other for the BOSS. A huge mess like that was perfect for scrap pickers.

“Did you send out that info?” Ye Xiu asked. Even though the name didn’t match with anyone in the group, there was something called a trumpet.

“No.” Sparse Fragrance said.

“Then that means there’s at least one other scrap picker that we don’t know of.” Ye Xiu said.

“That’s why we hid in a good place, so we can carefully observe the situation and strike when the opportunity arises!” Sparse Fragrance spoke in a serious tone.

“What if he also comes in through the dog hole?” Ye Xiu asked.

“There’s no need to talk about that.” This time, Sparse Fragrance didn’t mess up and through poses made from various attacks, he was able to make a sword sliding across a throat movement.

“Oh, then I really got lucky didn’t I? I didn’t get cut by you.” Ye Xiu laughed.

“How dare you!” Sparse Fragrance answered.

This guy! Ye Xiu muttered to himself. This guy had definitely noticed his name when he came in, which was why he had jumped out to stop his comrade. Someone who could beat Huang Shaotian wasn’t someone five normal players could hope to beat.

But afterwards, he pretended that he just noticed the name Lord Grim, concealing their initial plan to kill them. However, he accidentally exposed it.....

“This other scrap picker probably isn’t simple.” Ye Xiu said. After this person sent out the message, he still hadn’t appeared. Could he have also waited to see if there were any other scrap pickers? Ye Xiu thought.

“Who cares about him. In any case, we’re all here to pick up scraps. Just don’t attack each other and pick up as many good items as you can. Even if he isn’t a simple guy, he should understand this reasoning.” Sparse Fragrance’s tone suddenly changed.

“Really? Do you have any other specific plans?” Since there wasn’t anything to do, Ye Xiu thought he might as well chat with them.

“In this current age, scrap picking isn’t easy. For example, those people who just charge into the battlefield and pick up items until they die can’t be considered professionals. Nowadays, there’s a certain amount of skill involved and you have to understand the situation clearly before moving out. If



it's too chaotic, then the players can't distinguish foe from friend and just attack whoever they see. With bullets, magic, sword light flying around, you can't pick up anything. If it's too stable, then the experts on the guild will simply kill you before you mix in with everyone. So that's why you have to pay close attention to the situation. If you're asking if I have a plan, then of course I don't have one. I'm also waiting for a certain scenario before I make any decisions."

Ye Xiu was quite amazed at Sparse Fragrance's scrap picking theory. It really showed that there was a master in every trade! Moreover, when he heard that there needed to be a certain amount of skill, Ye Xiu looked at their five Blade Master team composition and asked: "In reality, you should have six people, no?"

"Good eye! You really do deserve to be called an expert! You even guessed that!" Sparse Fragrance gasped in astonishment, "In reality, we're six people. But we're missing one today, so it's a bit troublesome!"

"No problem. When the time comes, I can help you guys and substitute in." Ye Xiu said.

"Oh?"

"I'm an unspecialized, so I have Blade Master skills." Ye Xiu said.

"But you only have Level 20 and under skills" Sparse Fragrance said.

"It's enough."

"How could that be enough. Do you know what we're planning on doing?"

"I know. It's the Six Sword Formation. Do you know who came up with the Six Sword Formation?" Ye Xiu replied.

"Correct. And I'm Ye Qiu. Didn't I tell you guys that?" Ye Xiu said.

"Tsk!!" Sparse Fragrance hadn't replied back, when two of the other players in his group booed.

"He really is Ye Qiu....." Chen Guo interrupted.

"You even brought a cheerleader!" They continued booing.

"What a sin!!" Chen Guo sighed as she looked up towards the sky. Such a despicable act really did destroy his image. There were so much support for Lord Grim being Ye Qiu, but as soon as they saw Lord Grim was scrap picking, they immediately denied this possibility. From this, it could be seen what the popular consent towards this type of activity was. It had to be known that these people were professional scrap pickers. Even they denied the possibility that Ye Qiu would stoop so low as to pick up scraps.

"Okay then!" Ye Xiu was also silent for a good moment, "To tell you the truth, I know a lot about the Six Sword Formation. In any case, you five won't be able to do it with just yourselves. You might as well let me try."

"Do you really think you can do it?"

"It's not like you guys have any better options right?" Ye Xiu said.

Sparse Fragrance thought for a bit and then said “We’ll see!”

At this moment, one of the other players among the group suddenly asked: “If you say you’re Ye Qiu, then is she Su Mucheng?”

“Ha ha ha ha, how funny! How could I be Su Mucheng.” This was in the game. Outside of the game, Chen Guo directly grabbed Ye Xiu’s arm and continued to laugh: “Ha ha ha ha, he actually thought I was Su Mucheng.”

“Hurry up and let go. If you keep pressing on my arm, I’ll walk out.” Ye Xiu hastily tried to shake her off. His hand was still on the keyboard. When Chen Guo grabbed his arm, she made it so his arm was pressing the forward button. He almost walked out of the room.

Ye Xiu obviously couldn’t type in this situation, so he had to say it out loud. The others in-game could hear him. After a moment of silence, Sparse Fragrance spoke: “Well, it doesn’t matter. In any case, you’re an expert, so let’s act accordingly!

“Okay.” Ye Xiu approved.

Afterwards, there wasn’t much to say, so everyone just sat there in silence. Chen Guo had went scrap picking before, but it had always just been done because she was passing by. She had never done something like guarding a BOSS and waiting for an opportunity to pick up scraps. It was both a fresh and despicable experience.

“There are people coming! No one say anything or use word bubbles!!” Sparse Fragrance reminded everyone. If scrap pickers were discovered, they would be killed on the spot.

“Yes!” Everyone replied. Outside, amidst frantic footsteps, someone shouted: “Over here. F\*ck, how’d it get here.”

It was a bit off from the coordinates announced in the global chat.

“The other guilds will be here soon. Let’s hurry and find a spot to lure the BOSS away.” Another voice said.

“No need. There’s a spot here. If you can send the BOSS into it, then you can get it stuck there. From there, killing it will be easy and if outsiders don’t especially look for it, then there’s no way they’ll find it!”

“Oh? There’s a place like this?”

“Yeah! Right over there!!”

“The place they’re talking about..... is where?” Ye Xiu whispered to everyone in the party. In that instant, the seven didn’t know whether to laugh or cry. Why did it sound like the spot those people were talking about was where they were?

Chapter 458 – Maximum Precision

“Not good!!” Sparse Fragrance cried. Their hearts leapt into their throats as they turned around to look towards the dog hole hidden by the pile of grass.

“Hurry up and run!” One person suggested.

“There might be people outside!” Sparse Fragrance seemed to be calm facing the crisis like a general. But his next words exposed his true feelings: “We’re so dead……” It wasn’t that this guy was calm. It was that he had completely given up.

“Dead? Isn’t there still time to log off?” Ye Xiu was the real calm one facing the crisis.

“Oh oh, I forgot about that. Everyone, hurry up and log off!” Sparse Fragrance hastily said.

“I won’t send you off then!” Ye Xiu said.

“What?” Sparse Fragrance was just about to log off, when he felt like something was wrong with this statement. He immediately let go of the mouse: “You’re not logging off?”

“I’m not in a hurry……” Ye Xiu really was calm facing this crisis as he had Lord Grim look up at a 45 degree angle.

“For a height like this as well as a Level 65 boss’s resistance, in order to send it flying in, they would need to coordinate very well.” Ye Xiu came to this conclusion after carefully looking at the room.

“Oh?” Sparse Fragrance stopped the other four from logging off. Lord Grim was an expert, so he felt like they should put some hope into him.

“So if they want to send the boss into here, the easiest way would probably be to use a ground sweeping attack and send the boss flying through the dog hole.” Ye Xiu said.

“What?” Sparse Fragrance couldn’t understand what Ye Xiu was trying to get at.

“We can block it from coming in.” Ye Xiu said.

“Big bro, if they flip over the wall to get in, then we’ll all be exposed.” Sparse Fragrance said.

“Bro, if you look through that crack in the wall, you’ll see that no one is going to flip over the wall!” Ye Xiu replied.

Sparse Fragrance immediately understood. He immediately peeped out of the crack in the wall and sure enough, no one on the other side looked like they were planning to flip over the wall. When Ye Xiu had jumped over the wall, he had to go around in a circle. Ye Xiu had been afraid of alarming the boss when he did this, but these people didn’t have that problem. The boss had already been lured by them. These people had to hurry. As soon as they came up with the plan, they immediately began carrying it out.

“Listen carefully!” Ye Xiu said in the party chat.

There was no longer anything that could be seen from outside of the crack in the wall, but on the other side of the dog hole, all sorts of battle sounds could be heard.

“How are we going to block it?” Sparse Fragrance wasn’t sure what to do.

“If you’re familiar with your skills, you can do it.” Ye Xiu had Lord Grim move towards the dog hole.

“But if we block like this and the other side knows there are people in here, won’t they come in and kill us?” Sparse Fragrance thought about it for a bit and still felt like they should hurry up and log off.

“So don’t let them know. You have to make them think that it was their mistake.” Ye Xiu said.

“How are you supposed to do that?” Sparse Fragrance was still at a loss.

“Just watch.” Ye Xiu sent a smiley face.

“Get ready to log off at any time.” Sparse Fragrance warned.

On the other side of the wall, battle sounds could be heard more and more clearly. Only the Wilderness boss could make such loud gunfire. The attacks from the players were all mixed up, but Ye Xiu still listened intently and grasped information from these noises. The most direct information came from the players’ voices though.

“Pull it here, pull it here!!!!”

“Cleric, don’t heal so much! Be careful, don’t let it OT.”

“If I don’t heal, then they’ll die.” The Cleric objected.

“Increase the aggro! Don’t just run! Can you run faster than a bullet?” The brothers responsible for pulling the boss were scolded. The outside situation could be figured out from these shouts. The players had aggroed the boss and then impatiently ran over here. However, the Wilderness Escort was a long-ranged fighter! No matter how fast you ran, attacks would follow. As a result, the Cleric had to keep healing, but the pullers only ran and didn’t continue establishing aggro. It wouldn’t be long before the aggro switched to the healer.

“Stupid, just have the Cleric stand over here.....” Ye Xiu couldn’t help but say, “Which guild are these guys from?”

“I couldn’t really see it clearly! Did anyone else see it?” Sparse Fragrance replied.

The others didn’t know either. They could see that there were people there from the crack in the wall, but the crack in the wall gave them a very limited viewpoint. If the player didn’t stand at a certain spot, then the name and guild tag on top of his head couldn’t be seen. As a result, no one saw where these guys came from.

“Pay attention to that side and whether or not there are people coming to flip over the wall.” Ye Xiu instructed.

“Understood.” Sparse Fragrance immediately had two of his people continue watching, while he continued to focus on the dog hole.

Outside, the gun sounds grew near and nearer. The Wilderness Escort was getting closer and closer to the dog hole. Suddenly, they heard a shout: “F\*ck, OT!”

“Cleric, hurry up and go over there!”

“Long ranged..... He can shoot me from there.....” The Cleric wanted to cry.

“You’re all dead! Move that way a bit.”

Amidst the flurry of footsteps and attacks, Ye Xiu was listening for the gunfire of the Wilderness Escort. He needed to know how much longer it would take for the Wilderness Escort to arrive.

It's close. It's getting closer and closer.....

Ye Xiu could tell. These people weren't bad. In the end, they were able to lure the boss to the dog hole.

"Get into position!" Someone emphasized.

"Ready!" Someone suddenly shouted.

After the sounds of several skills being used, a "Bang!" echoed. A single skill could clearly be heard.

Falling Flower Palm! Ye Xiu quickly determined. He immediately went onto his stomach and pushed down the pile of grass. From his viewpoint, he could see a black shadow about to fill up the dog hole. Ye Xiu didn't hesitate. While laying on his stomach, he sent an attack into the dog hole.

Besides Ye Xiu, no one else knew where his attack was going towards. Chen Guo and the others waited nervously. They couldn't see what was going on. However, Chen Guo had an advantage! She turned her head and looked towards Ye Xiu's screen.

It looked like Ye Xiu had only sent a normal attack towards the Wilderness Escort, but soon afterwards, a "Crash!" boomed. Dirt from the earthen wall shook free. The grass near the the dog hole trembled. Outside, a voice could be heard: "Again!"

Their first attempt had clearly failed, but Chen Guo couldn't tell if it was because of Ye Xiu or not. She didn't know what effect Ye Xiu's attack had accomplished.

"Move to the sides!!" Ye Xiu typed. His Lord Grim jumped up and rolled away from the dog hole. The others didn't react in time though. A barrage of bullets whistled through the dog hole. Two people were hit by them.

"What's going on!" The two people hit were scared out of their minds.

"Get up! Be careful." Ye Xiu replied as he went back over to crouch down.

Outside, sounds of skills being used could be heard. After a short while, Ye Xiu once again heard a Falling Flower Palm.

He lay down and attacked.

Ye Xiu's actions looked very simple. Outside, they could hear a depressed voice say "Again."

"I don't understand....." Chen Guo watched as Lord Grim dodged another round of bullets.

"What don't you understand? I just need to slightly change his movement path so he hits one of the walls. That way, he won't be able to get in." Ye Xiu said.

"I understand this, but I don't understand how you accomplish that!" Chen Guo said.

"That's a really hard question..... The only answer I can come up with is that it's because I'm Ye Qiu....." Ye Xiu was helpless.

“.....” Chen Guo was speechless. The other side were going for their third attempt. This time, Chen Guo didn’t look at Ye Xiu’s screen. She paid attention to what Ye Xiu did that instant.

“Bang.....” The ones on the outside thought that it was because they were making mistakes, which was why they kept on trying again. The skill responsible for blowing in the boss was the Battle Mage’s Falling Flower Palm.

Ye Xiu began acting when heard this sound.

Lay down, push down the grass, align his viewpoint with the dog hole.

Attack. To Chen Guo, it just looked like Ye Xiu was randomly attacking....

But she soon discovered that Lord Grim’s attack wasn’t a stab, but a flick.

Chen Guo was surprised. Because stab skills were point and click attacks, while slashes were sweep attacks, which required mouse movements to accomplish.

Lord Grim’s attack belonged in this category. However, Chen Guo couldn’t see any movements from his right hand.

Outside, a furious “AGAIN!” could be heard. This time, Chen Guo didn’t look at her screen and watched Ye Xiu’s right hand.

“Bang!” When Falling Flower Palm came out, his right hand twitched. Chen Guo stared with wide eyes.

After clicking.....

So small!! Chen Guo finally saw the movement, but she didn’t dare call that a movement because Ye Xiu’s right hand didn’t really move. After he clicked, Ye Xiu’s right hand just looked like it trembled.

A tremble..... Chen Guo put her right hand in front of her. When she tried doing the same as Ye Xiu, her movement was much larger than Ye Xiu’s!

Does that even count as a movement???

Chen Guo suddenly realized that it was possible because for a dog hole that was only big enough for a person to squeeze into, in order to let out a sweep attack with the desired result, the action done had to be extremely precise. If the movement was too large, the weapon would hit the wall and the attack might not come out.

Even though it was only a normal attack, it was an extremely precise one.

Chapter 459 – Mistakes

Outside, there was another “Again!” The same person always said it. Judging from his tone, they could hear that he was getting more and more anxious.

They had already failed three times and were getting ready for their fourth attempt.

Chen Guo stopped looking at her screen and watched Ye Xiu’s right hand attentively.

I’m right! It’s just a tremble!

Chen Guo confirmed. Under her watchful eyes, every time he attacked, there would be a tiny tremble in order to make a small swinging motion.

“Too scary.....” Chen Guo muttered. After ruining his image with doing a shady business like scrap picking, he immediately followed with incredible microing worthy of a God. Chen Guo didn’t know what to think of him. She wasn’t sure if it was because this God was too twisted or if she liked to be conflicted.

While Chen Guo was figuring out what Ye Xiu was doing, the leader outside was completely furious.

“What the f\*ck are you guys doing!! How can you guys not do something so simple???”

He could no longer calmly say “Again!” and was now beginning to whip them into shape.

This was already their sixth failure. None of them realized that someone was making them mess up from inside the dog hole. All they saw was that when the Wilderness Escort went flying towards the hole, the Wilderness Escort would always hit a wall. In short, their angle was always slightly off.

The Battle Mage responsible for using Falling Flower Palm was sweating like mad. He clearly had the largest responsibility among everyone.

“Standing Foolishly, go there. Peaceful Justice, come here!” The leader had already lost confidence in this Battle Mage and had someone take his place.

As these shouts came, the sounds of battle never stopped. The Wilderness Escort wouldn’t stop for them. He quickly got up and attacked. The players had to deal with him.

After failing six times, the players responsible for sending the Escort flying into the hole didn’t dare be negligent. They carefully adjusted the Wilderness Escort’s position before launching him into the air.

Paying attention to the timing and position, the newly switched Battle Mage unleashed a Falling Flower Palm, hitting the Wilderness Escort.

In order to reduce the difficulty, they moved the Wilderness Escort as close to the dog hole as possible.

The Wilderness Escort flew like a bullet into the dog hole. The boss had high resistance, so the Blow Away effect from the Falling Flower Palm wouldn’t be too effective, but it was enough to send it through the dog hole. If not, they wouldn’t have chosen a Battle Mage to do this task.

After the boom from the Falling Flower Palm, everyone went silent. They stared at the flying Wilderness Escort and only sounds of him and the earth rubbing together could be heard.

“IN!!!” Seeing the Wilderness Escort’s head enter the hole, the Battle Mage Peaceful Justice turned ecstatic. He was just about to shout this out, when the Wilderness Escort’s shoulder knocked into a wall. His body went askew and he popped out of the hole.

Seventh failure!

Peaceful Justice swallowed his words back into his stomach.

“F\*CK!!!” The leader’s rage was about to reach its peak.

“Can you be more careful!!” The leader roared. He couldn’t say this was an easy task, which was why he had been able to endure the first three attempts, but seven failures was too much.

The others didn’t wait for him to speak again and immediately went for their eighth attempt.

Inside the room, Sparse Fragrance was so shocked he didn’t know what to say. They weren’t able to see Ye Xiu’s minute movement outside of the game, so their shock towards this was a bit different than Chen Guo’s.

Besides the shock from Ye Xiu’s movements in the dog hole, they were shocked that Ye Xiu had caused them to fail seven times already without the other side knowing.

Ye Xiu’s covert actions made them respect him even more!

After this next attempt, they could only hear the other side’s fury. The other side had stopped shouting “Again!” They all snickered, thinking that the other side was about to collapse from anger soon.

Suddenly, there was a “Bang!” The sound of a Falling Flower Palm.

They were all startled by it.

But Lord Grim’s movements didn’t slow down. He immediately did his previous sequence of actions again. But this time, Lord Grim didn’t send out an attack.

While everyone stared in astonishment, Lord Grim rolled to the side, avoiding the incoming bullets. In the chat, he typed: “They messed up……”

Everyone immediately understood.

They were all Heavenly Domain players and knew that stuffing the boss through the hole wasn’t an easy task even without anyone making them mess up.

With Ye Xiu’s words, they now knew that Ye Xiu had even been paying attention to this. He was even judging whether the opponents would mess up or not in case he didn’t need to act.

But at the same time, they also noticed that the previous Battle Mage’s skill must have been quite good. He hadn’t messed up the previous six times. As for the new one, it was only his second attempt and he had already made a mistake.

They thought about it for a bit and felt like it made sense. The other side wasn’t here to practice. In order to finish the task as fast as possible, they would obviously send out their best first. Unfortunately, this Battle Mage suffered an unjust wrong by Ye Xiu’s hands. The others saw that he was trash who couldn’t succeed after six tries and directly substituted him without giving a reason.

After failing eight times, roars of rage filled the outside.

He couldn’t be blamed for not having any patience. There just wasn’t any time for patience. They had gotten to their destination slightly earlier than the other guilds. If the other guilds arrived, even if they stuffed the Wilderness Escort into the hole, it would be pointless.

What he feared came true. As they began getting ready for their ninth attempt, someone suddenly shouted: “Herb Garden and Excellent Dynasty have come.”



“F\*ck!” The leader was depressed, but he still ordered: “Everyone, hide in a corner. Have one team head in the other direction and have them see you run away.”

This was their last hope left. However, even he didn’t think their opponents would be so easily tricked by this. Right now, everyone was still looking for the boss. It wouldn’t be any trouble for them to split up their troops.

“This is probably our last chance!” The leader shouted. For this last attempt, he didn’t express his impatience. He hoped his calmness could raise their morale and let them succeed this time.

“You can do it!!” The surrounding players encouraged them.

The players responsible for this task had their morale boosted.

“We have to succeed.....”

Ye Xiu and the others could hear how serious his tone was.

“I feel so sorry for them.....” Chen Guo sympathized.

“.....”

The others used ellipses to express their sympathies as well.

They began their ninth attempt. Skills began being unleashed one after the other, clearer than any other time. Treasuring this final attempt, besides the players responsible for this task, the other players kept silent so that they wouldn’t disturb them in any way and prayed for their success.

“Bang!”

In the end, the final skill used was the Falling Flower Palm.

Everyone gripped their mice tightly. Whether they failed or succeeded depended on this.

They failed.....

The Wilderness Escort knocked into a wall in the hole and wouldn’t go through. It struggled up and open fired.

Roars of rage echoed through the air!

However, no one denounced the players responsible for sending the Wilderness Escort into the hole. These players were their team’s best players.

They couldn’t blame these nine failures on their skill. It was an issue of luck.

“Increase the DPS!!!”

An order came out. They would now try to kill the boss.

“They’re coming!!”

Inside the wall, the ones responsible with observing the outside through the crack in the wall found that more troops were joining the scene.

“Oh! They’re busy!”

Outside of the wall, a weird voice could be heard.

They didn’t know who it was, but they at least knew that others had arrived. As professional scrap pickers, Sparse Fragrance and the others had never participated in the struggle for the boss, but they had been a part of the shady business involving this. One minute they might be allies. The next minute they might be at each other’s throats.

The team who had failed to stuff the boss into the hole weren’t in a good situation. Don’t look at how these players had found the boss first. Because they were the first ones to find the boss, they were destined to fail. The first team to find the boss would have a certain advantage over everyone in damage dealt. The distribution of boss drops depended on whichever team did the most damage, so the first team would be everyone else’s first target.

“It’s just a Level 65 Wilderness Escort. I’m surprised you would actually go to the trouble of personally leading the team, Dawn.” The weird voice continued to speak.

“Is he famous?” Ye Xiu asked the others.

“Icy Dawn! One of Blue Brook Guild’s Five Great Experts!” Sparse Fragrance was astonished that Ye Xiu didn’t even know this.

“Oh, one of Blue Brook Guild’s!” Ye Xiu said.

“Blue Brook Guild, Herb Garden, and Excellent Dynasty. It’s about to get rowdy.” Sparse Fragrance was very excited. As a scrap picker, the larger the scene the better, the more experts the better. More experts improved their chances of picking up better items.

“A wild boss……” Ye Xiu lamented. Even though he hadn’t played the game in many years, he knew the value of a wild boss. It was a resource the top guilds needed to fight for. It couldn’t be shared. Winner takes all. Thus, everyone scrambled for it. Even if it wasn’t useful for them, if it was useful for their enemy, then it was also their weakness. The influence of this could directly affect the pro scene.

#### Chapter 460 – High End Setting

Because of how the Heavenly Domain was set up, the value and importance of many things were vastly different from the normal servers.

In the normal servers, the competition between the guilds for the dungeon records were life and death battles. They were mainly sought after for the achievement. Through achievements, the guilds could prove their strength. Through strength, the guilds could grab the attention of new Glory players and turn them into their members and their team’s supporters. This was the value of dungeon records.

As for the Heavenly Domain, the idea was different.

In the Heavenly Domain, it couldn’t be said that there weren’t any noobs. After all, you could directly buy a Heavenly Domain account card and directly skip the normal servers to this high end server. However, most of the Heavenly Domain players had gone through the normal servers and completed the challenge.

These players had all played Glory for a good amount of time. From playing the game and watching the pro scene, they already knew very well which guilds had Clubs backing them. For these players, the Clubs no longer needed achievements to attract their attention. For them, the names of these guilds were huge gold-lettered signboards.

In addition, the top guilds in the Heavenly Domain were fundamentally stable. They didn't need to do much to prove their existence.

In the Heavenly Domain, everyone still competed for dungeon records, but these weren't done to prove their strength. After taking down a dungeon record, the system rewards were what everyone cared about. It was just that once a record reached a certain point, trying to break it was very difficult.

For the Heavenly Domain's dungeon records, you can't look at just the team composition.

The dungeon records here stored countless famous names. These were characters from the pro scene.

Pro players and accounts were not restricted from competing in the game. This was something the Glory Alliance had put in great effort to fight for. The famous speech made by the Alliance's chairperson at that time was still enjoyed by today's players.

In that speech, the chairperson enthusiastically promoted a huge benefit in relying on the game's competition: pro player interaction.

No sport had the same level of pro player interaction as Glory did.

Football, basketball, F1, or even any other eSport may have huge amounts of fans, but for those fans, pro players are a higher level of existence. Normal people would have a hard time ever meeting them.

But in Glory, with the game as the foundation for the competition, the distance between pro players and normal players could be closed through the online platform. In the game, you might be able to run into your worshipped pro idol or you might have the chance to team up with your favorite pro player, dungeon, and kill the boss together.

The core idea raised from this speech truly aroused a huge number of Glory supporters. At that time, Glory had only just pushed into the Heavenly Domain. In order to promote this type of setup, pro players would undoubtedly attract many fans, so they didn't have any problems with it either.

The game company accommodated for this feature by allowing pro players to play freely in the Heavenly Domain.

In the early years, the dream the Alliance chairperson had imagined came true. Speaking of this, at that time, pro players were the first bunch of characters to reach the Heavenly Domain. Normal players truly were able to play with pro players frequently. However, as Glory developed, the player base rose and the maps expanded, pro players became more and more popular. That initial dream was rarely seen now.

Pro players not running over to the game to play wasn't something the Alliance restricted. It was just that the pro players were too afraid to log into their accounts.

With so many people gathering around to watch, the pro player wouldn't be able to really do anything in the game. The crowd watching was only one aspect. In reality, the pro player would even sometimes

be attacked. The attackers might want the pleasure of fighting against a real pro player or they might be attacking for the equipment on the pro player. There were all sorts of reasons. As a result, with how popular Glory was, that beautiful dream had already faded away.

Today's pro players would only come on to challenge the hardest dungeon records. Because of this, the Heavenly Domain's dungeon records were set by the pros.

And the reason they set these records was for the resources given by the system's rewards.

Resources.

In the Heavenly Domain, the top guilds competed for resources.

The dungeon records were for this. The wild bosses were for this.

For the pro scene, the value of materials were far greater than the value of equipment. If one really wanted an equipment that dropped from in the game, it wasn't too hard to get it. Self-made equipment were the high end equipment the Clubs pursued. And in order to create equipment, materials were necessary.

The production of materials in Glory spread throughout the game's activities.

The levels of these materials weren't the important point. Their rarity was what determined the material's value.

The unique materials dropped from some wild bosses were very precious. Every year, these wild bosses only spawned up to 52 times. If the material was necessary for research of a self-made equipment, then there were only 52 chances to fail every year. And that was under the scenario where one obtained the necessary material every time.

How could this type of material not be valuable? And how could equipment made by this type of material not be powerful?

The Level 65 wild boss Wilderness Escort dropped a unique Revolver, Wildfire. In a normal players' hands, this weapon alone would be extremely valuable. But in the pro scene, this Level 65 weapon wouldn't be looked at.

However, these equipment might be used while researching self-made equipment, though its uses were quite narrow. For example, Wildfire could only be used for Gunner weapons. The less uses there were, the lower the need. Its value would obviously be lower as well.

But no matter how low its value was, as long as it was unique, it would always be more precious than those uncommon materials that could be found in dungeons. As a result, it still had to be fought for. Even if a team didn't have any Gunner classes and there was no value of this gun to them, it could still be used a bargaining chip. No matter how useless it was to them, it would be a weakness to whomever needed it. The competition in the pro scene extended down into the game in this way.

"Fight! Why aren't they fighting!!!" Sparse Fragrance couldn't control himself as he typed out in impatience.

“The Wilderness Escort isn’t considered that valuable. The items it drops are fairly limited in use. How will the guilds deal with this.....” Ye Xiu pondered.

“Can you see anything from that hole?” Sparse Fragrance asked Ye Xiu.

“I thought you were more familiar with that hole than I was.....” Ye Xiu replied.

“I’m just more familiar with going through it.....” Sparse Fragrance said. He lied down on his stomach and stuffed his head into the hole to see if he could see the outside situation. Although the battle outside didn’t stop, it was still just Blue Brook Guild’s players dealing with the Wilderness Escort. A large scale PK wouldn’t just have this miniscule amount of movement.

“He won’t be discovered by doing that right?” Chen Guo said.

“No. There’s grass covering up the hole outside.” Ye Xiu said.

“Then wouldn’t that mean he won’t be able to see anything?” Chen Guo said.

“There might be a few cracks between the grass.....” Ye Xiu said.

“How despicable.....” Chen Guo was speechless.

Outside the walls, Blue Brook Guild’s Ice of Dawn couldn’t really do much. They had the chance, but who would have thought that their luck would be so bad and they would fail nine times before the competitors arrived. Their numbers were lower. Against another top guilds, in a direct fight, they would certainly lose.

The person talking to him was from Herb Garden. He was called Mugwort. Dawn of Ice recognized him. Mugwort was quite a famous figure in Herb Garden. In an activity like this, there would certainly be a fight, so the top guilds wouldn’t just randomly send some troops over to charge in. There would definitely be someone with reputation to lead the team.

The one leading Excellent Dynasty was called Dreamland, a famous expert from there and a core member of the guild. The people leading teams would always be these types of people.

“Ha ha, you two are pretty slow!” Dawn of Ice shouted to these two leaders.

“This place, he he, I think I know what Senior Dawn is trying to do!” Mugwort said. Club guilds understood the system quite well. The guild leader, the secondary guild leader, the team leaders all had their own purpose. They weren’t just placed there randomly because they knew each other well or because they were skilled. These were true core members of the guild with their own specific duties.

Ice of Dawn was one of Blue Brook Guild’s Five Great Experts. It was hard to say how skilled they were in the game, but in terms of responsibility, their importance in Blue Brook Guild wouldn’t be low. Compared to Mugwort’s and Dreamland’s status in their respective guilds, he would be considered a bit higher and someone at a Senior level.

“Really?” Ice of Dawn half-heartedly remarked. His line of sight was towards these two opposing guilds and not the dog hole behind him. At this moment, a familiar “Bang!” boomed. The sound of a Falling Flower Palm.

“What!!” This sound startled Ye Xiu.

Sparse Fragrance, who had his head in the dog hole, shot out like a bullet. He rolled backwards all the way until he crashed into the wall. In the chat, he spammed: “F\*ck f\*ck f\*ck f\*ck!!!!”

“What’s wrong……” Ye Xiu immediately went down to the dog hole to take a look and even he stared in shock.