

Avatar 471

Chapter 471 – Each to One Side

Deception didn't delay and ran out through the door, but when he looked left and right, he saw that there were already people on the two ends of the street. The two rooftops were also dangerous. His character was still in battle, so he couldn't log off. Deception had no clue what to do. It felt like today was going to be the day he died. Thinking of how killing off that Launcher had been a huge waste of time, if he hadn't wasted time there, would he have been able to escape?

Deception was somewhat annoyed. His most important goal in scrap picking was to escape alive. In order to do this, he had to be content with what he had and couldn't be greedy. Many scrap pickers were in situations where they could escape, but died after trying to pick up an eye-catching piece of equipment.

Different from scrap pickers who traded their lives for money, Deception wanted both his life and money. However, this time, it looked like his streak of never dying was about to end. Who knew how much equipment from his inventory he would drop.

"Don't block the entrance!"

Deception was trying to figure out his future plans, when he heard Lord Grim grumble and also exit from the building.

"What a scene!" Lord Grim looked around left and right and mumbled to himself.

The enemy guild players hadn't arrived too quickly. Their main goal was to create a perfect encirclement. Catching a turtle in a jar would only be a matter of time.

"From the looks of it, I feel like that street over there might have fewer people." Lord Grim went back to the window.

Deception wanted to cough up blood, but he didn't want to die either, so he ended up following Lord Grim back into the building. Then, he saw Lord Grim rush to that window, but not go through it.

"What are you doing?" Deception couldn't understand.

"Get ready!"

"What?"

"Go out!" Lord Grim shouted. Deception saw him throw a grenade and then go out the window.

The blinding light from the grenade covered for them and because Deception was in the same party as Lord Grim, he wasn't affected by it. He also jumped out through the window as well.

"Go!"

A word flashed in the party chat. Outside the window, people who were hit by the explosion lay on the floor. Lord Grim had charged forward to a nearby street and jumped onto a rooftop.

Deception didn't dare delay. The small grenade didn't have a very large explosion radius. It had only knocked down the small group of players outside the window. The others behind them had already come chasing after them. Deception was too afraid to even run forward and made a roll. Even so, he was still hit by a few attacks. Fortunately, he didn't take any significant damage.

Deception drank a potion and also leaped up, using his ninja blade to climb up the wall.

This rooftop wasn't very high and Deception quickly reached the top. When he looked back, the streets were filled with people. Long-ranged classes were firing continuously at them. Deception hastily flipped onto the roof to dodge these attacks.

"Why didn't we jump here earlier!" Deception realized that there weren't any ambushes waiting here.

"Just because there aren't any now doesn't mean that there weren't any before." Lord Grim replied and then continued forward.

After a short pause, Deception came to a realization. When Lord Grim had leaped out of the window previously, the area close to the window might have been empty, but there were people waiting out on the rooftops. As a result, he immediately returned back through the window to let them think that he wouldn't come this way. This way the enemies on the rooftop were lured down. But then he came back again and threw a grenade outside the window, giving them a pathway to the rooftops.

By going in and out, he had actually made so many calculations. Deception was naturally amazed.

The area in front of them was completely empty. The enemy's encirclement was now behind them. As long as they paid attention to any stray pursuers and avoided getting trapped again, they would successfully escape.

However, after seeing where Lord Grim was running, Deception creased his brows: "Isn't that way a bit roundabout? This way seems better."

"Oh? It sounds like you're familiar with this area?" Ye Xiu heard Deception speak and replied back.

"Yeah." Deception didn't say anything more.

"If we're going to run away, then that way is better, but I don't think I ever said we were going to run away did I?" Ye Xiu smiled.

"Then what are you planning on doing?" Deception was puzzled.

"Didn't I say it already? I'm going to go scrap picking." Ye Xiu said.

"You..... You're crazy!" Deception stopped moving.

"What? Isn't this a good opportunity to go scrap picking?" Ye Xiu asked.

"If it's our scraps, then it certainly is a good opportunity." Deception said dryly.

"Woah, you have a sense of humor." Ye Xiu was astonished.

“You can go and kill yourself!” Deception threw out and then left Lord Grim’s party. The pursuers behind them were getting closer. There wasn’t any time for him to just stand there. Deception went towards the path he considered as the best escape route.

“You’re missing out on a big opportunity!”

When he jumped onto another street, Deception heard that guy shout from behind him.

Deception didn’t say anything. He gave a disdainful face emoji. He knew Lord Grim could still see word bubbles at this distance.

Wilderness Town, top of an abandoned building.

Excellent Dynasty’s Chen Yehui, Blue Brook Guild’s Changing Spring, and Herb Garden’s Arisaema. These three guilds had gathered together. Killing a boss or attacking a scrap picker, none of these tasks required guild leaders to personally watch over. However, for pursuing Lord Grim, even with the guild leaders personally leading the campaign, they still weren’t able to complete the task.

The guild leaders didn’t dare be negligent in the Heavenly Domain. These three guild leaders were from the three guilds in today’s conflict, so they had received the information the fastest. They had acted quickly too. The troops in Wilderness Town mainly consisted of their three guilds.

As for the small conflict over the Wilderness Escort, it was just a small matter for these guild leaders. There would always be friction between the guilds. It would be abnormal if there wasn’t a conflict over a boss. This was nothing to be worried about.

“He really is Ye Qiu. He can even survive in this type of situation.”

It wasn’t possible to see the entire Wilderness Town on the second floor of this small building. The one speaking, Arisaema, had received the news from his subordinates. When he said this, Arisaema really wanted to see Chen Yehui’s expression. For Excellent Dynasty, the name Ye Qiu was a very sensitive subject.

“Oh? He really is Ye Qiu?” Chen Guo replied dully.

“Ha ha.” Arisaema laughed. Lord Grim was Ye Qiu. Their Herb Garden was certain of this and he doubted that Excellent Dynasty wouldn’t know. But from the looks of Excellent Era’s statements, they clearly wanted to limit the number of people that knew this.

These sorts of public statements expressed the attitudes of both Excellent Era as well as Excellent Dynasty. It was just that these statements could only influence their fans’ opinions towards Ye Qiu but they couldn’t change them. As a result, for Excellent Dynasty, dealing with Ye Qiu was a difficult task. They needed a completely good reason to do so. Obscuring Lord Grim’s identity was obviously a good method.

Is there anything I can utilize among these? Arisaema thought to himself. In addition, he believed he wasn’t the only one thinking about this question. Chen Yehui himself was being cautious too.

“They split up!”

Changing Spring suddenly said. He had just received news from the front lines.

The speed at which Chen Yehui and Arisaema got their news wasn't any slower than him. Before Changing Spring could finish, they also got the news.

"We can't let Deception go that easily. For the outside world, Deception is the main target. Lord Grim is simply implicated with him." Chen Yehui said.

"Ha ha." Arisaema laughed. Sure enough, Excellent Dynasty was very worried about chasing after Lord Grim, but Chen Yehu wasn't wrong. Even for their guilds, chasing after the Glory star Lord Grim put huge pressure on them. Deception's appearance was an opportunity. They couldn't let this opportunity go away so easily. They had to bring these two down together.

Deception is heading towards the north, Lord Grim is heading towards the west." Changing Spring said.

"I already have troops on the north side. Deception won't be able to escape." Arisaema said confidently. Honestly speaking, Deception wasn't a big threat to them. No matter how great of an expert he was, with his lone wolf personality, he might injure their guild, but it wouldn't hurt their foundation. The top guilds were more forgiving towards him because they had thoughts of roping him in.

As for Lord Grim, they had already experienced his abilities in the tenth server. In addition, with his identity, he was an even bigger player than they were. This was the type of player the top guilds placed great importance on.

"Lord Grim's goal seems somewhat strange. What is he trying to do going west?" Changing Spring wondered.

Wilderness Town was on the southwest corner of the Heavenly Domain. Towards the west was the map's end. In the game, this was an impossible to climb over mountain range. This mountain range covered the entire Heavenly Domain's western boundary.

"Pull back the encirclement. Trap him at the foot of the mountain. Let's see what he can do." Chen Yehui said.

"I'll take care of the north." Arisaema said.

"I'll take the east." Changing Spring said.

"Then I'll take the south!"

In order to make things easier to command, the three guilds didn't mix together. This time, the three were working hand in hand and had made the appropriate arrangements. The three guilds had their work clear-cut. Their goal was to pursue Lord Grim and take his head.

Chapter 472 – Ninjutsu · Disappearing Body Technique

To the north of Wilderness Town was a flat wasteland with nowhere to hide. However, a river which snaked through the entire Heavenly Domain flowed from the mountain range. Dive into the water, follow the flow, and escape shouldn't be too difficult.

Deception made a living as a scrap picker. He naturally had experience running away and had even decided where he should get back onto land.

Whoosh!

A gray shadow zoomed through a window from the second floor straight down to the streets. After rolling, he leaped up and stuck his ninja blade into the wall. Using it twice, he jumped up onto the top of the wall. He pulled on the rope in his hands and the ninja blade returned. The entire set of movements flowed perfectly. Not a single sound could be heard. In covert operations, Ninjas were better than Assassins at hiding and had stronger attacks than Thieves. Deception had a solid understanding of his class.

Deception didn't immediately go down after jumping up onto the rooftop. He looked around left and right first and then crawled quietly forward. Below on the streets, he could hear the sounds of hurried footsteps. Deception didn't move and listened carefully to their voices.

"Don't go onto the roof!"

This was what Deception hoped would happen, but reality didn't turn out as he hoped. All of a sudden, the whirring of rotor blades could be heard. There was nothing he could do. He immediately rolled backwards and his character slid down the wall. Midway, he stabbed his blade into a crack in the wall and swung back. His character flipped in the air and then he put his back to the wall underneath the cornice. If one didn't look up, it would be difficult to see him.

This wasn't any normal technique. This was a Ninja skill, Ninjutsu · Disappearing Body Technique.

However, in order to get underneath the cornice, a certain amount of imagination and mechanical skill was needed. What places the Disappearing Body Technique could or couldn't be used, whether or not the desired effects could be reached, all of this depended on the player. The ability to hide with the character's back to the wall without falling down was a type of support given by the system.

Because it was a skill, it had a duration limit. At max level, this status could be held for 30 seconds. How many levels this skill should be skilled up depended on the player to decide. For Ninjas, this skill was undoubtedly an important feature of the class, but every player had their own play styles, so there were quite a few who played it as a battle class. For these types of players, just one point into this skill was good enough.

Deception was in the middle. The skill wasn't at level one but it wasn't at max level either. He could sustain this state for 20 seconds. In this type of situation, he felt like this was good enough, unless these players moved abnormally slow. After going up onto the roofs and seeing that there was no one there, if they decided to dally around, then Deception would be exposed.

Seeing the skill's timer turning, Deception listened carefully to the sounds up above on the roof. However, amidst the noisy whirring of rotor wings, it was very difficult to hear them.

Once the rotor wings stopped whirring, movements could be heard from up on the roof. The sounds were all over the place though and he couldn't tell how many people there were.

Soon afterwards, several shadows leaped down from the roof.

"One, two, three..... Nine, ten....." Deception counted. An entire team of players had come down. Deception held his breath. Luckily, no one in the team looked back. The team split into two groups of five, heading in separate directions.

Deception let out a sigh of relief. He watched as the two groups moved farther away. There were no movements from up above either. He still had three seconds of his Disappearing Body Technique left. Deception used this time to quickly flip up onto the rooftop.

Cha!

A person was standing on the rooftop. Fortunately, his back was facing towards him. Under the Disappearing Body Technique, Deception's movements didn't make any noise when he landed. This person didn't notice him.

They had actually left one person there.

Deception was extremely sad. If this wasn't the game or the Arena's sudden death mode, a slice across his throat would be enough to kill him off silently. Unfortunately, it wasn't possible to kill off his opponent in one move. With his current equipment, it would take him at least a minute to kill him.

He couldn't turn back either. There were certainly more pursuers coming after him there. Helpless, Deception could only continue forward. Exposed was exposed! It was just one person. It's not like he would be trapped right?

Deception didn't dare waste any more time. After a short moment of hesitation, he immediately moved. He threw out the string attached to his ninja blade. The string intersected and directly latched onto the person's neck. He straightened his back and directly threw him onto the streets below.

He executed a clean Neck Bind Technique. He didn't wait to see how that person would respond and immediately rushed forward onto the street below.

It turned out that over on this street, another team had slip up to the left and right directions. They were currently moving apart! The instant they received the news, they turned their heads back and saw Deception. Without hesitating, the two headed back to pincer him.

How unfortunate! If it wasn't for that guy on the roof, he would have gone through without anyone knowing.

After passing through two streets, he looked forward. There were people on the roofs!

Deception was depressed. He hadn't even escaped the people behind him yet and there were already people in front. His path in front was blocked, so he flipped a coin and turned right.

It was hard to avoid escaping in a complicated manner. However, Deception hadn't changed his general direction. His goal was to get to the river north of the town.

He ran crazily towards the street's east entrance. The pursuers were right behind him. The ones on the roof didn't jump down and instead chased after him along the roofs.

Deception wasn't wearing good equipment and he had a lot of stuff on him. The effect of the weight on his movement speed was somewhat of a disadvantage. He had mainly relied on hiding in order to get this far. A straight running race like this was not good for him. Before, he had run at around the same speed as Lord Grim, which meant that Deception's running speed had decreased to a Level 50's speed.

This street was a bit too long. At his speed, he might not even make it out of the street. Deception observed his surroundings and saw an empty building in front of him. He immediately rushed into it. After going through it, he discovered that the building didn't have a window!

Deception hastily headed back. The instant he got out of the door, he nearly brushed shoulders with the enemies. These guild players weren't ordinary and immediately attacked him when they saw him. Deception reacted quickly and rolled along a wall, dodging the sword.

But right after finishing the roll, he saw a grenade float in front of him. Deception hastily rolled to the right. The explosion injured him a bit, but it hadn't affected his movement speed.

Currently, Deception wasn't afraid of losing health. He was afraid of the after effects of the attacks. For example, a stun or a grab or a blow away wouldn't give him any opportunities to live.

Deception got up and saw ten or so people pounce at him.

Deception could only jump onto the roof. This was where he had come from. He really didn't want to go backwards. But going back now would be to move forward later. At this crucial moment, he had to backtrack to advance.

Deception went back, but soon discovered his step back was trash enough. This street used to be empty, but now there were people there.

In addition, they had blocked the east exit which he had originally been moving towards. Deception could only turn around and head to the west. He saw several empty buildings and wanted to go through them, but he was conflicted. The same situation as before might happen and the building might not have windows. It would be the same as going into a death hole. Seeing the pursuers beside him, with this distance, if he went in he wouldn't be able to get out.

The pursuers were getting closer and closer. The gunners hadn't stopped shooting at him. Deception's pathing in order to dodge these bullets had greatly affected his movement speed. On the other hand, the pursuers behind him were moving in a straight line. Due to this, it was only a matter of time before he would be surrounded by them.

With the distance between them, he might not even be able to successfully flip over a wall. He could only make a gamble!

Deception clenched his teeth and rushed into an empty building on the left side. As soon as he went in, he saw a window! His hopes resurged. Just as he was about to go through the window, he suddenly had a thought.

This window was so obvious, of course.....

Deception suddenly moved back a step. He jumped and threw a ninja blade at the wall. He swung up and went into a corner above the entrance like a spider. Disappearing Body Technique.

Right as he finished jumping, shadows appeared at the entrance and characters went into the building. Without hesitating, none of them stopped and rushed out through the window.

One, two, three.....

The pursuers all went through this route. Deception counted and counted anxiously.

Hurry, hurry!

Deception counted as he urged them to move forward. Before, he had been annoyed at how fast they were running and now he was annoyed at how slow they were. His Disappearing Body Technique only lasted 20 seconds. Once those 20 seconds were over, he would drop down. Twenty seconds should be enough. Deception had made the calculations before he did this.

But the moment of excitement never came. He heard a worrying voice. In the direction of the window, he heard someone say: "Did he come through here?"

"No, I didn't see anyone come out from here!"

There were people watching outside!

Deception immediately understood. If he waited there, he would certainly die. His only choice was to break through with force.

He quickly cancelled his Disappearing Body Technique and immediately landed on the ground. At the same time, someone came into the building through the door. Deception's brandished his blade and stabbed it into this person's head as he fell. Then, he landed on his shoulders and pulled out the blade. His character shot out from the door like a bullet.

Ninjutsu · Bird Fall!

Chapter 473 – Difficult to Find Escape Route

Ninjutsu · Bird Fall!

After having just bumped into some bad luck, Deception whooshed out through the door. His character moved like a shadow, leaping directly over the incoming players' heads. This time, his actions were completely unexpected. None of them had made any mental preparations. Deception landed on the ground and rolled forward. Without pausing, he got up and jumped up onto the rooftop.

The pursuers on the streets were in complete disorder and only realized what had happened after a short moment of confusion. They quickly turned their heads and saw the shadow of Deception drop towards the neighboring street.

The guy had run away again!

The players were furious. All of them recognized Deception. Some of them had even had their equipments stolen by him before. No one had any good feelings towards him. Although the guilds had never organized a group hunt for him, the players had privately organized their own hunting group before, but they had never been able to catch him.

Deception and Lord Grim were on two completely different ends of the spectrum for the guilds.

From the guild's perspective, a lone soldier like Deception would never be able to injure their guild's interests as a whole. No matter how annoying he was, it was just like an ant biting an elephant. However, while Deception caused trouble, there would always be a few inside the guild who would have

their interests injured by him. Even though the top guilds could easily make up for the damage Deception did to them, there were many players who still detested him.

Lord Grim was the opposed. Lord Grim's actions didn't do any direct damage to the individual members of the guilds. However, the pressure he put out suppressed the guild's strength as a whole. For example, in the tenth server, Lord Grim's brilliance made the playerbase understand that he was an expert who didn't care about the top guilds. This type of situation affected the top guild's development greatly, but it was difficult for the individual members of the guilds to feel anything.

In the end, only an opponent like Lord Grim could make the entire guild act. Deception was simple a complimentary gift attached to him. However, in terms of execution, most of the guild members wanted to abuse their orders to carry out their private interests. They didn't need any encouragement from above to kill Deception. They were more than happy to do the task.

"Is there anyone on East and West 8? Deception is heading in that direction!"

Against Deception, many of them were sincerely cooperating together.

"We're there, but we don't see Deception!"

"What?"

"He's on the rooftop! He didn't jump down!!"

The players who had just climbed up immediately saw Deception hiding in a place out of view from the others looking up from the streets.

"North and South 4, seal off the intersection between roads 47 and 48!!!"

"North and South 4 here, but we only have five people....."

"He's on the rooftop. If you can delay him, that's enough!!!"

Information continued to be passed around. Everyone reported Deception's whereabouts and concentrated their strengths into encircling him.

There were all sorts of ways to communicate with each other. The temporary channel set-up by their guilds could only be used by people in their guilds. However, those in the alliance needed a way to communicate with each other as well. In game or out of game, as long as they could send information back and forth amongst each other, it didn't matter. For a while, the people in charge of receiving and sending out information were extremely busy.

"Are the people at the people at the intersection ready? Deception is almost there!!"

The pursuers on the rooftops saw that they were almost at the end of the street and hastily urged them.

"Ready!" They were already in position.

"He's here!!"

The five players at the intersection suddenly saw a shadow drop from a rooftop. The party leader gave a shout and skills were released in that direction. However, they soon realized that something wasn't right. Wasn't this shadow a bit too small?

"It's not a person! It's a piece of equipment!" Everyone instantly figured it out, but in that short instant, the real shadow landed. However, the five were still in their ending animation for their skills though! Just like this, Deception broke through.

"Deception broke through the blockade and is heading north towards North and South 4." Even though it was shameful, the five made their report as they chased after him.

"Is there anyone at North and South 4? The target has just crossed intersection 48! No one can block at 49, 410, 411." Someone shouted.

"Received! I'll be at intersection 410 very soon!"

"We already see the target and are chasing after him. East and West 9, coordinates AX又, AX又."

"East and West 11 is being reinforced. Coordinates 默又, 默又."

"We're at North and South 12. Do you need our help? Coordinates, ㄩㄩ, ㄩㄩ."

The nearby players reported their positions and their coordinates. Their chase after Deception was very active.

But the guild leaders of the three guilds were speechless at their situation. They didn't mind everyone being so enthusiastic to kill Deception, but the important thing was, their other chase was the complete opposite.

Their main goal was still Lord Grim, but there was no news from the chase for Lord Grim in the past five minutes. He hadn't left the Wilderness Town, but he had already escaped from their pursuit.

Against Deception, it was a chase. Against Lord Grim, it was a search. News about Lord Grim came about every two minutes about having not found him yet.

Five minutes! That was more than enough time to be out of combat, but they knew that lord Grim was still online. He had escaped, but hadn't gone offline. This meant he didn't care about them at all. The three were uneasy. The news telling them "he's not here, he's not there" made them extremely annoyed. And then when they looked how active Deception's chase was, it was obvious how they were feeling.

"What is this guy planning on doing?" Besides the moment Lord Grim and Deception split up and deciding not to let Deception escape, they never mentioned Deception's name again. Their attention was on Lord Grim.

The three were conflicted.

Lord Grim had already escaped from their eyes. They thought he would immediately log off and were originally disappointed and angry, but who would have thought he wouldn't logout. However, they soon felt uneasy. After all, logging out was the safest and most efficient method. If he wasn't going to log off, then it meant there was something he still wanted to do.

Ye Xiu hadn't even done anything yet and he was already making these three guild leaders feel uneasy.

They still hadn't found any signs of Lord Grim, yet all they were getting were information about Deception. The more the three looked at the incoming news, the angrier they got.

"What's going on? They can't even kill off Deception?" Chen Yehui was the first to curse. The more impatient they got over Lord Grim, the more unsettled they became. Poor Deception had become their outlet to vent their anger.

"Nine Heroes, Golden Fragrance! How come there's still no news from you two??" Chen Yehui reprimanded two players in his guild.

"We're guarding the south side....." Nine Heroes and Golden Fragrance were Excellent Dynasty's core players and Chen Yehui's trusted aides.

"What are you guarding for? There's still no one after five minutes! Hurry up and move. Go look for him." Chen Yehui roared.

"Do we look for Lord Grim or Deception?" Nine Heroes carefully asked. He was a bit confused. In the beginning, the guild leader was criticizing them for not catching Deception yet and then he switched the topics to him and Golden Fragrance, complaining how they weren't working hard. Then, he told them how there was still no sign of him after five minutes, talking about Lord Grim again. Finally, he told them to look for him..... Nine Heroes felt like the guild leader's thoughts were a bit jumbled.

"LORD GRIM!!!"

"Understood....." The two hastily told their troops to move out and look around. After shouting at these two, he picked out more names to instruct. The group leaders who were scolded yelled at the party leaders inside their groups. The party leaders immediately urged their party members. In Excellent Dynasty, everyone from top to bottom was given a yell. No one dared to be negligent again. They looked around and searched. A portion of them went over to help out the other chase and quickly kill off Deception.

Chen Yehui found Deception extremely annoying. It was like when you were working hard at something and there was this house fly buzzing around you all the time.

Deception was ready to run as if his life depended on it along one road, but he soon encountered a strong blockade. He wasn't going to kill himself to do so though Deception was just a bit tougher than before. In places where he would have ran back, he now chose to break through them with force. Yet even so, he still hadn't escaped from the pursuit. Deception's current goal was the north exit, but he was getting farther and farther away from it. He was being pushed to the foot of the mountain on the west side. Once he got there, his options would be more limited. They originally needed to surround him on all four sides, but if they trapped him there, they would only need to surround him on three sides.

"Is there anyone at intersection 24! Is there anyone there!!!" The communication once again started. Deception had already been forced to this position.

"Here." Someone replied. This was Excellent Dynasty's Golden Fragrance. After being yelled at by Chen Yehui, she and Nine Heroes led their teams around. They just happened to have gotten here and received this message for help.

“Deception is heading towards your direction.”

“Okay, give him to us!” Golden Fragrance was one of his guild’s core members, so her thoughts were more from an upper level perspective. Her attitude towards Deception was the same as her superiors, but now that they had bumped into each other, she wasn’t going to let it go. After being yelled out by her guild leader, she was quite panicked too! They only had two targets for this operation. It wasn’t easy to find an outlet to vent her anger. Now that an outlet had come to her, she was going to play around.

“Spread out!” Golden Fragrance led more people than the others. Her group wasn’t made up of just three or five people. Right now, the ten players under her were ordered to completely spread out, leaving intersection 24 empty.

“Tell me the target’s coordinates.” Golden Fragrance requested.

“Coordinates 又,又.” Someone replied. He was clearly still chasing after Deception. Deception wasn’t having it easy either. Everywhere he went, he knocked into a bee’s nest. He had never gotten out of combat. If he could, he would have logged off long ago. Why would he still struggle? Right now, the north side was completely blocked off. His only choice was to run south. In front of him was an intersection. After having been on the run for so long, he knew there would soon be people rushing to block the intersection, but it seemed unexpectedly quiet this time!

Chapter 474 – Ninjutsu – Shadow Dance

Deception wasn’t stupid. The guilds weren’t foolish either.

Golden Fragrance wasn’t the only one to try hiding on the sides, waiting to make an ambush. Deception had seen this sort of scenario, where the intersections looked very sweet, four times already. This was now Deception’s fifth time seeing this scheme.

However, this time, there was one thing different from the previous four attempts.

Golden Fragrance had more people!

Deception took up his guard. He didn’t rush straight towards the intersection. Instead, he went onto the rooftops and prepared for the unexpected. When he landed on the roof, he was suddenly caught off guard. In that instant, fifteen people appeared at the intersection.

Their encirclement tightened around Deception. It looked like he had a way out behind him, but the pursuers from behind were getting closer and closer by the second. From the start to the finish, he had never been able to escape from the pursuers.

“Let’s see where you run now!” Golden Fragrance stepped forward and shouted aggressively at Deception. She didn’t have any enmity towards Deception. It was just that she hadn’t been able to find Deception and wanted to seize this gift to vent her anger.

“Hmph!” Deception coldly humphed. Without saying anything more, he looked around and calmly observed his situation.

Fifteen players. They had already completed the encirclement. It was his first time encountering this sort of situation. Moreover, his opponents had plenty of experience. Their encirclement had layers. The gap

between the layers had calculated the distance his Shadow Clone Technique could reach. Deception wouldn't be able to rely on this technique to escape.

There was no easy way out.

Deception immediately realized this. He knew that this time he was truly in a dangerous spot. If he didn't force his way through, he would certainly die!

It only took him the time for a single breath to come to this conclusion. Golden Fragrance's words had only just finished, when Deception suddenly rushed forward. His target was Golden Fragrance.

To capture a band of thieves, first catch the leader!

Although taking down the leader wouldn't change the situation significantly in this situation, if he wasn't able to break through, bringing down the leader along with him was still decent.

With his blade glinting in the light, Deception arrived extremely quickly.

But Golden Fragrance wasn't a core expert of Excellent Dynasty for nothing.

Seeing Deception rush at her, she immediately raised her hands and fired.

Three Anti-Tank Missiles shot out towards Deception. In an instant, the smoke and light from the explosion engulfed the area.

"Careful!"

Someone on the side warned.

Golden Fragrance didn't have time to react. All she saw was a streak of blood fly out from her.

Assassin skill: Cut Throat!

How did Deception get behind me? It wasn't hard for Golden Fragrance to figure it out. His only way to do so was Shadow Clone Technique. However, she hadn't seen him used even though he had been right in front of her eyes.

Every skill had a sign before it was used. When Shadow Clone Technique was used, the character would shake slightly. Everyone knew Ninjas had this technique, so everyone usually looked for this sign, yet Golden Fragrance hadn't seen it.

This was because Deception's hands were extremely quick! The faster the movements were done, the shorter the sign. This didn't have any limit.

For a Launcher, being closed in on was very bad. However, Golden Fragrance wasn't too alarmed because she wasn't the only one fighting.

Her character turned around and used a Swing, the Launcher's knock-up skill.

Deception had retreated a long time ago though. Cut Throat had simply been an attack done in the passing. His main goal was to break through the encirclement and escape. If he wasn't able to escape, then he would fight.

After retreating from Golden Fragrance, Deception turned around and leaped up. He flipped in the air and flew above two players blocking the path in front of him. He just hoped these two players wouldn't react too quickly.

Of these two players blocking the path, one was a Sharpshooter and the other was a Blade Master. Unfortunately, their reactions were very fast.

The Blade Master leaped up and used a Falling Phoenix Slash in an attempt to slice Deception.

There was no other option for Deception. He slashed with his ninja blade to guard against the Falling Phoenix Slash.

Clank!

This guard was only a type of attack versus attack. It wasn't an actual defensive skill. Whether or not the attack hit the opponent's weapon depended on the player.

Deception had only used a normal attack, while the Blade Master had used a Falling Phoenix Slash.

Thus, he was only able to reduce some of the damage and wasn't able to block the Falling Phoenix Slash's momentum. The blade light continued to descend rapidly. Deception put his ninja blade in front of him and could only watch as he was cut down.

This was the difference between a normal guard and the Guard skill.

The Guard skill could completely negate the opponent's attack, while a normal guard only blocked a portion of the damage.

Deception was hit to the ground by the Falling Phoenix Slash. When the Sharpshooter jumped up, he made a roll backwards.

This roll made Deception very sad. When he landed, he made a forward roll to avoid the Blade Master, but was now right in front of the Sharpshooter's gun.

These two were clearly experienced veterans. This sort of coordination completely removed all of Deception's options.

The other players were also closing in. There were a few waiting outside too in order to guard against a Shadow Clone Technique.

How troublesome.....

The instant Deception landed on the ground, he immediately rolled backwards.

Behind him was the enemy leader, Golden Fragrance.

After all, Golden Fragrance was a Launcher. Seeing Deception roll towards her, she jumped back.

But at the same time Deception rolled back, he suddenly disappeared.

"Not good!"

Golden Fragrance realized, but Deception had already dug back up below her feet.

Ninjutsu – Underground Tunneling Technique!

A streak of blood flew out from Golden Fragrance's body.

But the attacks weren't done yet. After using the Underground Tunneling Technique Deception put his two hands together in front of his head and formed a hand seal.

"This is....." Golden Fragrance could see him clearly, but she couldn't tell what seal he was forming. The hand seal was finished in an instant. Deception's body suddenly flickered as if he were going to use a Shadow Clone Technique. But the movements made after this flicker were much greater than the Shadow Clone Technique. It looked as if he spread out in all different directions.

Golden Fragrance instantly knew what was going to happen.

Unfortunately, that was all she could do.

After Deception flickered, he suddenly spread out. Suddenly, countless shadows of Deception appeared. The shadows ran in all different directions causing everyone's eyes to go blurry. Blood began flying out continuously from Golden Fragrance's body.

Ninja Level 70 skill, Ninjutsu – Shadow Dance!

"Spread out a bit more! Don't let him escape the circle!!!!" Golden Fragrance immediately ordered.

Shadow Dance's attack made several shadows appear. After finishing the skill, the character could freely choose which shadow to go to. With so many shadows around moving in a blur, it was impossible for them to know where he would go. If they didn't widen their encirclement, it was very likely that their prey would use this chance to break through.

When everyone heard this order, they widened the encirclement, while attacking the shadows.

The clones from the Shadow Dance and the clone from the Shadow Clone Technique was the same. They could be destroyed with an attack. The difference between these two skills was that the clones of the Shadow Dance could move around and had higher health.

People tended to choose the shadows which weren't moving.

This was because each clone in the Shadow Dance had to be manually controlled by the player. As a result, most of the time, the player wouldn't be able to move every single clone. Some of them would just stand there.

But they soon realized that there weren't any! There weren't any clone which weren't moving!

Deception could unexpectedly control all of the shadow clones. Such a level of mechanics was already a pro level. As players in a top guild like Excellent Dynasty, they had seen many things. However, whether it was in-game or in the Arena, they had never seen a player able to control Shadow Dance to such a level.

With no clones sitting still, they could only attack randomly. But the shadow clones moved faster than normal under the Shadow Dance. With so many shadow clones flickering around, none of them could follow them and were unable to properly seize one.

The skill had a time limit though. Just go rampant! You won't be able to run away anyways.

They had the numbers advantage. The weren't afraid.

Golden Fragrance initially thought like this, but after awhile, she suddenly realized something wasn't right.

Wasn't her health dropping a bit too fast?

Shadow Dance was typically used as an AoE attack. But right now, it seemed like Deception was only focusing on her. The dancing shadows were not only obscuring everyone's view, but also attacking her.

Because of how a player's skill greatly affected a skill's effectiveness, it was difficult to tell a skill's effects. Using Shadow Dance as an AoE attack was simple. But using it as a single target attack wasn't impossible, but it required much more skill to accomplish.

Deception was undoubtedly doing it in this way. He had controlled all of the shadows to focus fire on her. Due to this, Golden Fragrance's health was dropping rapidly. She originally hadn't been worrying about it, but now such a thought had risen in her head.

"Am I really going to die?" Golden Fragrance was scared. She hastily called out: "Cleric!"

There team of fifteen would obviously have a Cleric. The other players really hadn't noticed her situation, but after hearing her call for a Cleric, they suddenly realized that Golden Fragrance was already at such low health.

The Cleric quickly dashed over. Just as he was about to heal her, a shadow passed by him and interrupted his casting.

"Use an instant one!" Golden Fragrance was furious.

Chapter 475 – What Enmity Do You Have with Launchers?

There were two types of Cleric heals. One type was a heal over time and had a cast time. This was what players commonly referred to when they said heal. This type was split into three different kinds, small heal, great heal, holy heal. The longer the cast time, the greater the heal. The casts made by Clerics were different from Ninja hand seals, which would be improved with better skill. For these casts, the only thing that could be done was to press the skill faster. The cast time could only be decreased with the character's spirit attribute and certain equipment.

The other type of heal was an urgent rescue type. This type of heal was called cure and was split into three different kinds: small cure, great cure, holy cure. Cures didn't have a cast time and were considered instant casts. However, they had very long cooldowns and it wasn't possible to only rely on these to recover health. As a result cures were mainly used in emergencies, while heals were the ones mainly used.

When to use the three different kinds of heals and the three different kinds of cures was one area which determined a Cleric's skill level.

The Cleric in Excellent Dynasty looked at Golden Fragrance's health and didn't see it as too dire. Moreover, they had the numbers advantage and his safety should be ensured. Thus, he had been

planning on healing Golden Fragrance with a holy heal. Who would have thought that Deception's Shadow Dance would interrupt him.

Golden Fragrance was in a panic and urged him to hurry, so the Cleric hastily prepared to cast a cure, but before he could do so, one of Deception's clones pounced at him. Under the combo, the Cleric remained in a stunned state, unable to cast the cure. Deception had turned Shadow Dance into a multi target skill. He was planning on giving Golden Fragrance a good beating.

But with the attacks from Shadow Dance being split between the Cleric and Golden Fragrance, Golden Fragrance was no longer in as much pressure. When she looked at her health, she felt like she had been a bit too panicked. No matter the case, it wasn't possible for a single skill to instantly kill a same-leveled character, even if Shadow Dance was solely focused on her.

After drinking a health potion, Golden Fragrance arranged everyone's position using the team channel. Shadow Dance couldn't kill her, but Deception might simply be trying to use the chaos to escape.

Once Golden Fragrance calmed down, the entire team was no longer in as much of a panic as before. Shadow Dance's attacks hadn't been aimed at them, so their movements weren't affected. All of them were Glory veterans, so they understood what this skill did and immediately went to the positions Golden Fragrance arranged.

Deception had been paying attention to his surroundings the entire time. This had been his only plan. If everything went well, he would have been able to escape. Initially, when he saw the enemies fall into disorder, Deception felt excited and carefully looked for an opportunity. But then the enemies quickly calmed down and moved into a tough formation, not giving him any opening to escape. On the other side of the street, the pursuers from behind were about to arrive.

It's over.....

This time, Deception had no more tricks left. He would never have imagined he would be unable to escape in such a large map. What type of drug did these guys eat today?

Shadow Dance soon ended. Deception hadn't been able to find any opening. After landing on the ground, he directly headed towards Golden Fragrance.

Ninjutsu · Bird Fall!

Shadow Dance was one of the few high-leveled skills which didn't have a long landing animation after using the skill. As a result, Deception was able to directly chain it with a Bird Fall. Falling from the sky, he stepped on Golden Fragrance.

Just when she was thinking he would be unable to do anything after finishing with the Shadow Dance, who would have thought she would eat such an attack. Golden Fragrance's head crashed to the ground. Her pose looked very embarrassing. Under everyone's gazes, she had trouble keeping up appearances.

"KILL HIM!!" Golden Fragrance hissed. As a girl and an expert among girls, one of Excellent Dynasty's core members, Golden Fragrance was used to getting attention everywhere. When had she ever been bullied by someone like this before? She didn't have any enmity with Deception, but she instantly had some now.

“Ha ha ha ha ha.....”

At this moment, the sounds of someone laughing could be heard, a girl's laugh. And in this team, Golden Fragrance was the only female there. But how could Golden Fragrance laugh in this situation? Even Deception was surprised by the sudden laugh. He thought she had gone mad. However, when he checked again, he felt that something wasn't right. The voice was a bit quiet and unclear. It wasn't from nearby.

“What are you laughing for? You're going to expose me!!” Following afterwards, another voice could be heard, though this voice was much more clear.

“Isn't this Excellent Dynasty's Golden Princess? Isn't it funny seeing her on the ground eating dirt?” Someone said. The voice seemed to be stuttering. The Glory veterans knew what was going on. Some other person next to the person playing was speaking, so the voice wasn't too clear.

“Who is it!” Golden Fragrance asked angrily.

Golden Princess was a nickname people gave her behind her back in Excellent Dynasty. It didn't have any positive connotations to it. It was mocking her, saying she was like a snobby princess.

The surrounding Excellent Era players looked at each other. They looked around, but didn't know where the voice was coming from.

“How embarrassing. I'm very sorry for bothering everyone.”

The clear voice could be heard this time. A figure suddenly came around the corner of the street, dashing at them, while speaking.

“LORD GRIM!!” Everyone cried out in fear. With a shout, the encirclement around Deception broke apart and headed towards Lord Grim. The players around Golden Fragrance were all of the upper level in the guild. They knew who the guild attached the most importance to. Thus, when as soon as they saw Lord Grim, they immediately switched targets and forgot about Deception.

An opening!

Deception was pleasantly surprised at first seeing a sudden opening, but when he turned around, he figured out the reason for the opening. It was because everyone had turned to surround Lord Grim. He suddenly felt an empty feeling in him.

He finally understood why the guilds were pursuing him so crazily in this Wilderness Town. The main reason was because of him. Because he had gotten involved with him, he was brought into the storm as well.

Lord Grim.....

This time, Deception took note of his name. As for Lord Grim, he was instantly surrounded.

Lord Grim suddenly did a roll. When he got up, he turned around 180 degrees and fired his gun. His character began flying backwards with a smooth Aerial Fire. The entire movement was completed in a single breath.

However, this wasn't enough to break out of the encirclement. The players' attacks had already arrived, when Lord Grim suddenly turned into smoke.

Shadow Clone Technique!

Deception was caught off guard. He was unexpectedly unable to figure out where Lord Grim had gone.

"You're so slow. I've been waiting here all day." Lord Grim suddenly spoke.

"Waiting for what?" Deception was at a loss. When he turned around, Lord Grim's real body was already next to him.

"A scrap picking opportunity!" As he spoke, Lord Grim swung his hand. Deception was looking at him from behind and didn't know which knock-up skill he had used, but Golden Fragrance had been launched into the air.

The sudden laugh to Lord Grim appearing next to him had all gone by too quickly, so quickly that Golden Fragrance had only just climbed back up.

"A scrap picking opportunity? You've been following me the entire time?"

"Why would I follow you? You're not my target." Ye Xiu said.

"What target is there for scrap picking?!" Deception cried. He suddenly noticed that Golden Fragrance and that previous guy who had been killed for nothing happened to both be Launchers.....

"What enmity do you have with Launchers?" Deception had a sudden realization.

"Nonsense! I have a good relationship with Launchers."

The two were talking, but they weren't just standing there. After Ye Xiu launched Golden Fragrance into the air, he used a Delivery Gun to send Golden Fragrance to Deception. As he rushed forwards, he fired attacks at the airborne Golden Fragrance as if he were dribbling her like a ball.

Deception was also hurrying way. It was just that he felt a bit sad at this opening because this opening had been made by the enemies ignoring him.

"A helper, old friend. See, I've saved you again." Ye Xiu said.

"What do you mean again?" Deception kicked Golden Fragrance to Lord Grim like a ball.

"How mean! If it wasn't for me last time on that street, you would have died in some corner in the street!" Ye Xiu said.

Deception immediately recalled. That time, he had tried getting over a wall, but had been blasted down by someone. Later, Lord Grim created an opening for him to get through. The heavens knew how hard he had been working to escape from the pursuers. There had been something going on every minute. That small scene felt like something from a long time ago. He really hadn't thought about it.

"I helped you kill off that Launcher from before. I've paid you back for that time." Deception said.

"It's the same this time. Just a bit more! Good! Success!"

Golden Fragrance had already turned into a corpse. But this time, Deception didn't go and steal equipment. This was because his situation was already burdensome enough. He didn't want to add any more weight to him.

Ye Xiu's hands weren't any slower than his either. The items were instantly picked up by him. In the blink of an eye, Deception couldn't help but shudder because that item had Orange lettering!

Could it be an Orange equipment?

Deception was astonished. He had never picked up an Orange equipment in his career as a scrap picker before.

Chapter 476 – Chen Guo's Resentment

Self-made equipment practically only belonged in the pro realm.

In the Heavenly Domain, an Orange equipment was already considered an extremely rare equipment.

Anyone who possessed an Orange equipment wasn't any ordinary player. The probability that they survived in a chaotic situation was high. Deception couldn't be compared to an ordinary scrap picker. His eyes were sharp and venomous. Whenever he moved out, he would usually have a clear understanding of the situation in front of him. He would notice the equipment on every player and their health. Compared to a normal scrap picker, he was more selective. Even so, an opportunity to one shot one kill an expert with an Orange expert was extremely rare. As a result, even if he really wanted it, he rarely got the chance.

Deception refused to call grabbing and mercilessly killing the target like what Lord Grim did as scrap picking. This was stealing.

"What dropped?" Everyone wanted to know the answer to this question. Deception wasn't an exception.

"A lame necklace." Ye Xiu said.

Lame!!!

No matter how lame it is, it's still an Orange equip! Did you think I didn't see it?

Deception had a very strong urge to give him a stab, but he stopped himself and calmly asked: "It seemed like an Orange equip?"

"Yeah! Trash." Ye Xiu said.

"What do you want?" Deception's voice was trembling a little bit.

"I want a weapon." Ye Xiu said and then added: "You want a weapon, right?"

"What?" Deception was confused about question.

"I wasn't talking to you."

Ye Xiu was obviously asking Chen Guo. From the start, he had been very serious. He had really been planning on helping Chen Guo get back her dropped weapon. He didn't even feel ashamed to ask Chen Guo which Excellent Dynasty Launcher had good equipment.

After all, Chen Guo had been in Excellent Dynasty for a long time. The guild leader and core members might not recognize her, but she certainly recognized them. She pretty much knew which guild members had what dazzling equipment. Right now, Ye Xiu was like a bandit, asking her who had good equipment. Chen Guo suddenly felt like a villain.

Her resentment towards Excellent Era wasn't fake. It had been very painful seeing her weapon drop too, but she didn't feel too happy getting it back by stealing from someone else. Excellent Dynasty's members were all normal players too. Excellent Era might have kicked Ye Qiu out of the Club, but that had nothing to do with these players. It's not like they knew the truth. They would still jump out and support Ye Qiu. If they were to take out revenge on Excellent Era, it definitely couldn't be done by acting against the normal fans.

Chen Guo was going to refuse to answer him in the beginning, but after she thought about it again, she suddenly blurted out a name: Golden Fragrance.

Golden Fragrance was already one of Excellent Dynasty's core members now, but when Chen Guo had joined Excellent Dynasty, she still wasn't one yet.

At that time, she was also just a fan who liked Excellent Era a lot. She was a very ordinary guild member.

She was a lively and outgoing girl. People tended to like her. Golden Fragrance was very easy going. She would go with whatever team was there wherever she went. Everyone was happy to have her join. Any equipment she wanted went to her.

Even though Chen Guo was also a girl, but she had turned independent early in her life. She was on the older side too. Outside of the game, she was an owner, while in-game, she had the air of a big sister. She also liked Golden Fragrance and happily welcomed her. In particular, Chen Guo's Chasing Haze and Golden Fragrance were of the same class. Of everyone she had played with, she had played with Golden Fragrance a lot.

This didn't really mean much.

But once she regarded everyone else's welcome as a given, it was quite immature of her.

There were many girls in the guild who also played Launcher. They were clearly influenced by Su Mucheng.

As a big sister, Chen Guo gave them an appropriate amount of care. In a dungeon, she would give priority to the other younger sisters.

In the guild's fixed dungeon teams, the distribution of items was done by the team captain. This was something everyone agreed on.

No one objected to Chen Guo's actions of taking care of the younger ones. Golden Fragrance, who everyone took care of, snatched a piece of equipment that she had the right to take. The good-hearted

team's preferential treatment gave her unwarranted qualifications. It was certainly an eye-opener for Chen Guo.

Chen Guo wasn't like Ye Xiu who could just laugh and not think much of it. At that time, she called out to Golden Fragrance for her to give her an explanation.

But Golden Fragrance didn't even bother properly discussing with Chen Guo. She just cried and privately told countless players her sorrows and gain their sympathy. In the blink of an eye, Chen Guo turned into a tyrant in the team in other players' eyes..

This description fit well with Chen Guo's personality. Golden Fragrance's actions were a huge success.

With Chen Guo's personality, there was no way she could do the same, running to others and crying. In the end, she challenged Golden Fragrance to a duel.

This was how the men decided on issues, but Chen Guo liked it. She was too lazy to go into a verbal battle with a younger sister. Even though duels weren't absolute, they put an end to the matter. It was a very common way of deciding on issues.

But for this manly method, Golden Fragrance actually found men to participate in the duel for her. This girl, who hadn't been in the guild much longer than Chen Guo, was used to having this sort of princess treatment.

Chen Guo obviously wouldn't retreat from any opponent. It's just that the players Golden Fragrance had found were experts in the guild. Chen Guo went forward in battle, but lost.

Chen Guo wasn't someone who couldn't take a defeat. If she lost, there was nothing she could say. No matter how arrogant or condescending the opponent was, she would bear it. Chen Guo wanted to leave the guild, but she felt unwilling to. By being with a Club guild, she would have the opportunity to play with her idols. Many people had joined the guild for this reason.

Chen Guo's support for Su Mucheng and Ye Qiu triumphed over her resentment over that little girl.

Chasing Haze stayed in the guild as Golden Fragrance continued to play the part of a princess in Excellent Dynasty. Golden Princess wasn't a nickname Chen Guo had come up with. Who knew when this nickname spread. Chen Guo really liked it. She felt that it suited her well.

In Excellent Dynasty, there were quite a few who were annoyed by Golden Fragrance. However, the number of people who liked to spoil her were a lot too. Just like this, she move her way up to becoming a part of Excellent Dynasty's core.

Core members were vastly different from normal players. Core members could be considered as employees of the Club and surrogates for the team in-game. When Chen Guo initially joined, she also wanted that status so she could get closer with the team she supported.

At that time, when Golden Fragrance became a core member, many people in the guild objected. This girl was a spoiled brat. Chen Guo really couldn't understand how people could like such a girl.....

Is being a spoiled brat an art form?

Chen Guo thought it was because of this, but she wanted to vomit whenever she thought of it. Being a spoiled brat was something boss Chen could never learn.

It had been several years since this. But Chasing Haze had always been in Excellent Dynasty and Golden Fragrance was a name that could never be erased. Chen Guo had to admit that even though she lost, she wasn't willing to accept it. She could never see Golden Fragrance in a good light. Even though Chen Guo heard that she was no longer like the princess from before and that she took care of others like a big sister, Chen Guo just felt like it was obvious. As a core member, why would she need others to give way to her? With her status as a core member, this was already a given.

Today, Ye Xiu suddenly asked her which Launcher in Excellent Dynasty had good equipment as if he were going to take it. Chen Guo originally didn't want to say it, but her mind whirred and she blurted out Golden Fragrance's name.

There were lots of Su Mucheng fans in Excellent Dynasty and thus, there were naturally many Launchers. More than one core member was a Launcher. Golden Fragrance's equipment couldn't be considered the best among them, but if her items dropped, Chen Guo wouldn't feel bad. She would actually feel quite good.

Thinking of this, Chen Guo felt somewhat ashamed. She felt like she was being petty. But after seeing Lord Grim wandering around and seriously looking for Golden Fragrance, Chen Guo immediately turned hopeful. She realized that this was a dream of hers. She really wanted to see the look on the Golden Princess's helpless face after being bullied. This mission was something Chen Guo felt that Ye Xiu could accomplish.

Chen Guo had been thinking like this the entire time. On the other hand, Ye Xiu was only carefully looking at her, but not moving. He waited a very long time until Deception had been caught. His movements were like a pro. Deception was hitting Golden Fragrance under the team's protection without any retaliation. He even ended it by kicking her face into the dirt. Such a scene made Chen Guo extremely happy.

Petty is petty! Why be so kind? It's not like I'm a saint. That instant, Chen Guo let go of her morals.

However, her laughter revealed Ye Xiu's Lord Grim. Chen Guo had went closer to Ye Xiu's screen to admire Golden Fragrance's embarrassing pose and then burst out into laughter.

"I didn't get a weapon, just this lame necklace." Ye Xiu reported his results to Chen Guo.

"Not bad, not bad." Chen Guo was very satisfied. Her goal wasn't Golden Fragrance's equipment. She just wanted to see Golden Fragrance eat sh*t.

"Do you have some sort of thing between you two?" Ye Xiu clearly saw something.

"Uh, it's a long story!"

"Is killing her once good enough?" Ye Xiu asked.

Chen Guo hesitated. After thinking for a bit, she asked: "Will she come back?"

"Tsk tsk, what poisonous thoughts!" Ye Xiu sighed.

“What did you say!” Chen Guo was both angry and ashamed.

“Don’t worry. It’s no pressure. You’re a friend. I won’t judge you.” Ye Xiu said.

“.....”

“But.....”

“But what?”

“But if the people knows that I was the one to kill them, do you think they might feel proud?” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo was speechless, but she had to admit that it was a real possibility.

Chapter 477 – Gap

After discovering Lord Grim’s traces, everyone in the guild began getting excited. Lord Grim was their priority. Deception was just a side gift.

The three guild leaders were also very excited. They had the map of Wilderness Town opened up on their screens. After asking for his coordinates, they immediately pinpointed his location and began making arrangements.

“Don’t rush. Form a steady encirclement and slowly shrink the circle. He won’t be able to run.” Changing Spring said. Golden Fragrance’s team was from Excellent Dynasty. The ones chasing behind Deception were from Herb Garden. Blue Brook Guild’s troops weren’t directly involved yet, so Changing Spring could see the field in a calmer manner.

“Right, it looks like he doesn’t plan on logging off, so we’ll just accompany him until he does.” Arisaema added.

“Why did he jump out all of a sudden?” Changing Spring asked.

“I heard he took down Excellent Dynasty’s Golden Fragrance.” Arisaema said. He really wanted to see Chen Yehui’s expression. Was Lord Grim attacking Excellent Dynasty? Before, when he broke through the encirclement, he had killed off a Launcher, who was also one of Excellent Dynasty’s. This time, he killed off another Launcher and a core member of Excellent Dynasty at that.....

Thinking of this, Arisaema and Changing Spring opened up a private chat between the two of them.

“Ye Qiu seems to be aiming at Excellent Dynasty.” Arisaema said.

“κ”

Now that they were conversing in messages, Changing Spring spoke in a simple manner. He was even too lazy to type out punctuation. Seeing this reply, Arisaema turned furious. Their Herb Garden and Blue Brook Guild were originally enemies. He also hated Changing Spring’s bad habit. Right now, he didn’t want to deal with this guy, but then he quickly realized that he didn’t need to deal with him! As long as his guild benefited from this, why would he need to talk to Changing Spring? Thinking of this, Arisaema closed the chat window. He was calculating whether or not there would be an opportunity to sit on the mountains and watch the tigers fight below. In any case, Lord Grim had to be killed. Whether or not they

or Excellent Dynasty killed him didn't matter. He really didn't mind if Lord Grim could take a few bites out of Excellent Dynasty in the process.

"Make sure there aren't any gaps. Don't be too excited. Make sure you figure out Lord Grim's intents." Arisaema quickly ordered.

On the streets, Lord Grim and Deception were both running madly. The pursuers behind them were chasing after them. Anyone who was in range to attack them wouldn't hesitate to attack them.

But these didn't matter too much. As Lord Grim ran, Ye Xiu was talking to Chen Guo. Deception was focused on listening to see if he could figure out anything from eavesdropping.

But after hearing Ye Xiu say "do you think they might feel proud?" Deception couldn't stop himself from coldly making a "hmpf."

"Who do you think you are?" Deception actually said this to Ye Xiu.

"I'm someone who almost got surrounded and died." Ye Xiu said.

"....." Deception was annoyed.

"Twice." Ye Xiu even added.

"I'm going my own way!" Deception decided. There just happened to be another intersection ahead. Deception turned right, but Lord Grim also followed along.

"Don't follow me." Deception said.

"You really are a genius. There are three possible directions which we can go. Two of those directions have people. You moved in the third direction, telling me not to go with you. Why didn't you go in the direction where there are people?" Ye Xiu said.

"....."

"Make a left turn up ahead." Ye Xiu said.

Deception ignored him and continued forward. Ye Xiu didn't care and his Lord Grim turned left. But it hadn't even been three seconds, when Deception rushed back over.

"Don't follow me." Ye Xiu coldly said.

Deception wanted to cry, but no tears came out. It wasn't that he wanted to follow him, it was just that he didn't want to die. He was having a hard time bearing Ye Xiu retaliating tooth for tooth. Deception halted and turned his head.

"Wow, young people these days sure have attitudes." Ye Xiu said, but he also had his Lord Grim turn back.

"Why are you following me!" Deception countered.

"I'm a realist." Ye Xiu said.

"What?" Deception didn't understand.

“There’s more people that way……” Ye Xiu explained.

Deception wanted to cough blood. He couldn’t describe how he was feeling right now.

There were five players blocking their path forward. They seemed to know the two were strong. Seeing the two of them rush at them, they didn’t rush forward to meet them. Instead, they immediately stood still in position and prepared to face them head on.

Deception saw an empty building up ahead and ran towards the entrance.

“What are you planning on doing?” Ye Xiu asked.

Deception didn’t explain and continued into the building. Ye Xiu didn’t have Lord Grim go in. He stood outside the building and laughed grimly.

He counted one two three, but there were still no movements.

If you don’t come out, are you planning on dying?” Ye Xiu lazily asked.

Deception slowly walked out embarrassedly.

“How did you know there were no windows in that building?” Deception asked.

“Look at the map, genius.” Ye Xiu remarked.

“There are labels on the map?” Deception was puzzled.

“An online map from outside the game, are you a noob or an expert?” Ye Xiu said.

“Expert!” Deception replied with confidence.

“Get ready to fight, expert.”

The two may be talking, but their characters weren’t moving slowly. In a short amount of time, they entered the five enemies’ attack range. The two didn’t make the first move. They were waiting for an opening first. If the opponents didn’t move, then that would be great. They could just run passed them.

From this, it could be seen that Deception wasn’t a noob. He clearly had a lot of experience at running away.

The blockers wouldn’t just let them pass. As the two got closer and closer, two of the Blade Masters in the team moved. Blade lights flashed and both of them slashed with a Sword Draw. The blade lights intersected and flew towards them.

They were both from the same guild and the same team, so their coordination was quite good. Even though their coordination wasn’t as good as pro teams, everyone learned from them, so even if it wasn’t amazing, it was at least decent.

The Blade Master’s duet was one form of strategy for two Blade Masters. As one of Glory’s most popular classes, whether it was in-game or in the pro scene, it was a common sight.

But when the blade lights fell, they only destroyed a clone. Deception had jumped back and used a Shadow Clone Technique. His hands were quick and the skill came out on time. They hadn't even realized that he had left his clone behind, while the real one had passed them.

Deception turned around and saw Lord Grim, who was a bit slower than him, but it looked like he was just strolling idly in a park. Deception didn't think he used any skills. Could he have just strolled past them like that?

Deception didn't want to believe it, but it was the truth.

Ye Xiu's Lord Grim had ran over in this way. The two Blade Masters had thought that their blade lights had connected with Lord Grim. Who knew how but he went right through their blade light and then ran past them.

Shock!

It was because of shock that they reacted slowly. If not, they would have reacted to Deception's Shadow Clone Technique.

But Lord Grim just went right through the blade light and went past them. They hadn't even thought that was even possible.

"How did you get past them?" Deception was curious.

"I ran." Ye Xiu replied.

"How did you run?"

"Like this." Lord Grim ran a few steps to show Deception.

Others might think Lord Grim was just playing around with him, but Deception immediately saw through it.

It was rhythm!

It was a simple movement, but it had a rhythm to it. By utilizing the different in rhythm, he deceived the enemies. The enemies thought their attacks had hit, but there was actually a minute difference between the attacks. By using the difference in rhythm, he dodged the attack. The theory was this simple.

The theory might be simple, but actually doing it was a completely different beast.

It wasn't just simply having a good grasp of one's own rhythm. The opponent's rhythm had to be completely grasped too. This was decided by the stats, equipment, skill level, and the player's actions. Seeing through this in an instant wasn't simple.

Was it by luck?

Deception couldn't believe there was such an expert.

The danger hadn't passed yet though. He didn't have time to think about it more carefully. The two could chat like this, but it would be too easy to get distracted if he thought too deeply. If he got

distracted, it would be likely a mistake would occur. Bumping into a tree while walking wasn't something that only happened in real life.

After breaking through the five players' blockade, there might not be anyone blocking them in front anymore, but it just meant that there were more pursuers behind them.

"Let this brother give you a few lessons. I'll teach you what to do in this type of situation." Ye Xiu said.

"I've gone scrap picking countless times. What haven't I experienced before?" Deception wasn't modest at all.

"You've definitely never experienced our current situation." Ye Xiu said.

"And you've experienced it before?" Deception said.

"Brother, in the tenth server....."

"You don't feel any shame talking about which server you're from?" Deception interrupted him in disdain.

"Brother, in those days....."

"Who doesn't know how to talk about that past?" Deception continued to look down on him.

Brother, have you ever entered the Heavenly Domain at Level 50!"

Deception couldn't reply back. He wasn't able to make a comeback. Entering the Heavenly Domain at Level 50 was something he had never thought about, but the person in front of him had done it. He was running with him at Level 52 and had caused such a ruckus. In reality, when Ye Xiu said the tenth server, Deception believed him. Someone who could create such a storm at Level 52 in the Heavenly Domain would certainly bring disaster wherever he went. Deception was just saying that.

As soon as the guilds saw Lord Grim, they immediately pounced on him, ignoring the great and famous scrap picking king. It had made a deep impression on him. He had always thought he was someone who could immediately make the guilds go from calm to angry, but now it looked like, that was just the surface. The guilds may have been scared of him and guarded against him, but they had never made such a large movement in order to kill him. To make an entire leveling area turn into such a mess, was this guy some sort of f*cking boss who only spawned once a year?

I have to observe him carefully and see where the gap between us is! Deception thought.

Chapter 478 – A Good Lesson

"Let me give you a good lesson."

Deception was planning on figuring the gap between them himself, but hearing the other side speak, it seemed like he was going to directly tell him where it was. Deception suddenly felt unwilling now. He recognized that Lord Grim might be more skilled than him, but it didn't mean he was willing to take his advice. Even more so, this guy was acting as if that was the way it should be. There wasn't the slightest bit of modesty in his words.

If this wasn't the only direction he could go, Deception would have split up with him a long time ago.

“No matter the circumstance, carefully observe the situation. Gathering valuable information should be the first thing you do.” Ye Xiu said.

“No sh*t.” Deception wasn’t going to take his advice.

“You already know this?”

“Hmph.....” Deception felt like this question was too stupid. He was too lazy to reply. How could he not know this? Whenever he went scrap picking, the first thing he would do was understand the situation clearly before moving. He wasn’t like other scrap pickers, who just blindly charged in without any plan.

“No. You don’t know this. You don’t even know which buildings have windows.” Ye Xiu said.

“That.....” Deception stared dumbly. He didn’t think he would go there. There was nothing he could say either. He really hadn’t known about it.

“Isn’t it very useful to know which buildings have windows?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Yes.....”

“But you don’t know.”

“.....”

“Information is very important!” Ye Xiu instructed.

“Everything was all very sudden. I didn’t have time to prepare.” Deception made an excuse.

“You just have to open up a map on the internet. If you don’t how to even do this, then it means that you’re not regarding information as important enough.”

“I’m used to playing on full screen.....” Deception himself didn’t think this was a good reason.

“Ha ha.” Ye Xiu laughed, but didn’t say anything. Deception’s ninja blade slid out slightly from its sheath, but Deception was able to stop himself.

“Right now, we need to escape from these guys.” Ye Xiu said.

“No really?” Deception had calmed down a lot. This time, these two words were just said as a sarcastic reply to the statement. There wasn’t any energy behind it.

“The first thing we need to do is escape from their line of sight.” Ye Xiu said.

“Obviously.”

“Do you know why we have to do this?” Ye Xiu asked.

“So they can’t see us.” Deception said.

“Are you an elementary school kid? Can’t your answer have a little more depth to it?” Ye Xiu said.

“And your question has so much depth to it.” Deception remarked sarcastically.

“Our goal is to not let them find us. Not letting them see us is simply to create a space which we can use to accomplish this.” Ye Xiu said.

“Ha ha, how deep.” Deception sneered.

“Then do you know where we can find such a space in our situation?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Uh?” This question was a bit sudden. Deception had no idea.

“The answer is intersections!” Ye Xiu answered.

“F*ck!” Deception felt like he had been tricked. Once they turned around the corner, their pursuers wouldn’t be able to see them. It was such a simple matter, but he just had to make the question so unnecessarily complicated, saying stuff like space.....

“It sounds like you don’t understand what I mean.” Ye Xiu sighed, “What I mean is at the intersection, when our pursuers lose sight of us, they’ll scatter. At a two way intersection, they’ll split into two. If it’s a three way intersection, they’ll split into three. By doing this, we peel away our pursuers layer by layer.”

“Oh?” Deception stared blankly. By finding more intersections and making more turns, it would be easier to shed off pursuers. Deception knew about this concept, but he had never thought of why it made it easier to escape. It wasn’t a difficult concept to understand, but only after understanding it was it possible to deduce many things from just this.

The intersections was just an example of space. The point of space was to make their pursuers lose sight of them in order to force them into having several options.

“Understand this. You have to plan when you’re escaping too. You have to make it your goal to shed off pursuers. Do you have a plan?” Ye Xiu continued.

“I do.....”

“Tell me your plan.” Ye Xiu said.

“Head north and jump into the river.” Deception said with difficulty. His plan was just a general direction. It wasn’t the type of detailed plan Ye Xiu was talking about. But he had to prove that he had a plan!

“Your plan isn’t bad.” Ye Xiu replied in a dull tone.

“Okay, from this intersection onwards, follow me closely!” Ye Xiu said as he made a left turn at the intersection ahead.

Deception didn’t say anything. The guy talked about a bunch of theory, but would it even work? If the people behind them were their only pursuers, then Deception wouldn’t need to know this theory. He would just run around in circles a few times and completely escape from them. The problem was that the people behind them were not their only pursuers. There were others elsewhere. After the pursuers behind them told them of their location, more people would gather around to their location. They might shed off a few pursuers, but more would come to fill up the gap endlessly. This was why Deception hadn’t been able to break through the encirclement.

Right now he wouldn’t say anything. He was going to see if this guy’s theory would actually work in practice.

Left turn?

There wasn't anything special about that. He knew how to make a left turn too.

Deception followed along and made a left turn.

"Go in."

Right after making a left, Lord Grim immediately went into a building on the side.

This building had windows. They went through the window and out onto another street.

Deception admitted he didn't know there was a window there, but the other side was relying on an online map to know this. If he had an online map opened up, he could make the same decision too.

After going through the window, they flipped onto a tall wall.

Wilderness Town wasn't just a town with proper streets everywhere. There were small alleyways too. And with the word town in its name, it was obviously not as elaborate as a big city. In reality, most of this leveling area was in the wilderness. The town was just a small corner of the map. It was because of this that the three guilds were focused on this place. As time went on, more and more backup would arrive and escaping would become even more difficult.

Deception just followed behind Lord Grim and didn't talk, quietly experiencing their route.

It wasn't over a wide area, but there were a lot of twists to it. In addition, they weren't running their fastest the entire time. In some places, Lord Grim would stop and wait.

The other side didn't say anything, so Deception wouldn't ask. But he was already able to tell that Lord Grim wasn't simply running around in circles to hide from their pursuers behind them. He was hiding from every single one of their pursuers. It was as if he knew where their enemies were.

Is that even possible? Deception was amazed.

It wasn't that Lord Grim never encountered any enemies. However, they had never fallen into a trap like Deception had fell into several times before. During these three minutes, they hadn't fought with anyone. As soon as the enemy saw them, they would immediately choose a different route, flipping over walls, going through windows, running through alleys. Their seemingly random route had goals to it. There were always options to choose from whenever an unexpected event occurred.

The concept of space wasn't just to create choices for the enemies. It was also leave choices for themselves.

Deception was beginning to understand.

However, in order to do this, having a good grasp of the terrain was crucial. This was information Deception hadn't thought was important before.

"What do you think?" Ye Xiu suddenly spoke.

"Meh." Deception was still very stiff with his words.

"But you're at least safe now." Ye Xiu said.

“Is that a joke? We still haven’t escaped our enemy’s encirclement. We’re still in it.” Deception said.

“Oh? You’ve been paying attention to our pathing?” Ye Xiu asked.

“.....”

“Have you already noticed that you’re already out of combat?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Ah?” Deception was surprised. He just realized that he was out of combat. He could simply log off and he’d be safe.

“You can log off now.” Ye Xiu said.

“And you?”

“Me? I haven’t thought of leaving! I still need to continue scrap picking!” Ye Xiu said.

“.....”

“You’re still not going to log off?” Ye Xiu glanced at Deception, “Are you perhaps interested in scrap picking too?”

“That’s my strength!” This was something Deception was confident in. If he said he was the number two scrap picker, no one would dare call themselves number one.

“You’re still green.” Ye Xiu disapproved.

“.....”

“It looks like I need to give you another lesson.” Ye Xiu said.

Deception was about to explode from anger. Someone actually dared to give him a lesson in scrap picking. He thought it was too hilarious.

“That’s not called scrap picking. What you’re doing is called PKing.” Deception corrected Ye Xiu.

“Ha ha, in reality, it’s hard to avoid thinking of PKing to get items as a scrap picker. It just depends on if you have the ability to or not, which is why you can only sit and wait for an opportunity, am I right?” Ye Xiu said.

“Of course you’re not right! To put it simply, scrap picking is a way to obtain lots of equipment quickly. If you go PKing one by one, how could that be more rewarding than scrap picking?” Deception said.

“Not as rewarding as scrap picking? If I go to a leveling area and kill whoever I see. In one day, do you think I’ll get more equipment from PKing or do you think you would get more equipment from scrap picking?” Ye Xiu asked.

“You..... PKing all day, you’re a demon!” Deception said. He realized that with his comparison, scrap picking wasn’t as rewarding as PKing. Scrap picking required waiting for an opportunity to appear. For PKing, you create your own opportunities. It was very easy to create one too. You just had to attack a person.....

“Scrap picking isn’t any better. PKing requires some skill at least.” Ye Xiu said.

“No, that’s not right……” Deception argued, but he couldn’t say what was wrong.

“What’s wrong? Scrap picking is probably even more immoral than PKing. If nothing else, it’s because scrap picking is more passive. But in reality, from a wishful thinking perspective, your scrap picking is also a type of active playing, no? Your end goal is equipment, so what’s the difference with PKing to get it?” Ye Xiu said, “Rather than being a dirty scrap picker, it’s better to just jump out and kill everyone.”

Chapter 479 – Self Defense Counter-attack, Start!

“No, that’s not right……” Deception felt like Lord Grim’s reasoning was completely skewed, but he couldn’t find any holes at the moment, so he could only mutter weakly.

“Of course it’s not right. Whether or not you’re PKing for items or scrap picking, none of them should be encouraged.” Ye Xiu said.

“Then what was the point in saying all that?” Deception stared.

“I was helping you understand that occasionally scrap picking isn’t too shameful, but scrap picking professionally is just as shameful as PKing for items. Plus, the efficiency between scrap picking and PKing is completely different, so not only is scrap picking shameful, it’s second-rate. If you treasure your time and your life, I suggest using the time you use to pick up scraps to PK for items.” Ye Xiu said.

Deception really was about to cough up blood. Where did he get treasure your life from?

“Then why are you scrap picking here?” Deception didn’t let up.

“That’s just something I said.”

“Then what are you going to do?”

“Didn’t you see me defend myself?” Ye Xiu said.

“Self-defense? You can log off right now, so why aren’t you logging off? What self-defense!” Deception remarked.

“Why should I log off? I have to defend myself. If they kill me, I kill them back. I’m a man! There’s no need to explain!” Ye Xiu said.

Deception was just about to log off, but he stopped himself. This f*cker. Isn’t he saying that if I log off, I’m not a man? I’m a man! Most definitely!

“Why aren’t you logging off?” Ye Xiu asked.

“I’m a man! There’s no need to explain!” Deception said.

Ye Xiu laughed, but didn’t say anything more. Lord Grim stuck out his neck from behind a wall to look around and then quickly retracted it.

“There seems to be a lot of people in this team!” Ye Xiu said.

“What team doesn’t have a lot of people……” Deception glanced and saw ten or so people together, a very normal team.

“Five or less is easier to deal with.” Ye Xiu said.

“Why?”

“Because I’ve done more research on this number.” Ye Xiu said.

“Research what?” Deception asked.

“How to kill them.”

“Demon……” Deception was dumbstruck. Someone who studied how to kill a team of five all day, if he wasn’t a beast, what was he?

“Jump up and see if there’s anyone above.” Ye Xiu directed.

Deception acted quickly. In addition, he didn’t need need Ye Xiu to tell him to be secretive. After jumping up, he stabbed his ninja blade on the wall and used it to quickly take a look above.

“No one.” Deception said.

“That means there are only these ten people. How do we get them to split up……” Ye Xiu muttered to himself.

“Rush out. I go left and you go right. They’ll have to split up to chase us. You’re familiar with this map. Plan out a route. After escaping from them, we’ll meet up and attack back!” Deception wasn’t someone with no suggestions.

“It’s not good.” Ye Xiu denied it.

“Why?”

“What if they don’t split up?” Ye Xiu asked.

“How could they not……” Deception didn’t completely say the word “not” when he suddenly stopped. He recalled how the others had immediately ignored him after seeing that Lord Grim was there. It was very likely they wouldn’t split up……

“Should we go on the roof first?” Deception suggested.

“It’s not a good option. If we have options, it’s best not to go up on the roof. It’s an open area making it easy for them to see us.” Ye Xiu said, “Let’s go here first.”

Deception turned around. Deception followed. A few steps later, they went into another building.

“No window!” Deception discovered.

“Go to the second floor.” Ye Xiu said. It was a two storied building.

The second floor had a window. Lord Grim went to it and only exposed half his body, while telling Deception to hide.

From this window, he could see the street below. The team of ten people stopped at the intersection for a bit. After looking around, they split into two teams. One team went forward, while the other two headed towards them.

One step, another step. The five player team walked outside of the second floor door and stopped.

“Go in and take a look.” One person in the team said. Two people entered the room to look.

Deception understood what the other side meant by giving them more options. Even an entrance to a room could be used, not just an intersection. It was just that they didn’t seem to have any choices right now. Apart from the window in front of them, they had no way to escape. If they went out through the window, they would land in front of the other three people.

“Now we can only go on the roof right?” Deception said.

“Why run? This is a good opportunity to attack back.” Ye Xiu said.

The footsteps below could be heard. Soon, the two players were walking up the stairs.

“Focus on one.” Ye Xiu didn’t speak. He switched to using messages. While they were running, the two had created a party.

Deception quietly took out his ninja blade. As the footsteps grew nearer and nearer, the heads of the two players could be seen sticking out from the stairway.

“The one on the right!” Ye Xiu typed. Lord Grim had already thrown a grenade over. Deception wasn’t slow either. When he saw the message, he immediately used a “Storm Sword”. This was a sword buff. Only Ninjas could learn this skill.

The spinning blades spun in circles as they flew towards the player on the right. Deception also followed after it.

Smoke and flames exploded. Lord Grim’s grenade had set off. The air from the explosion split the two players apart from each other. One of them was sent up, while the other was sent down.

The player on the right was then hit by the Storm Sword. Deception closed in and stepped on his shoulder. He jumped up and while landing, he swung the rope back to use a Neck Binding Technique, forcing the player onto the second floor.

Everything happened in an instant. When Deception dragged the player onto the second floor, the one on the left hadn’t even finished rolling down the stairs. Seeing one go up and the other go down, Deception started thinking.

Was that intentional? Was it even possible to time a grenade that precisely? The grenade just happened to be between the two players.

A low-leveled skill with many uses.

The air of a great expert!

Deception thought, but his attacks didn’t stop. He turned his head and saw that Lord Grim wasn’t helping him. He was standing at the window, watching the scenery.

“What are you doing!” Deception was angry. It’s a hard to come by opportunity, so why aren’t you taking it? And you call yourself a killing specialist?

Lord Grim immediately turned around and fired twice. Then, he turned back to watch the scenery again. The two shots seemed like a half-hearted response to Deception's shouts. Deception was furious, but these two shots were very accurate. His movements had been extremely quick, yet the two shots didn't miss.

"Are you done looking!" Deception attacked quickly. Even though it was only a one on one, that player didn't have any way of fighting back. The player was pushed to the window, almost getting knocked outside.

"Woah, be careful. Don't push him out." Lord Grim used a Knee Strike to send the player back.

"Hurry up and attack!" Deception was worried. The other side didn't only have one person. The other side had five and the four could come and assist him at any moment!

"Okay!" This time, he finally got the response he wanted. Lord Grim had finally come out. Even though the damage he did as a Level 52 was very limited, it was still faster than not doing anything. With the two working together, the player quickly died.

"Pa!"

An equipment dropped onto the ground. Deception was just about to pick it up, when he saw that Lord Grim was still looking out the window as if he didn't care about the equipment. Deception suddenly also stopped.

"What are you looking at?" Deception was curious. What was there to look at!

"The stratagems once said: If the enemy's power is not revealed, then there might be traps. Therefore, one should not take the enemy lightly. One should try to figure out as much as possible about the adversary. To do so, one can fake some attacks to force the enemy to reveal their cards, just like baiting a snake out of its nest. Do you understand?" Ye Xiu said.

"I'm going to stab you! Is that okay?"

"Dodge!" Ye Xiu yelled as he jumped out the window as well.

"F*ck!" It was a bit sudden. Deception hadn't thought of doing this and followed after him.

There was quite a lot to see out the window. There were many people moving about, heading towards this direction.

Lord Grim pointed his gun downwards and fired Anti-Tank Missiles. Three missiles shot out. Deception watched as the bullets as they flew through the air. How accurate! The three Anti-Tank Missiles headed towards that building's entrance. The team of four were still through the entrance to the building.

Lord Grim used the recoil from this attack to stay in the air longer. The roof across the street was lower than the second floor's window. By using Aerial Fire, he was able to directly go across the entire street.

Deception's Ninja couldn't do this, but after blasting the four players below with Anti-Tank Missiles and gunshots, they were in complete chaos. Deception landed without any problems. It was just that when he looked around, he could see many running in this direction. Deception didn't dare delay. He climbed up onto the roof. Lord Grim was already ahead of him by a bit.

“Faster.” Hearing Lord Grim urge him to hurry, Deception increased his speed.

Their running was very frantic. Going up and down, many of the places required a certain level of skill to reach. Deception didn't have time to look at their route and didn't have any time to ask any questions either. It wasn't easy keeping up. He couldn't help but think of the difficult trials from the Heavenly Domain Challenge.

At first, Deception heard a lot of “Kill him!” or “Over here!” But soon afterwards, the voices gradually quieted down. Then, they went out of combat again and escaped once again.

“How unfortunate. We could only kill one!”

It was only until this moment when Deception caught up to Lord Grim did he heard him sigh.

Even though Deception wasn't running in real life, but he felt his arms and legs weaken after doing this. One reason was because he had been nervous. Another reason was because he had to put in a lot of inputs while running about. He seemed to understand that the instant the two began fighting, the other side immediately called for backup. That guy had been standing at the window side looking below from up above to see where the enemy backup was coming from. After gathering the information necessary, he was able to create a route to break past the pursuers. It was terrifying and dangerous. In any case, if it was him, he would have definitely gotten trapped. Deception didn't doubt this.

“Our self-defense counterattack, officially begins!” Deception had just thought he would be able to relax for a bit, when he heard the guy make a declaration.

Chapter 480 – One Minute of Retaliation

“Retaliate now? Where to?” Deception was struggling to keep up.

“We have a pretty good chance now. Follow me!” As Ye Xiu spoke, Lord Grim charged out of the dark, narrow alleyway.

“What! He escaped again!!!”

After receiving reports from their subordinates, the three guild leaders were outraged. They all used “he” instead of “they” in their sentences. Clearly, Deception was of no importance to them.

“After wasting so much time, he's only killed one person. Now he's disappeared again. He's not even logging off. What does he want?” Changing Spring complained.

“Does he want to wear us down like this? Shouldn't he know better? This method might work in regular servers by slowing our leveling speed and affecting our progress in pioneering, but it would never work in the Heavenly Domain.” Arisaema analyzed the situation.

Chen Yehui said nothing. His eyes darted back and forth in front of the computer screen. He had no idea what Ye Qiu's intentions were at all. Ye Qiu was perfectly capable of just walking away and leaving this entire mess behind. However, he stayed and was now playing hide and seek with them. Was this some sort of entertainment to him? He shouldn't be so immature... A top tier God, looking for this kind of childish amusement?

“Deception also hasn’t run away yet. They’re back together again. What are they plotting?” Changing Spring asked. Deception had become a person again.

“If they’re not planning on leaving, then we don’t need to spend so much effort on defense. Let everyone join the pursuit.” Arisaema suggested. To prevent the targets from escaping the area, the guild leaders used a large amount of manpower in the east and north of Wilderness Town. Now, since the targets showed no intention of leaving, they didn’t need to waste their time waiting there.

Just after Changing Spring and Arisaema finished talking and were about to give orders, Chen Yehui suddenly received a new update, “They’ve appeared again!”

“Where?!!” Changing Spring and Arisaema yelled out together.

In an alley someplace, three players from Excellent Era were on their way to check another alley, when they suddenly saw a shadow move. In a flash, Lord Grim appeared in front of them.

“AH!” The three cried out in surprise. They didn’t attack immediately and sent out a message instead.

Lord Grim didn’t try to run away. Instead, he attacked.

Sky Strike!

The strike landed on all three of them, who were standing in a row, side by side.

The one on the right didn’t react fast enough and was thrown straight into the air. The other two jumped back hurriedly to dodge the strike, but the Sky Strike’s animation had already ended.

Falling Flower Palm!

The airborne player was immediately blown away by the palm.

Ninja Arts – Hundred Streams!

Countless water streams rushed out the small alleyway like vipers. Before the poor player could land, the water streams all rose and twisted into a water prison that incapacitated the player. The gray shadow of Deception dashed out right away. Three shurikens shot out with a swing of his hand. The two other players tried to dodge, but Lord Grim pulled a prank on them. The battle spear tapped once left and right, forcing the two others to stop. With two swooshes, each player ended with a shuriken in their characters.

Ninja Arts – Flame Cut!

Ninja Arts – Cicada Shell Double Slash!

Ninja Arts – Shadow Dance!

The shurikens temporarily paralyzed their targets. Deception seized this opportunity and dumped three skills on them at once. Every skill was released with extraordinary speed. With the flames of the Flame Cut still ablaze, the Double Slash’s silver flashes already sliced through both enemy players. The casting of Shadow Dance started amid the metallic flashes. With shadows dancing across the screen, all the attacks were concentrated on these two.

The two players were unable to defend themselves whatsoever. The continuous combos even knocked the two into the air.

This was all from Deception alone. Ye Xiu's Lord Grim wasn't slacking off either. Lord Grim attacked and contributed his portion of damage within the storm whipped up by Deception. He matched Deception's attack patterns perfectly.

Deception, on the other hand, did not really put the two in his mind. He was more interested in competing with Lord Grim. Upon noticing Lord Grim cooperating with him, he constantly switched up his rhythm. It was as if he had to trip Lord Grim up to feel happy.

Despite this, Lord Grim even found time to send a smiley face, which popped out above his head. He had clearly detected Deception's efforts to throw him off, but he kept up with ease no matter how chaotic the rhythm was. His attacks stayed steady from start to finish.

The player who was trapped by the Hundred Streams had no way of escaping. All he could do was keep sending out messages. The dancing shadows that filled the screen terrified him. His two buddies were no match for such offensive power. However, among the dizzying silhouettes, Lord Grim's existence stood out unexpectedly clear. Every move and every skill was pellucid.

The screen full of silhouettes melted back into one as Shadow Dance ended. Instead of running away, Deception didn't take a single step back. The final move appeared just like the case of Golden Fragrance: Deception manifested himself directly above the two players and crushed the two underneath with a Bird Fall. His attacks were far from over!

Too strong!

The two attacked players could not even begin to express their bitterness in words. As members of one of the big guilds, they'd never suffered so much at the hand of another player. If this had happened in the arena, then it'd undoubtedly be a complete victory for the opponent.

A Neck Bind technique followed the Bird Fall. Deception's bread and butter combos and swift performance eliminated any chance the two might have had for a come back. From start to finish, the two didn't even have a chance to show what class they were, because they didn't have a single chance to attack.

Until now!

Neck Bind Technique could only be used on one person at a time. By using it here, one of the players gained an opportunity to catch his breath. His face was buried in the dirt due to the Bird Fall though. He scrambled to get up, but was quickly smashed back into the ground. When Deception threw the other down, he had thrown the other right on top of him.

The two couldn't even understand what was happening, when a grenade rolled into their field of vision. With a thunderous boom, smoke filled their screens. The two players had no idea where they were flying to. All they knew was that their HP bars were still dropping at incredible speeds. The opponent's offensive was still continuing.

"We're done for...."

The two had nothing but despair left in their hearts. They had given up on putting up any type of resistance. Unless there was some kind of outside help, they felt there was nothing they could do anymore!

30 seconds!

During the entire half minute, the two players had been kicked around, unable to put up a fight. In that moment, Hundred Streams' time was finally up. The player, who was trapped, was finally released. The offensive that unfolded on his two friends was truly terrifying, but he could not bring himself to just abandon his friends.

"Screw this!"

Just as the thought emerged in the Berserker's head, before he could even raise his broadsword, he heard a sudden bang and he was frozen to the ground.

Spitfire skill: Stun Bullet.

As the name implied, the target would be stunned after being shot. On top of that, to be able to have the word stun in its name, the stun state it caused was nowhere as short as the stun from Dragon Tooth and other related skills. This bullet stunned the target for a full two seconds.

Two seconds of stun was quite a long time. A single Stun Bullet could very well be the turning point in a battle.

A stun could interrupt any attack.

A stun was also the best chance for retaliation.

For any Gunner class, no matter if one was a Spitfire or not, Stun Bullet was a skill that everyone learned. For a short while, some people even thought it was a bug in the game.

As a highly valued skill, it was analyzed thoroughly and received high precaution. If Stun Bullet really was untraceable, then it would really be a bug. Actually, even if it was as easily traced as normal bullets, it would have still been suspected to be a bug.

In reality, Stun Bullet was slower than normal bullets. Additionally, it made quite a unique sound when it left the barrel. The bullet was also bigger than regular ones. Players caught up with the special characteristics of Stun Bullet quickly. With enough precaution, everyone learned to be wary of this skill.

In high skilled battles, like pro matches, Stun Bullet couldn't even be considered a direct attack move. There had to be a set-up beforehand in order to land this skill. From the early days of PvP to now, Stun Bullet had become a support type skill.

The poor Berserker had clearly been careless. Although they all knew that Lord Grim was unspecialized, none of them were attentive enough to figure out what skills and tricks he might have up his sleeve.

Moreover, Ye Xiu's strike was very well covered.

He used the surrounding chaos to cover up the strike. The sound of the bullet was drowned out by the surrounding noise and the fire that spit out of the barrel was hidden by the flashy display of skills. He had even calculated the duration of Hundred Streams' prison.

Even the Berserker who was trapped hadn't counted. He simply waited for the water prison to dissipate. He never thought he would be attacked while he was still inside the prison. This was because any damage to the water prison, even if it was from the person who released the skill, would shorten the duration of the water prison's bind effect.

This unexpected and precise shot was calculated to the extreme.

The water prison hadn't even disappeared yet when the bullet left the barrel.

When the bullet arrived, the water prison had just disappeared. When the Berserker said "Screw it!", he might have even seen the bullet. However, he would have had no time to react at all.

With an additional two seconds of stun, unable to do anything, he watched helplessly as the real Lord Grim teleported in front of him with the Shadow Clone Technique.

His demise was about to begin...

After receiving the discovery of Lord Grim's location for about a minute, Chen Yehui received another message: three man team, wiped out.

Changing Spring and Arisaema had no idea about this news. They were still organizing people to raid the place.