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Chapter 481 – Another Encounter with Golden Fragrance

The entire battle took about a minute.

When the teams received the news, it took them some time to figure out how to get to the location. By the time they arrived at the place, they couldn't even find the corpses.

The poor players had already been killed.

This was the news that Changing Spring and Arisaema got. Their people arrived at the location and found no traces whatsoever.

"What's going on?!" The two shouted out at the exact same time. They were asking Chen Yehui because the information had come from Chen Yehui.

"They already escaped..." Chen Yehui replied.

"What about your men?"

"Dead..." Chen Yehui said.

"Dead?" A hint of schadenfreude could be heard in their voices.

"Cough, sorry about your losses..." Arisaema tried to hide his joy with a slight cough.

He truly is targeting Excellent Era! Arisaema couldn't have been happier. He had no idea what was happening on Changing Spring's end, but he planned on releasing the news later. He wanted Excellent Era to suffer, but he did not expect this would cause them to lose track of Lord Grim altogether. It had only been a minute! Ye Xiu was indeed powerful, but how strong could a level 52 character be? Even a Silver class weapon had to follow the level rules. Maybe... That guy's Silver weapon had a special attribute that lowered the required level?

For example, a level 50 weapon with an attribute that lowered the required level by 5 meant that a level 45 character could use that weapon. Similarly, if the required level was lowered by 10, then a level 50 weapon could be equipped by a level 40 character. This type of equipment was undoubtedly worthless to a max level character, but it was pretty useful for a character who was still in the process of leveling up.

Arisaema guessed. He checked and found Lord Grim hadn't logged off yet. With the target missing, he could only ask his men to continue searching the area.

"Slow, too slow! Do you have any decent equipment? What kind of trash are you wearing? With this kind of lame attack power, aren't you ashamed of yourself?" The two ran along the streets. Deception was feeling very good about himself from the previous battle. Initially, he was a bit bitter about Lord Grim, so he tried to mess him up. After having enjoyed the benefit of teamwork, he started to cooperate with Lord Grim. The high efficiency of killing three players within a minute made him extremely proud of himself. In the end, he got scolded solemnly by Ye Xiu during their escape.

“How do you still have the shame to laugh at my equipments?” Deception was surprised by the sudden outburst. Is this guy seriously mocking me with his ridiculous rainbow set of equipment? It was true that he didn’t wear his best set this time, but at least everything he was wearing was from the Heavenly Domain!

“Which level am I? Does the Heavenly Domain have anything that I can use?” Ye Xiu retorted.

“...” Deception didn’t know what to say. Heaven’s Realm was released when the max level in the game was still 55. As a result, the lowest leveling area and lowest equipment level were both level 55.

“I...”

“Quiet!” Ye Xiu abruptly interrupted Deception. Lord Grim, who had been walking in front, came to a sudden halt. Clearly, there were enemies up front.

“I am going to lure them out. Get ready to use the Underground Tunneling Technique. Wait for my signal.” Ye Xiu explained as Lord Grim charged out.

“LORD GRIM!!!”

A female shouted from outside. The voice sounded a bit familiar to Deception.

“Woah!” Lord Grim also cried out in surprise and scurried back.

“Shameless!” Deception looked down on Lord Grim’s acts, but he still used the Underground Tunneling Technique. His character dove into the ground and stayed underground. This skill allowed the character to stay underground for awhile. The only requirement was the use of a ninjato. The sheath on the ninjato could be used as a straw to draw air in for breathing.

While underground because of the Underground Tunneling Technique, the player would only be able to see a small area above his head. The player could adjust his view, but not by alot.

Just after Deception dove under, a rainbow figure ran across his screen. No one other than Lord Grim would wear such a disgusting combination of equipment.

Lord Grim took a sharp turn into the narrow alley and then jumped up onto the roof immediately. The chaotic footsteps told Deception that a huge crowd of people had rushed into the alley after Lord Grim. There was at least half of a patrol of them.

Deception was shocked by the crowd. Then a message popped up in the chat, “The same Launcher as before! Attack her! Then destroy her!”

Deception looked through the small view and spotted the Launcher immediately. The ID above her head: Golden Fragrance.

He still says he has nothing against Launchers?

With such targeting, Deception seriously doubted Lord Grim’s intentions. Right now, attacking anyone was the same, so I’m going to deliberately attack someone else. Deception thought happily and was about to attack when he heard the Launcher yell, “Where is he?! And also that Deception! I’m going to tear him to pieces along with the other one!”

Tear me to pieces? You're the one who's going to get torn to pieces! Upon hearing her threats, Deception redirected his attack towards Golden Fragrance right away. Underground Tunneling Technique's attack didn't attack a set point, but a place in his visible range, so it could be used as an underground teleportation type skill. Deception set his sights on Golden Fragrance. He shot out from underground and went directly towards her the moment she entered his attack range.

Golden Fragrance was launched into the air by the sudden attack. Deception followed Ye Xiu's advice for the moment. His character flipped, his head down and feet up, as he delivered a kick straight to Golden Fragrance's chin with a Broken Flash.

The airborne Golden Fragrance flew even higher than before. While the surrounding players were still reacting to the sudden ambush, a battle spear shot down from the roof top. Its tip embedded itself into Golden Fragrance. With a fluid arc, the Circle Swing smashed the girl onto the rooftop. Lord Grim then swung out his hand, and a grenade leisurely fell into the crowd.

The crowd screamed for cover. The shock wave of the explosion had a blow away effect. Unless one went into a super armor, there was no way for one to deal with the effect.

On the other hand, the shock wave has no effect on Deception because he was on the same team as Lord Grim. He jumped up and stabbed his ninjato into the wall. Due to the low walls, he was on the rooftops within a second. Lord Grim already started to bash Golden Fragrance. Still annoyed by her earlier statements, Deception joined in without any hesitation, turning the situation into a group fight.

"You two are seeking death!" Golden Fragrance shouted.

The two continued attacking without replying.

"Our Excellent Dynasty won't let you off easily!" Golden Fragrance continued.

"Humph, Excellent Dynasty Era? What's that?" Deception didn't even put these big guilds in his mind. He always stole these big guilds' kills, so he was never scared of them anyways.

"Sister, are you a new to this? Do you even understand what the situation is right now? Do you know who I am?" Ye Xiu was also puzzled. He found this girl's arrogance to be extremely childish.

"She's the Golden Princess. She doesn't care who you are." Chen Guo cut in. Upon seeing Golden Fragrance, Chen Guo was excited. This time, she jumped right into the mood without any doubts. Her only regret in that moment was that her Chasing Haze couldn't teleport to their location and join in on the fun.

"I know who you are, but with only yourself, what can you do?" Golden Fragrance was actually looking down on Ye Xiu, but it was Deception who got annoyed.

Only myself? These people don't even see me in their eyes! Am I not a person???

This time, Deception completely misunderstood the conversation between Golden Fragrance and Ye Xiu. The two of them were talking from a different angle. Golden Fragrance wasn't ignoring Deception at all. Deception had made a huge mockery out of her earlier by stealing her equipment with Ye Xiu earlier. Those actions had ensured a solid enmity between her and Deception.

“GO DIE!!” Deception roared and attacked even more furiously. This confused Ye Xiu even more. Are we on such a good terms already? She was talking about me, so why are you so angry? Ye Xiu didn’t realize that Deception had misunderstood the conversation.

“You take over?” Ye Xiu asked.

“I got it!” Deception replied without any hesitation.

“Faster.” Ye Xiu said and then took out a Gatling Gun. Bullets rained down in a downpour, washing down all the players who were trying to scale the wall.

Spells, grenades, missiles...

Ye Xiu threw down all of his long-distance skills to sweep the players away. The total damage couldn’t be considered to be fatal in any way. However, their attempts at reaching the rooftop were thoroughly crushed.

This time, Golden Fragrance was in a ten-person team. After she was knocked up, the other nine players tried their best at jumping up to rescue her, but all of their attempts were fruitless. Lord Grim defended the roof ferociously with all kinds of attacks. He wasn’t aiming to deal damage. All he wanted was keep the enemies at bay and make them fall back down.

Lord Grim glanced down from up high. There were other teams rushing over. After their whereabouts had been reported, the enemies had clearly called for reinforcements.

“How much longer?” Ye Xiu asked Deception.

“These garbage equipments really suck!” Deception even cursed at himself. The attack power of the set he had for kill stealing was way too low for his liking. It didn’t help him vent his anger at all.

“Tell her to hand over her weapon, then we’ll spare her.” Ye Xiu continued.

“What kind of nonsense is this?” Deception didn’t understand Ye Xiu.

“Take it at face value.” Ye Xiu jumped out sideways while talking. With a Collapsing Mountain, he smashed another player, who was trying to jump up, back down into the alley.

“DIE!!!!” Deception roared. Ye Xiu turned around and found Golden Fragrance flying away with blood spilling from her mouth. He had no idea what skill Deception used to do that.

“F*ck! What a waste of time!!” Ye Xiu immediately abandoned the edge of the roof. Lord Grim jumped after her.

“She’s already dead!” Deception yelled.

“Equipment!” Ye Xiu yelled. With an agile leap, Lord Grim secured another piece of Golden Fragrance’s equipment that flew out from her corpse.

Deception was puzzled. I don’t understand him at all!

The three we killed before dropped equipments too, why didn’t he go after them with the same crazed excitement?

Could it be..... another Orange equip!!!

This time Deception had fun killing Golden Fragrance. He didn't really care what equipment dropped. The corpse of the girl flying away was nothing more than a corpse in his eyes. He didn't even bother looking at it. As of now, the equipment dropped was already in Lord Grim's pocket. Was it another Orange equip? Is he one of those high level scrap pickers who only look for Orange equips to steal?

Chapter 482 – Armor-piercing Cannon

“Hurry up and run!” Ye Xiu shouted as he dashed along the rooftop.

“What about the others?” Deception was still a bit hesitant.

“They've all been killed by me.” Ye Xiu said.

“What??!!” Deception turned pale.

“As if that's possible.” Ye Xiu sighed.

“.....” Deception was speechless. He looked around and saw reinforcements pouring in. There was no way he could keep fighting, so he hastily followed after Lord Grim.

Golden Fragrance was dead. She didn't choose to revive though. Her ghost stayed floating in the air. Seeing the two leave just like that, she wanted revenge.

As a core member of one of the top guilds, Golden Fragrance had experienced many things before, but today's situation was still a first. They had talked for a bit, but it was while fighting. The two quickly killed her, threw her corpse to the side, and then ran. What were her teammates doing? Why hadn't she seen any of them from beginning to end? What was going on?

Golden Fragrance didn't choose to revive because in the Heavenly Domain, Level 70 Clerics had a revive skill. Revived characters would revive with low health and mana, but the character wouldn't be in a critically ill state. By reviving at the same spot, she wouldn't have to waste time running back here. More importantly, she wouldn't lose $\frac{1}{3}$ of her experience. However, the only thing she could prevent was losing experience. The money and equipment that had been lost couldn't be returned. This was because the money and equipment were still there. It was just that they were on the ground.

Golden Fragrance gritted her teeth. An option on-screen appeared, asking whether or not she would like to be revived.

After accepting it, the color returned to her world of gray. Golden Fragrance stood up. On the ground nearby was a small money bag that had dropped when she died. The amount of money was a percentage of her total wealth. Golden Fragrance picked up the coins and saw her nine teammates standing in a circle, staring at her and not saying a word. As for the two who had run off, none of them had gone to chase after them. They were all waiting for Golden Fragrance's orders.

“What are you staring at?! Chase them down!” Golden Fragrance shouted.

The team immediately rushed out. Golden Fragrance followed after, while checking her inventory in grief. She had been so sad that she had even forgotten to do this. Seeing the money on the ground around her, Golden Fragrance felt like it was a good sign. She even thought she hadn't dropped any

equipment, but when she checked her inventory to look, her weapon slot was empty. Her world turned dark.

“MY WEAPON!!” Golden Fragrance cried.

The nine teammates jumped up in fright. They turned around to look at her.

“Where’s my weapon? Did it drop? How come I didn’t see it!!!” Lord Grim had been too quick. He had picked it up so quickly that Golden Fragrance hadn’t even seen it drop.

The nine others were silent. All of them knew how precious Golden Fragrance’s weapon was.

Orange weapon, Armor-piercing Cannon. Level 70, 715 Attack Power, +55 Strength. It also had an additional effect. When attacking, there was a 5% chance to ignore armor for six seconds.

This ignore armor effect was targeted. The armor would only break at a certain spot. For example, if your attack triggered the ignore armor effect on the body equipment. The body equipment would be ignored. The stats from the ignored equipment would be wiped clean as if it didn’t exist. The durability would also decrease by 300% the normal rate during these six seconds.

In Glory, when an equipment’s durability reached zero, it couldn’t be fixed, so if an equipment broke due to loss of durability, it would always be painful for the player. If they weren’t careful, the equipment would be destroyed once the durability hit zero. There was no equipment in Glory that could directly reduce durability. Usually, the effects would make the durability drop 10% or 20% faster. This Armor-piercing Cannon was one of those type of equipments. Even though it only had a percentage chance to proc, a 300% increase effect was far greater than normal weapons.

However, rapidly decreasing durability might be annoying for the enemy, but in a real battle, the ignore armor effect was much more useful. Erasing the stats provided by a piece of equipment would greatly weaken the target’s defense.

In short, the Armor-piercing Cannon not only had Orange level stats, its effects were useful whether it was in PvE or PvP. It was an extremely valuable weapon. Just hearing that it had dropped made the others feel hurt.

“Hurry up and chase them! Get it back for me!!!” Golden Fragrance shouted in anger. The nine others immediately began chasing. Golden Fragrance had already entered a berserk state. In the guild chat, she yelled out, calling for friends. It was originally a guild related battle, but now, it had become a personal battle.

Chen Yehui saw this, but he didn’t block it. In fact, he was actually delighted.

This was one very important reason why Golden Fragrance was able to become a core member in the guild.

Club guilds may operate like a business, but the absolute majority of the guild members didn’t have a professional, business-like attitude. They had gathered under the guild because of their love for the team and to support their favorite athletes.

Doing work for the guild was the same as supporting the team, which was why many players were happy to do it. Clubs relied on this in order to gather a large number of troops. While Clubs may have a strict

system of organization, to the majority of guild members, the guild leader couldn't just order them however he wanted. After all, the players were there to play the game. Supporting the team was secondary. In their eyes, the guild leader wasn't that important. As a result, the tasks given by guilds were mostly voluntary. The guilds didn't dare force orders onto the players that weren't willing to do them.

As for Golden Fragrance, although some people might not like her, the majority liked to circle around her. This type of person could rely on her personal connections to bring out a lot of players. Club guilds needed these type of people. The people Golden Fragrance called for may be her private friends, but Chen Yehui didn't mind.

This was because these private people would listen to her and Golden Fragrance listened to Chen Yehui. Once a player became a core member, he or she would no longer be a regular player. The player would have to have a professional attitude. The Clubs didn't let them do whatever they wanted all day. Core members could be managed and ordered around more easily.

"What's wrong Golden Fragrance?" Not only did Chen Yehui not stop her, he even tried to spur her on.

"My Armor-piercing Cannon dropped!" Golden Fragrance was furious.

"Ah?" This news made even Chen Yehui's heart hurt. Even for top guilds, this type of Orange equipment wasn't easy to get.

"They're still here! Hurry up and get it back!" Chen Yehui used the opportunity to urge Golden Fragrance on. He wasn't just saying it as an act. He truly wanted Golden Fragrance to get back the weapon. Core members were also the main force for dungeons and bosses. The Armor-piercing Cannon was very useful. Golden Fragrance wasn't the only player in Excellent Dynasty who had one, but one fewer, meant one less powerful player.

"I know!" Golden Fragrance cried and sent an angry face. When others saw her crying in the guild chat, a whole bunch of players asked her what was wrong.

After Golden Fragrance got promoted to a core member, she automatically became big sis Golden Fragrance.

As soon as they heard her equipment had been stolen, quite a few of her supporters rallied up, telling her they would get revenge. Chen Yehui didn't say anything. These people should be sent out by Golden Fragrance, not him.

"They escaped again? What's going on!" Arisaema received the news. Lord Grim and Deception had appeared again, but had escaped.

"I heard there were ten people in that team over there, but they still couldn't stop them?" Arisaema asked Chen Yehui. He was starting to doubt whether or not Chen Yehui had let them go on purpose in order to avoid any further casualties. This wasn't like the past, where there were only three people per team. No one questioned Lord Grim's skill, but as a level 52 character, his DPS wouldn't be high. Ten players should at least be able to stall for a good amount of time right? However, they failed once again and could only continue chasing.

No one had any confidence in chasing them down because Lord Grim hadn't escaped without a trace just once.

"What do you mean?" Chen Yehui had lost an Orange weapon! How could he be pleased?!

"If even ten people couldn't stop them, there's no way we can kill them. Most teams are split into either three or five player teams. They have no chance, no?" Arisaema said.

"It's not like anyone of us ever thought a single team could kill them, right? It's simply to widen our area of control. Once we find our target, we will surround them in one go." Chen Yehui said.

"Then we have to hurry and surround them!" Arisaema said.

"Yes, surround them. Who didn't do it?" Chen Yehui said.

Arisaema was surprised. Could he have figured out that their Herb Garden's movements were a bit slow?

The two were still fighting a word battle, when new information came. They had disappeared once again.

"F*ck!" Changing Spring shouted.

"What do you think? Armor-piercing Cannon. Are you satisfied?" Ye Xiu asked Chen Guo.

"Not bad, not bad." Chen Guo nodded her head. The equipment was very good. It used to be Golden Fragrance's, after all. The expression on her face was probably very good too. Who knew how long it would have taken her to get this weapon if she had stayed in Excellent Dynasty.

"You also want a hairband right, but I don't think I saw Golden Fragrance with a hairband!" Ye Xiu said.

"Mm, I don't want hers." Chen Guo said with disgust.

Equipment on the body affected the character's appearance more than a weapon, so she cared a lot about it. Chen Guo had chosen to wear a hairband to match her in-game appearance with her real life appearance. As for Golden Fragrance, she used a flower hair clip. Chen Guo didn't like it at all, no matter how good the stats on it were.

"Who has a good hairband?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Ah, it's fine. This weapon is more than good enough." Chen Guo said. This was the truth. An Orange weapon was definitely much rarer than a Purple weapon. Finding one that could be used was extremely hard to come by. Many players were happy just to have an Orange weapon, let alone one that suited them.

"You should go level up." Chen Guo reminded Ye Xiu.

"It's no problem. It's just a day." Ye Xiu looked like he was a bit hesitant though. On the other hand, Deception was more enthusiastic: "Where do we go next??"

Chapter 483 - Is There Space Here?

"Now what??" The guild leaders had a terrible headache.

They had originally thought that this was a once in a lifetime opportunity, but after stationing themselves in Wilderness Town for some time, not only had they failed to achieve their goal, their opponents had killed off several of their men.

A few deaths wasn't a big loss, but more importantly, they couldn't see any ray of hope.

The two ran and ran. They would suddenly appear and then disappear. The three guilds had so many people pursuing them, but they weren't able to do anything except die. What were they supposed to do?

"Target found!"

Another one of these messages came.

"Kill! Kill them for me!! Hurry up and kill them!!!" The three guild leaders ordered.

A minute later, another message arrived: we got wiped.

It was another assembly of three players. These three clearly weren't opponents for those two. They couldn't even last a minute.

What did it mean to be able to kill three players in one minute? It meant that it wasn't a battle. It was a one-sided massacre. Lord Grim was only Level 52, so his DPS was limited. Deception was max leveled, but his equipment was lacking. On the other hand, everyone in the three guilds had a full set of equipment with good stats, yet they couldn't even last a minute before dying. If they had been sandbags with the same stats, the sandbags would have probably been defeated in the same amount of time.

Their enemies had used the same trick twice. The Ninja would imprison one with Hundred Streams and then focus on killing the other two. Once those two died, they would come back and kill the one trapped in the water prison.

It was a very simple tactic which relied on brute force. There wasn't anything special about it.

"The enemies are stronger. Let's have every team be made of at least five people. The backup from outside the encirclement have basically all arrived. We should hurry up and have them join."

The three guild leaders hastily made adjustments to their plan.

After the two wiped out the three-man team, they quickly vanished. They disappeared so thoroughly, that they didn't leave any traces behind. The guilds couldn't even figure out their general location. Their only choice was to scour the streets. Time passed. Apart from knowing their targets were still online, they had no other information on them. Some people were even beginning to doubt the two were still in Wilderness Town.

Just when the three guild leaders were wondering if this was true, a message arrived. The two had appeared again.

"Hurry, hurry, hurry, hurry!" The three guild leaders immediately ordered. Now, every team was made up of at least five players. If it was five against two, they should be able to stall for some time, right?

Sure enough, five was greater than three. They were at least able to stall until backup arrived. However, the two didn't linger around with the five players. The two also ran away earlier. Everyone coughed blood as they chased with a terrible premonition in their hearts. Their premonition turned real and the two disappeared again without a trace.

The team of five didn't wipe out, but two of them had still died. The Cleric was hurried over to revive and heal them, but their money and equipment had already been procured cleanly.

"I thought you only wanted Orange equips?"

In the previous two fights, Lord Grim had picked up all the equipment that dropped. This made Deception confused again. He thought Lord Grim was someone who only cared about Orange equipment.

"Yeah, I don't really want to pick them up, but if I don't, then they'll take it back. It'd be better if I had it rather than them." Ye Xiu said.

"How unfortunate. We can't kill them all." Deception and Ye Xiu had completely swapped places. One of them wanted to kill other players, while the other one wanted to pick up scraps.

"Our damage isn't good enough." Ye Xiu said.

"We don't have enough time." There was nothing Deception could do either. As soon as they engaged with the enemies, the enemies would immediately send out a report to the others. Soon afterwards, a huge crowd of players would come over to attempt to catch them. They could only stop fighting and escape.

Many of the players in the three guilds were exhausted, although there was still one group that was still full of fighting spirit.

"Sis' Golden Fragrance, where are they!" Someone in the team cried.

This group wasn't fighting under the guild's banner, but rather under Golden Fragrance's name. Most of them were from Excellent Dynasty, but there were also a few non-Excellent Dynasty players. All of them were Golden Fragrance's personal friends.

"Lord Grim. There are even rumors going around saying he's Ye Qiu!" One person said.

"It doesn't matter who he is! No one can bully Golden Fragrance. We have so many people here. We're not afraid of anyone!"

"Thank you everyone for coming here. Besides Lord Grim, there's also that guy called Deception. I think everyone has heard of him before?" Golden Fragrance said.

"Deception? I know him! He's that scrap picker!"

Deception was still quite infamous.

"Yes, those two. My Armor-piercing Cannon was stolen by them. They haven't left yet. The weapon is still with them. Please help me get it back." Golden Fragrance asked.

"Don't worry! Even if we have to go to hell and back, we'll help you get your equipment back!"

All sorts of people were trying to win her favor.

“Good. Let’s move out. I just received a message. Our targets have appeared, but they’ve escaped. We’ll head over there.” Golden Fragrance said.

As a result, a team of twenty players headed towards the last reported location Ye Xiu and Deception had been seen at. This team had gathered solely for Golden Fragrance. Even Chen Yehui wouldn’t be able to order them around. He saw this, but didn’t say anything about it.

The players participating in this activity headed towards the location. As they moved towards it, they saw quite a few teams running around. The more they saw this, the more wary they became.

“How many people from the three guilds have come?” Someone asked.

“So far I’ve seen enough people to make up several groups.” One of them was astonished.

Each group could hold 100 players each. It was considered a very large unit of measurement in the game. No matter how difficult a boss was, there was no such boss that a group couldn’t take down. Yet against these two players, the three guilds had dispatched enough troops for several groups.

“There’s nothing we can do. These two guys are extremely cunning. They’re constantly hiding and running. If it was a direct confrontation, we wouldn’t need so many people.” Golden Fragrance explained.

“Then how are we supposed to find them?” The two asked.

“Right now, we’re shrinking the amount of space they have to move around in. Once we’ve shrunken it down to a small enough space, they’ll have to come out.” Golden Fragrance said.

“If the others kill him, then won’t our trip have been wasted?” Another person asked.

“Right, that’s why we have to move faster. There are Herb Garden and Blue Brook Guild players here too. If they kill him and my Armor-piercing Cannon drops, I doubt they’ll give it back.” Golden Fragrance said.

Ye Xiu and Deception were running around. They saw a few individual teams while moving about, but they didn’t attack them. Deception was starting to get impatient.

“Why aren’t we killing them?” After passing by another team, Deception finally asked.

“Look over there.” Ye Xiu pointed in a certain direction.

Deception turned his head to look and saw another team come from around the corner of a street.

“The enemies are gathering together. The amount of space we have to move around in is being compressed. It isn’t a good time to attack. The past few times we had a certain amount of time to finish them off, but this type of opportunity isn’t going to be easy to find anymore. They’re tightening the space between them.” Ye Xiu said.

“What do we do?” Deception asked.

“We’re going to have to move around in a large area. We have to go this way. They don’t have complete control over this area yet.” Ye Xiu led Deception down a different route.

“How do you know?” Deception didn’t understand.

“Remember the enemy teams and observe their positions. Translate it onto the map and predict their movements.” Ye Xiu said.

“.....” Deception was sweating just from hearing his explanation.

“Golden Fragrance.” At this moment, Golden Fragrance received Chen Yehui’s message.

“Hm?”

“We’ve shrunken their area of movement on this side. I purposefully left a space open. They’re probably going to be heading in that direction. You have enough troops. Finish them! If Herb Garden and Blue Brook Guild surround them, they’ll probably take their items away.” Chen Yehui said.

“Thank you guild leader!” Golden Fragrance was overjoyed when she heard this.

“Besides your Armor-piercing Cannon, take note of Lord Grim’s weapon. If it drops, you have to get it no matter the cost.” Chen Yehui added.

“Okay, I understand.” Golden Fragrance replied.

“Someone will provide you with accurate information.”

“Okay.”

Golden Fragrance was delighted. She turned around and told the good news to everyone. Everyone cracked their knuckles. Their only regret was that just killing these two wouldn’t be enough.

After a short moment, Golden Fragrance received a message. It was from a player in Excellent Dynasty, reporting their location.

“Good!” Golden Fragrance checked the map and after studying it, she led everyone to lay in wait for an ambush.

Ye Xiu and Deception weren’t having an easy time running either. From time to time, they had to hide from small teams. It made Deception feel like the enemies really were gathering in one area, but as they moved, fewer and fewer teams appeared, letting Deception know that they were gradually breaking through the enemy’s encirclement. Afterwards, for a long while, the two didn’t even try hiding because no one was there.

“Did we break through the encirclement?” Deception was surprised. Thinking of before, they hadn’t even started shrinking the encirclement yet and he had already had a difficult time running away. Now that he was with Lord Grim, they ran and stopped, neither slowly, nor quickly, and were able to escape from the encirclement with ease.

“Like I said, they’ve gotten a bit careless with their formation on this side.” Ye Xiu smiled.

“Really?”

Deception didn't have enough time to say anything more, when someone interrupted him. In an instant, many people jumped down from the roofs and buildings. It wasn't just five or ten people. Deception looked around. There were too many to count.

When Deception saw this, he smirked: "They've gotten a bit careless with their formation on this side?"

"Uh, you see, this formation doesn't count as a part of the previous formation." Ye Xiu said.

"Now what?" Deception asked.

"Kill them all." Ye Xiu said.

"What?" Deception thought he heard wrong.

"Look how arrogant and confident they are. This time, they probably won't ask for backup!" Ye Xiu said.

"That's not necessarily true." Deception said.

"More importantly, look who is over there." Ye Xiu said.

"It's that girl."

"Yeah, she lost her weapon, so she wants to personally take it back. If others got it, who would return it to her?" Ye Xiu said.

"So you're saying, they're going to just stand there and let themselves be killed?"

"Don't be afraid. I have a plan." Ye Xiu said.

"How could I be afraid!" Deception charged directly towards Golden Fragrance.

Chapter 484 - Formation

Golden Fragrance had suffered under Deception's hands twice already. There was no way she wouldn't be prepared this time. Launchers were a pure long-ranged class. They shouldn't even be letting their opponents get near. The previous two incidences had been because she was careless. She wouldn't make the same mistake again. When Golden Fragrance saw Deception moving towards her, she used Aerial Fire in order to fly backwards. The two players next to her had charged forward ferociously to meet him in battle. One was a Battle Mage, while the other was a Berserker. A spear and a greatsword shot towards Deception.

Deception leapt up and landed with a Bird Fall. His movements were so quick that the other two weren't able to react in time and were stepped on.

Deception didn't follow up though. With around twenty enemies around them, the melee classes had already started surrounding them and the long-ranged classes had begun firing at them. There was no time to stay in one spot for too long. After stepping on their shoulders, he flipped into the air towards the back. Even so, he was still hit by several bullets in the air. There were just too many enemies. The enemies were ready for ambushes too and their attacks were focused.

It had only been a single exchange, but Deception was already in a fluster. Deception really didn't have any confidence in this sort of situation. He only had one more trick in his arsenal.

As soon as he landed, he quickly formed a hand seal. Several shadows flew out from him and began wildly attacking.

In this sort of situation, the skill was used defensively. The shadows scattered around. The enemies couldn't accurately grasp which ones were which, but at the same time, they didn't need to care about Deception's attacks. They threw out all sorts of skills. If the attack hit, then it hit. If it didn't, then it didn't. It didn't really matter.

As for Ye Xiu, there were also players attacking him. He wasn't as panicked as Deception was though. Using another player as a weapon, he easily swatted away the two incoming enemies. Following afterwards, he followed up with a Gatling Gun. He swept his gun across the field, interrupting several skills from long-ranged classes in the distance.

The mages had their magic staffs pointed at him, but no magic came out. Their pose made them look incredibly stupid.

"He really is powerful!"

Such control over the battlefield was more than enough to astonish these Heavenly Domain veterans.

The rumor that Lord Grim was Ye Qiu had spread far and wide. Though for them to be willing to stand with Golden Fragrance, none of them were loyal fans of Ye Qiu. They were still interested in the God's skill though. Being able to fight with a God in the game was certainly brag-worthy.

As a result, after seeing Ye Xiu's beautiful movements, the enemies only grew more excited and attacked more ferociously.

Ye Xiu hastily had Lord Grim roll backwards a few times, dodging the incoming attacks. Some looked as if they were going to hit, but Deception's shadows suddenly appeared to block them.

A coincidence?

Did he dodge in this way on purpose?

Did Deception really intentionally block it for him?

No one had time to carefully ponder over it. In any case, it had all happened in an instant. Two of Deception's shadows had died. The fewer the shadows, the clearer the field became. The enemies' attacks had a focus to them.

Deception glanced around while switching between his shadows. He saw Lord Grim rolling around, dodging the barrage of attacks. This didn't look like someone who was going to "kill them all".

"Who has my Armor-piercing Cannon?" Golden Fragrance was excited. She stood out, acting as if she had control over the entire battle.

"Are you going to let us go if we hand over the cannon?" Ye Xiu joked.

"Hmph, if you give it to me, I'll let one of you go." Golden Fragrance said.

"So it's like that. Then it looks like only I can go. He can't give you what you're looking for, ha ha ha." Ye Xiu laughed.

“Demon!!!” Deception’s Shadow Dance had ended. He heard what Ye Xiu said and glared at him in disdain.

Golden Fragrance didn’t know how to reply.

At this moment, shouldn’t he be standing out like a hero and sacrificing himself for his friend? If this happened, she would get her Armor-piercing Cannon back. Deception would get to leave, while Lord Grim would die. She would be able to keep her promise, as well as complete her objective. Her image would be safe and sound too.

But this guy was too shameless. He was actually prepared to sacrifice his friend. Lord Grim would be let go, but she would have her weapon back.

Golden Fragrance hesitated for a moment. After all, even if she killed the target, whether or not her Armor-piercing Cannon dropped or not depended on luck. After he revived, he could transfer the Cannon away. This meant she only had one chance. However, there was a very low chance that the Armor-piercing Cannon would actually drop. Right now, she had a 100% chance to get it back. Should she sacrifice a bit of her status in the guild to let Lord Grim go?

If she went back on her word and killed them both after taking her weapon back..... with so many of her friends watching, Golden Fragrance felt too ashamed to do such a thing.

In the end, she didn’t need to feel ashamed. Her friends supported her.

“Golden Fragrance, this is a really good opportunity. First, take your weapon back and then kill him.” Someone suggested.

“That’s no good!” Golden Fragrance was elated. If someone was willing to offer her bad advice, then she wouldn’t let the opportunity go.

“Don’t worry. We’ll kill him, but let Deception go. We can just say that we never let them choose who could go. Isn’t that perfect?” Another person added.

“Oh, that works!” Golden Fragrance agreed.

Thus, she immediately shouted: “Hand me the cannon!”

“You’ll let me go?” Ye Xiu needed confirmation.

She lost the word battle. Golden Fragrance was stuck. However, her other friends had an idea: “Return the cannon to Golden Fragrance and we’ll let you go.”

“Who do I mean when I say “you”? I’m talking about Deception, ha ha ha ha!” This person explained.

How low..... Even she couldn’t help but look down on him.

“So the deal is set?” Ye Xiu said.

“Yes!”

“You won’t go back on your word?” Ye Xiu said.

“I won’t.”

“Hm, let me think about it. I feel like it’s a bit embarrassing for me to accept it.” Ye Xiu said.

“You!” Golden Fragrance obviously understood that she had been played. During this time, their attacks had stopped and the two had time to rest.

“I’m not letting a single one of you leave alive!!!” Golden Fragrance shouted.

“Agreed!” Ye Xiu replied.

Right when Ye Xiu said this, raging flames suddenly roared up from the ground. However, the flames didn’t target Deception or Lord Grim, but rather the players.

All of them stared blankly in surprise. Fire Storm was a Level 60 Elementalist skill. An unspecialized couldn’t learn it, so who had used it?

They still hadn’t figured it out yet! Boom! The sounds of raging flames and violent winds burned their bodies.

“WHO IS IT!!!!” Everyone was astonished. Someone was clearly attacking them.

A shadow suddenly flickered on the ground. They looked up and saw a Berserker lifting a greatsword above his head. The Berserker leapt down from a nearby rooftop and smashed the ground with an Earthsplitting Slash.

There were many skills in Glory which began from high above to down below. The damage and effects depended on the height difference. Earthsplitting Slash was one such skill. By jumping down from the rooftop, the player could take advantage of the extra height between the roof and ground.. This was common knowledge.

How big would the area of effect for the Earthsplitting Slash be?

The noobs in the normal servers might not know, but the Heavenly Domain veterans had an idea. No one dared to face it head on. Everyone immediately spread out.

Another two shadows appeared, but neither of them arrived on stage in as domination of a fashion as the Berserker. Of the two shadows, one of them held a battle spear, while the other had nothing in his hands. One was a Battle Mage, while the other was a Grappler. These two figures took the rear. An Elementalist was standing on another rooftop. His staff was pointed towards where the Fire Storm was blazing. Clearly, he was the one who had executed the sneak attack.

“Who are these people?” Everyone cried out in astonishment. Rumble! The Earthsplitting Slash crashed into the ground and the ground shook. From where the sword hit, a shockwave spread out. A faint sword energy could be seen resonating within the shockwave. This was an effect of the Earthsplitting Slash. If a target was hit, there was a chance the target would turn Dizzy.

Fortunately, they had prepared themselves and spread out. No one was hit by the Earthsplitting Slash, but immediately afterwards, a red glow emanated from his body and he entered a Berserk state. Two scarlet eyes stared in their direction. He crouched down and his greatsword was placed behind him. A bright light shone from the tip of the sword and a bloody mist formed above the ground.

“Crimson Storm!!!”

They immediately recognized this skill. It was the Berserker Level 70 skill, Crimson Storm!

“Interrupt him!!” Someone shouted.

Crimson Storm was extremely powerful, but it had a very slow startup animation. Without any setup, it was unlikely to come out.

However, Crimson Storm wasn't a skill that was cast like Elementalist skills. As a result, the skill couldn't be interrupted with a simple attack. There were two ways to interrupt it. One was to use a Grab skill. This could interrupt any skill. The other way is to do enough damage, which was set by the system, to forcefully stop the attack.

At this moment, this Berserker had used an Earthsplitting Slash in order to scatter the enemies. He had done a bit of setting up. It was a bit too late to grab him, but long-ranged classes could still attack.

Long cast time skills couldn't be used, but they could still send out a few quick attacks.

Bullets and magic flew towards the Berserker. However, Lord Grim suddenly rolled forward and with a “hua!”, his Thousand Chance Umbrella opened up, blocking the incoming attacks.

This was enough. Crimson Storm activated and the Berserker's greatsword was transformed into a humongous, blood-colored sword. The sword descended towards the ground. The instant the sword hit the ground, it exploded and a bloody mist spread out all around.

“F*ck!” They weren't able to interrupt his skill and hastily tried to escape, but several of them weren't able to escape in time. Fortunately, no one had been directly cut by the blood sword. It was undoubtedly a huge portion of the skill's damage.

The Battle Mage and Grappler had finally arrived. The Battle Mage lifted up his spear and a huge dragon roared towards the enemies. The Grappler closed in on a player, lifted him up, and swept around in a circle.

Grappler skill: Spinning Throw.

Chapter 485 - Attack Like Fire

Each of them displayed skills with incredible effects. In an instant, a Fire Storm turned the streets into a sea of fire. A Crimson Storm covered the ground with pools of blood. A Dragon paved a path through the blood. A Spinning Throw created a single spot of blank space. None of Golden Fragrance's people had died, but they were instantly forced to be on the defensive against these attacks.

“Don't let them run!!!”

Golden Fragrance was a Launcher, so she stood farther away from the carnage. None of the attacks had reached her, but when she saw the encirclement split apart, she hastily let out a shout.

“Relax, none of us will run!” Ye Xiu replied. After Lord Grim covered for the Berserker, he rushed through the pools of blood created by the Crimson Storm. It was a bit of a dirty move, but it was certainly effective.

The Cleric on the rooftop cast a heal and a white light surrounded Lord Grim's body.

A Shield could only reduce damage. If it were possible to avoid the attack, then it would be best to avoid it instead of blocking it. Lord Grim was only Level 52. By protecting the Berserker from all the incoming attacks, his health had dropped drastically.

Deception threw out a shuriken and his character followed behind Lord Grim. He wasn't surprised by this. Before these people had joined the battle, they were already in the party. He had known that there were helpers coming. He and Lord Grim were simply stalling for them to arrive!

"Who are these guys!" The players on Golden Fragrance's side were shouting furiously, but they didn't recognize any of the names of these players. None of them had a guild tag either. Where had they come from?

These four players broke into the crowd of confused enemies. They followed along the path that Lord Grim took and attacked the players forced away by the Crimson Storm.

When these character focused on one target, their strength was incredibly ferocious. In the blink of an eye, one of the players was beaten up and killed.

"Ice Wall, left side!" As soon as Ye Xiu shouted this, the Cleric immediately cast an Ice Wall. Ping! Ping! Ping! Walls of ice formed, blocking the path of the incoming enemies. These enemies didn't go around them. Instead, they attacked the Ice Walls and broke through them, but in just this brief moment, another one of their allies had fallen.

"What are you doing, Cleric?!"

Two allies had died instantly without any chance for them to be rescued. Golden Fragrance furiously pointed her finger at the Cleric on her team.

"Fast..... too fast....." The Cleric could only tell the truth. Everything had happened too quickly. Lord Grim's team had six people. They would surround one person and then attack like fire. Lord Grim's team was blocking the view and the visual effects also covered the name. The Cleric couldn't even tell who they were attacking!

He could jump up and see who was being attacked or look at the team list in order to see who was being attacked. However, these methods were way too slow!

By the time he jumped up to see the name and landed to cast the heal, or if by the time he figured out whose health bar was dropping rapidly, the health bar would be empty and he wouldn't be able to heal them anyway.

This was how two of them had died already. It wasn't an instant kill, but it was close. For these Clerics, their skill level wasn't good enough to keep up with the pace.

The Ice Walls shattered and the group of players rushed forward. Then, they saw Lord Grim flick his sleeves and a Shadow Cloak flung out.

Shadow Cloak was a Grab skill. It didn't do much damage, but it had a fairly wide area of effect. When the Shadow Cloak came out, the group of players wanted to dodge, but because they were clumped together, blocking each other's paths, many of them weren't able to avoid it.

The several that had been wrapped up in the Shadow Cloak were squeezed together into a tight space.

Rising Dragon Soars the Sky!

Thunder Apocalypse!

Whirlwind Strike!

Flame Cut!

Earthquake!

Lord Grim and the other five in his team attacked at practically the same time. Their timing was slightly off, but the Shadow Cloak had bound several players together, making them unable to escape.

Shadow Cloak didn't do much damage. It was mostly used to interrupt an opponent's attack, which was why Grab skills were so useful. In addition, it was good at gathering monsters.

Of course, in this case, the Shadow Cloak wasn't gathering monsters, but players instead.

The following five attacks might not have been their class's strongest skills, but they were most definitely the most suitable at this moment.

Magic rippled. Thunder roared. A tornado whirled. Fire blazed. An earthquake shook the ground. The caught players were blasted into the air. Not a single one of them came back down.

Ye Xiu's Lord Grim had followed up with a Collapsing Mountain after using the Shadow Cloak. Lord Grim's attack power was weaker than everyone else's, but it was still something. If he didn't seize these type of openings, he didn't deserve to be called a God.

As soon as this wave finished, everyone immediately unleashed another wave of attacks. Everything happened extremely quickly and, in an instant, five players had already died.

This sort of strategy was often employed against monsters, especially low-leveled ones. The strategy was to gather the monsters and then kill them all in one go. However, now it was being used in a PvP scenario. In just two waves of attacks, five players had been wiped out.

Golden Fragrance was still trying to get the troops back in order! Even though the sudden entrance had caused their formation to go into disarray, when she saw that it was just four people, Golden Fragrance didn't think too much of it. Her side still had the advantage in numbers, so what if another five came? Her side would still have three times the number of players that they had.

Who would have thought that these five would be able to kill off seven of her allies in just 30 seconds?

Golden Fragrance wasn't even able to finish repositioning her troops. She was still figuring out where everyone was supposed to go. By the time she checked the team list and prepared to arrange them appropriately, seven names had already turned gray.

Golden Fragrance was shocked!

After the shock came helplessness. Her opponent's offense was as swift as the wind and as fierce as fire. And her? Her mind was completely blank. She had never seen such a ferocious assault before. Her knowledge wasn't able to keep up. Her experience wasn't able to keep up. She had no idea what to do in this situation.

In addition, the people on her side were sloppy. Their strategy was simply to take advantage of their numbers to bully the opponents. Tactics? Coordination? They hadn't thought this far. Even though a few of them inside were friends or had played with each other often, it was useless. Against the opponent's ferocious assault, everyone was like Golden Fragrance. They didn't know what to do. They couldn't figure out any way to break their opponent's strategy, apart from a few ----- the few being attacked. When the blade sliced down from above them, they would instinctively defend.

But what could this type of defense do?

The players who were able to dodge the Shadow Cloak could only watch as their captured comrades fell and then their opponents immediately switched over to them.

In the blink of an eye, another two died. So far, apart from hitting Lord Grim's umbrella shield once and breaking an ice wall, they hadn't been able to do anything else.

The group who had been trying to break through the ice wall only had three players left. They were the ones with a disadvantage in numbers now.

The remaining three were so scared that they had even forgotten there were others in their team. After seeing two more players die, they immediately headed towards the alleyway. All three of them had a similar single thought resonating in their minds: run!

Running was their only option.

Running was the only thing they could do.

What other choice did they have? The three didn't know and didn't have the time to know. They were trying their hardest to run, but.....

A shadow flickered and appeared in front of them. Another shadow came from above.

Sword Draw!

Ninjutsu - Bird Fall!

Lord Grim and Deception had used the Shadow Clone Technique to instantly move there. The three had only thought of running and nothing else, so they hadn't thought of this possibility.

A sword light flew towards them and two feet stomped down. The three players flew backwards. Behind them was the Grappler, who grabbed one with his left hand and the other with his right. He suddenly leapt into the air and his two legs caught the last one.

The Grappler grabbed all three of them.

He had used two Grappler skills simultaneously: Flying Hands and Aerial Twist! It was possible to perform both at the same time.

With the two legs twisting and two hands flying, the Grappler threw all three into a ball and then landed on the ground.

The Berserker, Battle Mage, and Elementalist were already prepared and immediately attacked. Lord Grim and Deception followed up with their offense. After a single wave of attacks, the three players turned into three more corpses.

Twelve players!

As of now, nearly half of Golden Fragrance's team had died. It had only been a minute since the fight had begun.

It wasn't like Golden Fragrance had no sense of tactics. She focused on the Cleric on the roof and had her subordinates target that Cleric.

This wasn't a wrong choice. In a team battle, if the enemy's Cleric was killed, then the battle could be won much faster.

However, common tactics were naturally used during normal situations.

Kill the Cleric first? Truthfully, Golden Fragrance had felt that she had been too careful in her preparation for it. It wasn't a normal situation. Her side had such a large numbers advantage. Did she really need to make a plan?

Sure enough, it really wasn't a normal situation.

Cleric? Was the Cleric even useful in this battle? Golden Fragrance was doubtful. While twelve of her allies died, the enemy Cleric hadn't done any healing.

Quick! Too quick!

Killing twelve players in one minute. This was how fast a one wave strategy was. However, a one wave strategy was generally only used when one side had a clear numbers advantage and a levels advantage. According to normal theory, her side should be the one doing this. Why had it flipped? Why was their side being the one being crushed?

"Too strong! Let's retreat!"

None of them were noobs. If they weren't able to figure out the huge difference between their strengths, then that would be a noob.

"Let's retreat. I'll call for backup!" Golden Fragrance hastily called.

"You're going to run? You're making this difficult for us..... I keep my promises. If I say no one escapes, then no one escapes!" Ye Xiu's voice rang out.

Chapter 486 - No One Escapes

Golden Fragrance had originally never intended to call for help. Firstly, because she believed there were enough people, and secondly, because if her equipment dropped, she didn't want it falling into someone else's hands. Despite being in the same guild, when faced with good equipment, the trust between one another was almost obsolete.

Chen Yehui had obviously thought about this, which was why he arranged it in such a way. He even hoped people from Herb Garden and Blue Brook Guild to be far away from them, let alone calling for assistance. The path he left would already be considered fairly out of the way.

As a result, Chen Yehui was shocked when Golden Fragrance called for help.

Even if it's Ye Qiu! Even if Deception was also very strong! They had over 20 people! Wouldn't calling for more assistance be over the top?

Chen Yehui could tolerate if the two escaped again, but he found it hard to believe that the two couldn't be defeated?

"What happened?" Chen Yehui wanted to find out what was going on, but the news Golden Fragrance sent didn't say much. She merely sent her marked location, calling for help.

How could Golden Fragrance possibly have time to explain? The group of people's quick AOE attacks struck them dumb with astonishment.

Twelve people annihilated in under a minute, which meant a person was killed every five seconds on average. How long would sending this message take? By the time the message was sent, she would long be dead.

Golden Fragrance saw Chen Yehui's questioning message, but she also saw the people rushing towards her like the wind. It was definite that replying to the message would cost her her life, so Golden Fragrance ignored the message to turned tail and run without hesitation.

Run!

Purely running away.

She didn't have any routes of escape or acts of resistance, she just turned around and pressed the key to scurry straight forward.

Before, the three great guilds had pursued Lord Grim and Deception restlessly, but right at this moment, in a certain way, events had taken a great turn.

When escaping, Ye Xiu was rich in experience, so he was very skilful; now that it's his turn to pursue, his ability was by no means weaker. In addition, Golden Fragrance and her group were only aiming to go forward and forward and forward. They didn't even observe their pursuers' action. They chose a running style that required the least amount of skill.

Stun Bullet!

Hundred Streams!

Ye Xiu and Deception each used a skill.

Lord Grim's bullet caught a player while Deception's water streams surged closely behind. The streams instantly formed into a water prison, which incapacitated the player.

The imprisoned player was dazed. Although the water prison had caught him, in a way, it protected him as well. As long as the prison was up, he couldn't receive any damage.

Before he could understand any of it, the people behind Lord Grim and Deception were already charging forward. They attacked while they ran, so it didn't take long before the water prison was destroyed. The second wave of attacks thrust him into the ground. After that, the mob only needed to throw out some random attacks to finish him off.

The ghost floated in midair while its player watched with a stunned expression as the mob rushed over his corpse. It was as if his consciousness was still lingering in confusion back at the water prison. The time he had passed only felt like the blink of an eye before he was sent off to float into the sky. Yet, the opponents' footsteps didn't slow down a fraction. As they stomped over his corpse, they managed to shorten the distance between themselves and the escaping players ahead.

A lot of offensive skills had a slight displacement effect and these effects were faster than plain running. The pursuers skilfully utilised these skills, so while they killed the previous player, they weren't delayed at all.

Another died!

Golden Fragrance and her group didn't even dare to look back, they discovered the losses through the darkened names on their team list. They didn't have time to check who it was, they even hoped that the player sacrificed could perhaps help them earn a bit of time to escape.

In a bright flash, a person's silhouette was instantly formed, right in the center of Golden Fragrance's group.

Teleportation!

An actual teleportation, which was an electric type Elementalist skill.

An Elementalist teleporting into a group of people would usually be considered an act of suicide.

However, Golden Fragrance and her group were desperate to escape, so all they thought was: D*mn it, they have caught up!

As they thought, the Elementalist's teleportation wasn't an act of suicide!

The staff lifted as it made cracking sounds. A few sheets of ice walls immediately formed behind the elementalists.

The people trapped within the ice walls panicked, they threw whatever skills they could afford towards the ice walls. Unfortunately, the delay was enough for the people behind them to catch up.

Shadow Cloak!

Double Flying Hands!

This time, Ye Xiu coordinated himself with the Grappler. The six people whom were stopped by the ice wall were instantly gathered together by the skills of Ye Xiu and the Grappler. Under the blast of AOE skills, it was without a doubt another textbook type of AOE combat style. There was little to no time difference from when the first, fifth or last person fell down.

In addition, the remaining energy waves from the attacks happened to break the ice walls in time. After finishing off the six people, they continued their pursuit. The ice walls didn't bring them any inconvenience.

We've lost another six!

There were only six people remaining in Golden Fragrance's group. From that moment on, even the number of people's advantage was overturned. Lord Grim's group have seven people in total, besting their group by one person. Although the Cleric from before didn't have much use after healing Lord Grim.

"Everyone, run in separate directions!!" Golden Fragrance yelled.

The six people's sacrifice finally helped them gain a bit of time. A crossroad appeared before them, even though someone would be doomed after splitting up, at least it was a good plan to prevent a team wipe. The six people's avatars on the team list darkened simultaneously, evident that they were wiped out through the use of AOE skills. Golden Fragrance and her group were already very deeply afraid of Lord Grim's mob of AOE techniques.

One step, two steps, three steps.....

Why aren't we at the intersection yet!

The intersection that no one cared about before now seemed impossible to reach in their eyes. In their hearts, everyone in the group resented that they didn't have wings.

Nearly there!

Finally, they reached the intersection. The three forked roads glowed with hope. They didn't have time to distribute themselves into groups, so everyone choose a random fork in the road.

The remaining six people prepared to run towards the hope in their hearts. However, they caught a flash of shadow. The two silhouettes which brought them fear and annoyance instantly appeared before them.

Lord Grim, Deception.....

The cause of what had happened.

The beginning of all nightmares.

At such a crucial time, the two became their obstacles.

Deception made a seal and a Shadow Dance started again. Instantly, the shadow who blocked the road split into who knows how many? The shadow clones, which flew out of Shadow Dance, attacked the six people and restricted their movements. Lord Grim was on the side making matters worse for the six people. Those who didn't get restricted enough would immediately receive their lesson.

The berserker's helpers arrived soon after. Since they had been faced with the final six people, they didn't use the AOE method again. Everyone had one opponent to fight.

Miss Golden Fragrance managed to survive till now, as long as she used her Aerial Cannon without error, she still had quite an advantage in running away. Unfortunately, her advantage was nonexistent now because the opponent she had to face was Lord Grim.

Normally, Golden Fragrance would be happy to tease a Level 52 player and feel all high and mighty. However, now that she knew of her opponent's identity, Golden Fragrance didn't have a teasing mood or attitude.

"What sort of good equipment do you have?" Ye Xiu asked, as if he were a hijacker.

Golden Fragrance had died twice today and dropped two pieces of equipments, both of which were orange. Even if she was one of the guild's core members, she felt pained over the loss of her equipment. Core members of guilds were still far from a pro-gamer's situation, where orange equipment was regarded as basic gear.

Now that the bandit who targeted her equipment was blocking her once more, Golden Fragrance truly wanted to cry. Not only was she not going to get her equipment back, but now she would lose another piece of hers.

Golden Fragrance looked left and right, and saw that her other five teammates had battled into a mess. At this point, she had to fight with all she had, because no matter how one looked at it, they were the ones being surrounded.

"The great god Ye Qiu bullies me, a girl? Is it meaningful??" Golden Fragrance asked.

"Hehe, sorry about that." Ye Xiu replied.

Golden Fragrance was about to say something else, but Ye Xiu had already sent a smiling emoji along with: "I will be more aware next time."

After Lord Grim sent this sentence, he rushed forward.

Golden Fragrance was surrounded in the center, so she had nowhere to escape to. In addition, with someone as skilled as Ye Xiu, she was caught before she even took two or three steps. Golden Fragrance's struggle merely proved her existence, to let people know that her character was under her control and not a block of wood.

Golden Fragrance was depressed. Why was this god picking on her so much? If it was someone other than him or Deception who was intervening her escape, she could have had a chance to escape.....

Golden Fragrance wasn't the only one with this thought. The players who didn't encounter the two strong players had a spark of anticipation in their hearts.

The anticipation quickly became hope. After fighting with Lord Grim's helpers, they realized that although they were strong, it was not to the point where they have no hope.

The four people became energized and began to oppose fiercely.

In order to hold them up, Lord Grim's four helpers fought head on. They even received damage they could have been avoided.

Golden Fragrance's group observed. At this rate, they had a chance! Not only might they escape, they could also turn the other group into corpses.

Little did they know that at this moment, a ray of white light would shower onto the Elementalist.

Soon afterwards, the white light flashed towards the other players.

The people coughed up blood, as they looked around, they realised that the opposing team's Cleric had just arrived. Only now did they remember that they also had a Cleric. As for their own team, they no longer had a Cleric. Their Cleric had already been killed by the opposing side.

No wonder Lord Grim's group blocked them with such hardness. Under the assistance of a Cleric, they had no reason to hold back. This was a very logical and sensible tactics choice.

As the group had feared, they had no hope. The mob was in complete despair. At this very moment, a band of players appeared on a crossing that led off from the road ahead.

Chapter 487 - What's the Situation

Chen Yehui was a veteran with many years of experience in battles. Even though he wanted to know the details from Golden Fragrance, seeing how he didn't receive any response, he immediately knew that the situation wasn't looking good. The situation had already deteriorated to the point that she didn't even have time to reply.

How had Ye Qiu and Deception forced the team into such a position?

Chen Yehui was astonished, but he couldn't slip up. The very first thing he did was tell this information to Arisaema and Changing Spring.

"What? How'd they get there?"

The two guild leaders were very surprised. They hadn't known that Chen Yehui had intentionally let them slip through the encirclement. According to their original plan of shrinking the encirclement, their two targets may have escaped, but they shouldn't have been able to escape without anyone noticing.

Following this logic, because the two guild leaders hadn't received any news, the two guild leaders thought that Lord Grim and Deception were still trapped inside their circle!

Their encirclement had shrunk and shrunk. Their two targets would have to appear soon. The two guild leaders couldn't help but begin to feel excited, until Chen Yehui told them the news. They looked at the map and the coordinates were a good distance away from their encirclement.

"Who knows how they got out?! More importantly, one of my teams is currently fighting with them. Do any of you have troops nearby?" Chen Yehui was extremely cunning. As soon as he realized the situation wasn't good, while not knowing the details, he wasn't going to run in blindly. First, he was going to have these two guilds probe the situation.

Chen Yehui completely tricked the other two guild leaders. Neither of them thought too much of it.

"Let me see." The two replied and immediately called out to their respective guilds.

"I have one team here!" Arisaema quickly said.

“Have your players hurry and assist them. Our backup will be there soon.” Chen Yehui said.

“We have to create another encirclement. How troublesome.” Arisaema was still confused as to what was going on. He thought Lord Grim and Deception were still using hit and run guerrilla warfare tactics. As for Golden Fragrance, her side was in a tragic situation. Chen Yehui hadn’t received any confirmation, but he was certain of it. However, he didn’t tell the two of them.

Sure enough, Ye Qiu was out for revenge against Excellent Dynasty! Excellent Dynasty really is trash though. We’re not going to be able to catch them here like this. Arisaema thought. He was happy to see Excellent Dynasty’s players being attacked, but he was starting to get impatient.

Street intersection.

Golden Fragrance and her five allies weren’t able to hold on any longer. However, this time, they weren’t gathered together and swept away in one wave like the others. As a result, it took some time for the situation to worsen. As their first ally fell, a group of players appeared at the intersection.

That group of players saw the commotion going on here and hastily ran over. Golden Fragrance and her allies were at first happy, but soon, they realized that the support was only made up of half a teams worth of players. Their hopes immediately dwindled.

Let alone half a team, a whole team wouldn’t be enough in front of them!

But these new arrivals weren’t aware of this. They charged forward aggressively. As they got closer, they were able to see that they were members of Herb Garden.

Most of the teams participating in this activity were made up of five players. This team wasn’t an exception. After receiving personal orders from their guild leader, they quickly arrived at the designated location. They hadn’t reached the location yet, but when they saw the huge commotion at the intersection. This desolate Level 55 leveling area shouldn’t have anyone inside, so what else could a commotion mean?

This was why the five players didn’t wait to see what the situation was before rushing forward. When they got closer, they noticed Lord Grim’s and Deception’s names. Apart from them, there were ten others! It was clear who had the advantage in numbers!

The five players excitedly came over, but as they got nearer, they suddenly realized that something wasn’t quite right. The ten other players didn’t seem to be surrounding Lord Grim and Deception and fighting them. There seemed to be two teams fighting.

“What’s going on?” The captain of this five-man team shouted in surprise. Soon afterwards, he saw the Excellent Dynasty players fall and the ones who killed them didn’t have a guild tag next to their names.

These killers picked the dead clean. Next, they headed towards this five-man team.

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.....

The captain counted the number of people heading towards them. They had seven people, two more than their group. Plus, with Lord Grim and Deception, two exceptional experts, how were they supposed to win? Hurry and run!

The five players had been a bit slow at first, but this time, they acted nimbly. Without even asking or trying, they turned tail and ran. The captain hastily sent his guild leader a message: "They have a lot of people. Seven!"

This message was sent out at the cost of his life.

It had only been seven words, but it was enough time for the enemies to arrive and surround him.

Editor Note: Ten words is correct because in Chinese, including punctuation, it's ten characters total.

"You guys go ahead!!!"

The captain was very heroic. As soon as he saw that there was no chance for him to escape, he let out a line straight from a drama and then died as a sacrifice for his teammates.

He died.

After making his final cry, he didn't do anything else.

The captain felt like he was a piece of straw and the enemies were like a swarm of locusts. The locusts swept over him. He was merely a lone piece of straw. Soon, they ate him clean.

"F*CK! WHAT'S GOING ON!!!" The captain's ghost flew up into the air and then looked down. The seven wolves pounced onto his other teammates.

Why are they doing this? Why are they so enthusiastic?

The captain was planning on waiting for a Cleric to arrive and revive him, but because of this, he had to watch a tragedy unfold.

His other four teammates weren't able to actually escape like in the movies just because he said "you guys go ahead." The locust-like mob of seven chased after them and used their instant movement skills to block their path.

And then there was a fight.

A fight between blades and words.

The four poor teammates weren't able to do anything but curse. They quickly fell under their opponent's hands and then became four corpses on the ground. Their ghosts floated into the air. Ghosts weren't able to see each other though, but because their corpses were still there, it meant their ghosts were there too.

"What? Seven????"

Chen Yehui and Arisaema received the news at nearly the same time.

Golden Fragrance had been killed off, so she now had time to report to Chen Yehui. As for that captain, he died soon after she did.

"Seven people? What's going on?" Arisaema asked Chen Yehui. Chen Yehui wasn't going to reveal anything.

“I only just got the information too.” Chen Yehui replied, “The previous reports didn’t say this. They only asked for help.”

Arisaema didn’t say anything further. It wasn’t the time to bicker.

“Apart from Lord Grim and Deception, who else could there be?” The two guild leaders asked the same question.

“I don’t recognize them. I didn’t recognize the other five of them. They have no guild tags and I’ve never seen their names before either.”

Their responses were the same.

Chen Yehui suddenly shivered in fear because he suddenly remembered that Ye Qiu had gathered a group of incredible experts around him. All of them were at the pro level and were likely to be a part of his pro team.

Golden Fragrance’s detailed description of their opponents’ strength only helped to confirm Chen Yehui’s suspicions.

To be able to completely suppress the top guilds through their explosive strength indicated that even if they weren’t at a pro level, they weren’t far from it! A lightning like offense required exceptional levels of coordination, the sort of cohesion seen at a pro level. This was the only way such a display of strength could be made.

Could their troops block these types of players?

12 players killed in one minute. This meant that against their current strategy using small teams to stop them would only be crushed through their opponent’s brute force.

Three players against Lord Grim and Deception resulted in a team wipe.

Five players against Lord Grim and Deception resulted in two deaths and their escape.

Now that they were against seven players, how many troops did they need to send out? Even 25 players wouldn’t be their opponent.

If they couldn’t kill them, then they couldn’t stop them. Stall for time? One or two people could stall for time because one or two people had a limited amount of killing power. However, against seven people, if they attacked twice, focusing on one target, they would be able to kill the target. In addition, with their mobbing strategy, stalling for time and dying was basically the same thing.

What should we do? What should we do.....

Chen Yehui felt a headache coming, but Arisaema and Changing Spring didn’t know that the opposing side had only killed half a team of players. It wasn’t any surprise five player stood no chance against seven! The other side had Lord Grim and Deception, two exceptional experts and had a numbers advantage. Of course, it would be a one sided battle.

“Small teams combine and form full teams as individual units. Hurry!” The two guild leaders ordered.

A full team was ten players. Before, it had been five players as a unit. Now, they were going to increase the unit size to ten in order to fight back.

"They might be thinking they can kill us off one at a time. We have to hurry and gather our troops together. Don't have them reveal themselves. Wait for the enemies to enter our attack range and wipe them out in one swoop!" Arisaema and Changing Spring discussed.

"Mm, sounds good!" Chen Yehui was the one to agree. He already knew how strong the enemy team was, so he hoped for Arisaema and Changing Spring to experience it for themselves. In reality, despite having a pro team above them, the guilds rarely had a chance to experience their team's strength for themselves. Sometimes, their guild would have a spar with the pro players, but that was just for fun. No one took it seriously.

"East West 3rd Street, heading west!" A report informed.

"Don't rush in rashly. Wait for them to move deeper into our range. Good, they're going into our previously formed circle. Our encirclement hasn't been completely broken up yet!" Arisaema ordered delightedly.

"Yeah, yeah!" Chen Yehui agreed, while sending out a message to his teams. His orders consisted of only half of Arisaema's: "Don't rush in rashly. Wait for my orders."

Chapter 488 - Lure the Enemy in Deep

East West 3rd Street

The system couldn't generate a name for every street and alleyway in every town and city, so online maps outside of Glory often used this sort of naming method to mark out unnamed locations.

From a direction and distance perspective, this naming method was more intuitive than coordinates. When an experienced Glory player heard these name, he'd know the general location. By using this information along with the coordinates received, finding the exact location became easier and faster to find.

At this moment, on East West 3rd Street in a narrow alley going from north to south, a team of Herb Garden players began to retreat.

This was a full team of ten players. The captain was called Orobanche, the name of an herb. Herb and plant names were commonly seen in Herb Garden, especially among the senior guild members. Nowadays though, because of Herb Garden's fame and strength, Herb Garden wasn't going to refuse a fan for not having an herb name. Many Herb Garden players had herbs as names, but not all of them did.

Orobanche sent a message to Arisaema telling him that their team had retreated.

"We're not going to attack, captain?" One of the team members asked.

"The guild leader told us to wait. Once they get closer, we'll surround them." Orobanche explained.

"Okay." No one objected. Their opponents had seven people on their team, while they had ten. Even though they had a slight advantage in number, their opponent's team had Lord Grim and Deception,

both exceptional experts. Whether or not they could win was a completely different matter. All of them were veterans and very well knew their own limits, so none of them arrogantly declared they would take their opponents down for sure. It would be better to wait until more backup arrived before surrounding them together. There was a limit to skill. Even if your opponents were pro players with godly skill and amazing equipment, if you had a lot more people on your side, you'd eventually win. A numbers advantage would always be a reliable advantage in the game.

The team of ten sat in the alley quietly.

"Captain, you said....."

Suddenly, the light seemed to have dimmed all of a sudden. The team lifted their heads up. Two people were standing outside of the alley, blocking the sunlight from coming into the alley.

"See, I told you there would be people here!" The person on the left spoke. The ID above his head spelled out Lord Grim.

"If these people had been equipment, I definitely would have seen them!" The person on the right denied his inability. The ID above his head spelled out Deception.

"You can see equipment on the ground, but you can't see equipment on someone's body. What's up with that?" Lord Grim lifted up one of his hands.

"Shut up!" Deception drew his blade.

A grenade rolled over, and a wave of fire blasted towards them.

Hand Grenade!

Flame Cut!

They had just passed the street, but then quickly came back. The team, which had been quietly sitting in the alleyway, wasn't prepared at all. Ye Xiu and Deception chatted and moved quickly, immediately covering the alley in smoke and light. Captain Orobanche had been closest to the entrance of the alleyway and took severe damage.

Collapsing Mountain!

Lord Grim and Deception suddenly crouched. A Berserker flew over their heads with his huge sword held high above his head. The sword crashed down with a might that could split mountains.

Ice Wall!

Several ice walls shot up in the alleyway. The alleyway was very narrow. It wasn't easy to get two people to stand shoulder to shoulder with each other. A single ice wall would be enough to block the alleyway, but instead there were four. This wasn't like dominoes. If one fell, the other walls weren't going to fall down too. They would have to break each wall one at a time. How long would that take?!

There were also seven enemies! They were blocking the alley entrance. Plus, they could throw whatever skills they wanted at them. With such little space to move around in, where were they supposed to run? It was impossible to escape.

Orobanche's team was like a stuck monster. They could struggle all they wanted to, but they wouldn't be able to find a way out. They tried to squeeze their way out, but Lord Grim simply repelled them with a Falling Flower Palm. Magic spells rained down on them from above and they didn't even know where the enemy Elementalist was.

After a short moment, there were three shattered ice walls and ten corpses lying in the alley.

Whether they waited for someone to revive them or whether they revived back at the city wasn't something Ye Xiu's team cared about. They picked up the dropped items and gold before heading north through the alley.

"What? What did you say? Why didn't you hide better?" Arisaema received the news.

Orobanche felt wronged. Hide better? Our original orders were to actively look for Lord Grim. Then, after discovering that Lord Grim had a team, you told us to not to make any rash movements and to await further instructions.

"Where are they heading?" Arisaema asked.

"Towards the north. Coordinates XXX, XXX." Orobanche replied. This alleyway was so small, the outside maps didn't even have a name for it.

"Those near coordinates XXX, XXX. Pay attention to the north side. If you see Lord Grim's team, lure them in deep!" Arisaema ordered and told the information to Changing Spring and Chen Yehui.

The guild teams were still looking at the map after studying these coordinates, when Ye Xiu's team rushed out from the small alleyway. When Ye Xiu's team looked around, they didn't see anyone around.

"This way." Ye Xiu's Lord Grim led the way.

Not long after heading left, another alleyway heading north appeared. Lord Grim and the other six went in.

This time, after going through the narrow alleyway, they saw a team of ten players. This team was from Blue Brook Guild.

Did the guild matter though?

Clearly not. The seven players charged forward and attacked. This team of ten was still digesting the orders given to them. Who would have thought their mission would suddenly land on top of their heads? They hadn't even figured out how they were going to position everyone, when Lord Grim bound them together with a Shadow Cloak and threw them onto the streets.

"F*CK!!"

The team cried. If they were going to be so violent, where was the need to fake it? They turned their heads and immediately began running. They were truly luring their enemies in deep. Who would dare call them out for acting fake? They truly were putting everything they had into running for their lives.

Unfortunately, they weren't able to escape. Six of them tried to head inwards to hide, but were quickly caught and killed.

Ye Xiu saw the direction these six were heading towards and was forewarned. He took his team in the opposite direction, while figuring out how to head north and break out of the trap.

"I lost a team too!" Changing Spring shared the same losses as everyone else.

"Where did they head?" Arisaema quickly asked.

After hearing this, they saw the map and became silent. Looking at their direction, they were heading in the opposite direction from their encirclement. If they kept heading north, they would break out of their range and escape!

"Hurry! Hurry up and pull back! Pincer them from both sides." Arisaema shouted, while ordering his subordinates.

Changing Spring was more calm: "Didn't these two teams die a bit too quickly?"

Only now did Arisaema realize that he had ignored this issue.

How had a full team of ten players die so fast?

"Who are those five people?" Arisaema and Changing Spring both had a team die to them. Now they were at the same level of understanding as Chen Yehui. These five weren't just random players.

"No guild. We don't recognize their names either....." The twenty players who had died didn't know.

"What were their classes then?" Changing Spring asked.

It would be easier to figure out who these experts were after narrowing down their options. Their intelligence network was spread far and wide. They had information on all of the experts in the Heavenly Domain.

Chen Yehui hadn't asked this question because he already had a feeling that he knew their identities. Did their classes really matter? Anyone at the pro level could play any class far better than ordinary players. Pro players wouldn't only know how to play their own classes. You had to know yourself and know your enemies thoroughly in order to win. If you didn't know your opponent's class well, how were you going to win?

"Berserker, Cleric, Elementalist, Battle Mage, Grappler....." Arisaema and Changing Spring got a list of their classes. By narrowing the options, they could figure out the origin of this class composition.

The report quickly came back: Heavenly Justice's five experts played these five classes.

"Heavenly Justice!" The first to receive the information was Changing Spring.

"Ah? You've figured it out?" Arisaema said.

"Heavenly Justice??" Chen Yehui was very surprised when he heard this answer.

"Wasn't Heavenly Justice planning on entering the pro scene?" Changing Spring said.

"I've talked with them before. Their skill isn't ordinary. I tried to pull them in before, but I wasn't successful. Now I know the reason why." Arisaema said.

"I haven't seen them in action for a long time though, so I don't know how strong they really are." Changing Spring continued. He had tried to do the same thing as Arisaema before.

"But if they dare to enter the pro scene, they can't be bad, no?" Chen Yehui said, while thinking. He connected Heavenly Justice's experts with the hidden experts inside the Internet Cafe across the street from them.

"To think Heavenly Justice would act against us first." Arisaema said.

"Heavenly Justice? Do you have proof? These are open accounts." Changing Spring said.

They went silent. Open accounts were used so that no one would be able to recognize the person using it. This was why top guilds had so many of them!

"Against such a team, ten people isn't going to be enough! Hurry up and call everyone together." Arisaema hastily said.

"Already done." Changing Spring replied.

On the streets, a team of seven was running around.

"What are we going to do next?" The Berserker spoke in a much more respectful tone to Lord Grim compared to how Deception spoke to him.

"They have an encirclement set up. Right now, we have to hurry and run along the perimeter and break through. We're not going to attack them face to face, so they won't be able to make use of their number advantage."

Chapter 489 - The Enemy Closes In, While We Back Out

"Oh, like that huh....." The Berserker heard Ye Xiu's reply and felt like he had a certain level of understanding now.

"How did you figure out their formation?" The Berserker asked again.

"It took me a lot of observation and analysis. Afterwards, I made a judgement based off of their teams' distances, movement direction, and the empty spaces on the map." Ye Xiu said.

"You can even do that?" The Berserker was surprised.

Deception had heard all of this before. In the beginning, he hadn't believed it either, but after running around with Lord Grim for a while, he slowly realized that Lord Grim truly did have an understanding of the enemy's positions based on how the players moved. Lord Grim didn't know everything, of course, but it wasn't something Deception could do.

"We have to learn from him well!" The Berserker told his comrades.

Changing Spring's deduction was correct. These five players were indeed from Heavenly Justice. The Berserker was Loulan Slash. The Battle Mage was Little Bei. The Grappler was Night Tide. The Elementalist was Ocean Ahead. The Cleric was Thousand Falling Leaves. Ye Xiu had told them to come over to practice.

Loulan Slash's group was planning on joining the pro scene. Practice was a must. The equipment issue could be solved some other way. Ye Xiu didn't ask about this. He reckoned Loulan Slash wouldn't be so confident that he would think the Heavenly Domain equipment he had equipped would be good enough for the pro scene. Loulan Slash didn't tell him what they were going to do about it, so Ye Xiu wasn't even going to ask.

In any case, an individual's skill and the coordination between a team could always be improved. Especially after fighting with Ye Xiu, Huang Shaotian, and Wang Jiexi, Loulan Slash's group had already completely dispelled their initial overambitious thoughts. Their goal the first year in the pro scene had changed to defending their spot in the Alliance.

Defending their spot meant not falling into the bottom two places, which would be auto-relegated.

A team joining the pro scene and then dropping out after their first year wasn't anything new. Loulan Slash's group felt scared just thinking about it. If they hadn't met Ye Xiu, with their initial confidence, thinking they could immediately become the Champions, they would probably fall to last place and be relegated.

Improve!

Loulan Slash's group only had this thought in their heads now. They weren't there to have fun in the pro scene. They weren't fans like Chen Guo, who would just be happy to have the experience. They were there to make a name for themselves.

After learning that Ye Xiu was actually God Ye Qiu, Loulan Slash's group obviously wanted to learn from him. As a result, Ye Xiu called them over to come when he saw such a big scene unfolding.

Although this scene wasn't something that would ever be seen in pro matches, it was still a good opportunity to practice team coordination. Having the chance to spar with other pro players wasn't something that could just be asked for.

When they arrived at the scene, the lightning fast offense led by Ye Xiu shocked not just Golden Fragrance and their enemies, but them too.

They already felt like they had learned a lot so far.

Who didn't know how to group up monsters and kill them in one burst? But to do this to such an extent wasn't something anyone could do.

So this was a pro!

Loulan Slash thought. This also made them realize that if they wanted to survive in the pro scene, they would need such a level of strength. However, if Ye Xiu wasn't there to lead them like this, Loulan Slash wasn't confident that he could do the same.

They were quite proficient with their own classes, but their knowledge on the synergy, skill combinations, and skill usages between the different classes couldn't compare to Ye Xiu's.

"Record it! Record it all!" Loulan Slash whispered privately to his team members.

"Of course. I've been recording this entire time." Ocean Ahead replied.

“We’ll need to study this when we’re done and then we’ll go practice.” Loulan Slash said.

While talking, the seven player team encountered a Blue Brook Guild team. When the team of ten guild players saw these seven players, they immediately turned pale and turned tail.

This time, it was real. They weren’t trying to lure the enemy in deep or anything. This was because, they already had orders that any team with 30 or fewer players was to immediately escape.

These seven players were regarded as having the strength of 30 guild players by the guild leaders. Even with this, they weren’t sure. They were striving for a group of one hundred players before engaging in battle.

Slowly, the three guild leaders had already forgotten about hunting them. To their understanding, this was a confrontation between two equal powers. They would organize their strength and face their opponents.

Knowing the difference between their skill levels, the ten player team turned tail and ran for their lives. The seven players had no way of blocking them.

“Are we going to chase them?” Loulan Slash asked.

“Follow them.” Ye Xiu said.

The seven players chased after the ten runners.

“Pay attention to my pacing while moving.” Ye Xiu said.

Everyone began paying attention to Lord Grim’s movements.

The ten player team only had thoughts of widening the distance as much as possible and didn’t hold anything back. Seeing the seven players shrinking in the distance, their hearts calmed down a little bit, but not long afterwards, the seven players appeared behind them again, hanging around neither too far nor close to them. The ten player team tried to sprint away again, but they realized they didn’t have enough stamina. Without stamina, they couldn’t sprint and their running speed would drop. Starting from here, the seven players drew nearer and nearer.

“THEY’RE COMING!!!!” The ten player team cried for their lives and spammed their coordinates in the guild chat.

“Hang on!” The guild players could only reply. It would still take them time to arrive and help them.

“THEY’RE GETTING CLOSER! EVEN CLOSER!!” The ten player team was in complete chaos. The enemies were getting closer and closer in front of their eyes and there was nothing they could do but await their pitiful demise. It was a feeling even more terrifying than death.

“No good. Our support won’t arrive in time!” The captain of the ten player team looked around left and right. Apart from the seven enemies clawing closer and closer to them, there was no one else in sight.

“What do we do?” One of the members mourned.

“Log off!” The captain decided.

“Ah?” One of the team members gasped.

“If not, we’ll die for nothing! Our other team wasn’t weak either, but they didn’t even last a minute.” The captain hastily explained.

“Then let’s hurry up and log off! They’re about to get in range!” Another team member shouted.

Following afterwards, the ten players disappeared. They had logged off beautifully.

“No way??” The seven were completely stunned, even Ye Xiu. None of them expected their opponents to log off.

“Head east!” At this moment, Ye Xiu didn’t delay and immediately shouted out an order. The team switched directions from heading north to east.

“Why?” As long as there was a chance, Loulan Slash would always ask why so he could grasp Ye Xiu’s way of thinking.

“Our opponents have probably figured out our battle strength, so they’re probably gathering together. If we continue to go down that path, we’ll probably encounter a huge team. It’s better to turn back for now!” Ye Xiu explained.

The seven player team headed east. At the same time, the three guilds completely lost track of their position.

By gathering their troops together, they would obviously lose control over the area. If the previous team had died, their ghosts would still be able to monitor them for a bit. However, because this team logged off, they now had no idea which direction the seven had run off in.

A short moment later, the three guilds gathered all of their troops together and then stood there stupidly. Where was Lord Grim? No idea. Where was that team? No idea.

“F*CK! That’s too cunning!” Arisaema was pissed. After learning that their opponents had Heavenly Justice’s five experts too, the prey had become the hunter and their guilds became the targets. This was why they had hastily changed plans, but once their opponents got close to them, they suddenly turned passive again and hid. Now what were they going to do?

It wasn’t going to be possible for them to scatter around the map again. If they did, they would all become meat buns. The animals eating weren’t dogs either, but were really wolves.

Should they continue maintaining these huge teams? They had too few units and too little control over the area. Their opponents would be able to escape easily.

The three guilds were in a difficult predicament. It seemed like there was only one option in front of them: to give up on the operation.

They weren’t willing to! They had put so much effort and manpower and it was just going to end like this? The three guild leaders had this type of remorse. They felt like they were in the tenth server once again, where they were helpless under Lord Grim’s hands. The Heavenly Domain was supposed to be completely different, but in reality..... was it just the same?

“The other guilds.....” Chen Yehui suddenly thought.

“They’re probably sitting there eating popcorn.....” Arisaema sighed.

With a good opportunity to kill Lord Grim, they hadn’t hidden the information away and actively shared it. However, the three guilds had been the first to arrive at the scene and after seeing such a commotion, the other guilds sat back to watch the show instead of joining. The three guild leaders definitely understood this. They would have done the same too. Killing Lord Grim would benefit everyone, so there was no need to compete to do it. As a result, everyone was very nice about it.

“I refuse to have it end like this!” Changing Spring roared, but what could they do? Keep adding troops? Changing Spring thought.

Chen Yehui took off his headphones and then picked up the cellphone on his desk.

“Ye Qiu is currently in the game. He’s leading those Heavenly Justice guys who are claiming they’ll be joining the pro scene next season. They’re showing off their strength.” Liu Hao had taken the call and then turned his head to explain the situation.

“Hmph, them? They’re nothing special.” Sun Xiang coldly said.

“However, the guild players aren’t enough.” Liu Hao said, “I heard they only have a total of seven players on their team, but they were easily able to kill off a full team.”

“I can kill off a team of normal players on my own.” Sun Xiang sneered.

“Ha ha, of course.” Liu Hao said, “I happen to have a few accounts on hand. Let’s give them a little surprise.”

“Oh?” Sun Xiang’s eyes suddenly lit up, “That sounds fun!”

Chapter 490 - Team Excellent Era

“Here’s a Battle Mage account card.” A trace of treachery flashed across Liu Hao’s face as he handed an account card to Sun Xiang.

In fact, before Sun Xiang even came to Excellent Era, he hadn’t used a Battle Mage. However, his Battle Mage was also very good. After obtaining One Autumn Leaf, some people speculated that Sun Xiang had planned on succeeding Ye Qiu long beforehand. Why else would he put in so much effort to train his Battle Mage? If he really planned on snatching the name of Battle God, then Sun Xiang was truly an ambitious fellow.

Right now, they were using open accounts, so even if Liu Hao had given Sun Xiang his original class, Sun Xiang would still be able to perform at a high level as well. However, Liu Hao still gave him a Battle Mage account, a class Sun Xiang had only officially taken out halfway through his first season. It could be said that Liu Hao had a good grasp of Sun Xiang’s personality.

If he gave Sun Xiang his original class, Sun Xiang might be able to perform well, but with his arrogant and confident personality, he definitely wouldn’t take it well and might even become angry. It would be implying that he didn’t have confidence in Sun Xiang’s Battle Mage. Making such an action might rub him the wrong way.

Sun Xiang was impatient in proving his Battle Mage could succeed Ye Qiu's. In the All Star Competition, he challenged Excellent Era's sworn enemy and Ye Qiu's long-time rival Han Wenqing. However, it resulted in a loss by the slightest of margins. However, for him, the result was completely humiliating, especially after Han Wenqing declared in front of everyone how he couldn't even compare to Ye Qiu.....

Sun Xiang had lost, so he couldn't refute it. He hadn't lost his poise in front of the public at that time either. Only his teammates knew just how furious Sun Xiang was after the match. His mentality had been affected for several days in a row. Those who tried to console him only seemed to make it worse by striking the nail in deeper. Now, it motivated him to try even harder to prove his strength and directly make Ye Qiu and Han Wenqing concede.

Ye Qiu was now playing in game.

It was just in the game. With Sun Xiang's arrogant personality, he normally wouldn't put it in his eyes. However, in the previous spectacle, he had been there too. At that time, he had wanted to fight Ye Qiu. Unfortunately, Ye Qiu never gave anyone the chance to. After beating Huang Shaotian, he ran off, making Sun Xiang extremely upset.

Liu Hao had seen all of this and immediately used this to his advantage today.

When he handed over the Battle Mage account card to Sun Xiang, Liu Hao called a few others together. Half of Team Excellent Era was headed by him.

"Do we need this many people?" Sun Xiang heard Liu Hao call others to come and coldly scoffed.

"Ha ha, this is for fun. Everyone should have some fun together." Liu Hao didn't dare be careless with his words, especially with Sun Xiang. If not, Sun Xiang wouldn't want anyone to help, which would completely mess up his plans.

After hearing Liu Hao say this, Sun Xiang didn't say anything further.

Once everyone got together, they logged on. Their accounts were all max-level open accounts and were naturally in the Heavenly Domain. Liu Hao and Chen Yehui contacted each other and immediately organized this team.

Their characters were close to each other in the beginning, so they quickly found each other.

Battle Mage, Spellblade, Elementalist, Striker, Cleric.

This was their team's class composition. When Liu Hao heard the opposing team had a Cleric, he didn't dare to be careless. Along with himself, the team had Sun Xiang, He Ming, Shen Jian, and Zhang Jiaxin.

Among them, He Ming had a position somewhere in between the main team and the substitute players. He was often the team's sixth player. The other four members were Excellent Era's main force. If Su Mucheng could be called in to help, they would have made the team that they used in official matches.

Su Mucheng was obviously out of question. Plus, calling too many people would make it seem like he was scared of Ye Qiu. Even though Liu Hao didn't mind being too careful, with Sun Xiang there, he was afraid Sun Xiang would be unhappy with it. Five players was the standard for a team in competitive play anyways. He didn't think Sun Xiang would object to that.

Everything went as Liu Hao expected. Sun Xiang coldly humphed, but didn't say anything else towards the team.

"Which way?" Sun Xiang wanted to hurry up and fight.

"Wilderness Town. I'm still trying to get an exact location." Liu Hao said, while telling Chen Yehui to use everything he had to find Ye Qiu's position.

Chen Yehui obviously complied. Ye Qiu had already gathered an incredibly strong team together with him. For their guild, if they sent too few players to fight them, they wouldn't be opponents. If they sent too many, they wouldn't be able to maneuver around and would be stuck in place. Chen Yehui felt gratified for Liu Hao coming to help so readily. As a result, he quickly assembled a ready-to-die team and told them to do everything in their power to figure out Ye Qiu's location.

A ready-to-die team was essentially a suicide squad. Chen Yehui's suicide squad consisted of individual units. If they saw Ye Qiu's team, they would certainly die. In any case, they were to try and run. Once they died and became corpses, they were to stay there and monitor them. In short, they would constantly update Chen Yehui with Ye Qiu's position.

By being made up of individual units, their scouting range would be enormous. Chen Yehui was willing to sacrifice his troops to achieve this. After organizing them together, he told them to hand over any important equipment they possessed to someone else for safekeeping. His message told them that the probability of dying was extremely high.

This team was aware of this and after receiving their orders, they immediately spread out.

This method was truly effective. One of the players heading east quickly made a report. He had found the seven players, who were running quickly. However, he didn't know their goal.

Goal?

Chen Yehui didn't care about their goal because the guild wasn't going to be the one to fight them. His objective was very simple: to find their position and report to Liu Hao.

The first player to find the target was also quite lucky. He hadn't been discovered, but this also meant he would have to continue watching them until he died.

This brother wouldn't be so stupid as to get too close. He watched from far away, but as a result, he couldn't see their IDs clearly. In the end, after seeing them make a turn, he ran over, but had already lost them. With his method of tailing, he would certainly lose them after a while.

But by finding their general location, Chen Yehui organized the others to narrow their search to that area. Soon, a second player caught sight of them again. However, this brother wasn't as lucky and was discovered. After making a report, he valiantly sacrificed himself.

"Didn't you say they gathered all of their troops together? Why are we still bumping into random players out here then? They're alone too." Loulan Slash asked after cutting this player down.

"They couldn't pinpoint our positions, so they probably sent out a ready-to-die team to find out our positions at the cost of their lives." Ye Xiu said.

“Then we’ve been exposed already.” Loulan Slash said.

“For now, yes, but it’s not like we’re just going to stand there stupidly and do nothing, no?” Ye Xiu said.

The seven players continued moving ahead. Chen Yehui continuously received reports of their location from the sacrificed players. These seven players just seemed to be wandering around randomly. He couldn’t figure out their next step.

Chen Yehui sent Clerics over to revive them and then had them continue scouting.

Whenever Chen Yehui received a set of coordinates, he would send them over to Liu Hao. Liu Hao and the other pro players quickly arrived in Wilderness Town. The randomly changing coordinates made them helpless too. They could only run towards the coordinates sent to them.

Arisaema and Changing Spring hadn’t given up yet and had their huge army walk around through Wilderness Town and see if they could bump into them. The two would sometimes let out sighs. Chen Yehui didn’t have the energy to deal with these two. He had five seniors from the team calling for him!

After not seeing any results for a while, Chen Yehui was starting to get anxious, so he secretly sent more players to scout around. This time, two scouts found the opposing team simultaneously. With more scouts, the reports began coming in faster and Liu Hao’s side now had a sense of direction to head in.

“Have you guys noticed something? Everyone we’ve killed so far has been from Excellent Dynasty.” Little Bei suddenly spoke up.

“Really?” Ocean Ahead replied lazily. It had always been one target at a time and the targets never showed any resistance either. They would run as soon as they were discovered. It felt so pointless now. In the beginning, it had been fun, annihilating team after team, but now it felt like the big feast was over and dessert was being given a tiny nibble at a time.

“Be careful, they’ve upped their scouting.” Ye Xiu said, “Reinforcements must have come, so they have more players at their disposal.”

“Yeah, don’t get careless!” Loulan Slash was their Heavenly Justice’s leader and was calmer than the others.

“Yo yo, there’s a team over there!” Little Bei suddenly realized.

“Hm?” Ocean Ahead heard this and grew excited. His character moved around in a circle, trying to find the enemy team.

“It’s only five players.....” But after seeing the team, Ocean Ahead couldn’t hide his disappointment.

“It’s still better than a single person.” Little Bei shrugged.

“A simple matter nonetheless.” Ocean Ahead commented.

“Be careful.” Ye Xiu’s voice was solemn though

“Is it some sort of trap?” Loulan Slash asked.

“Be careful when facing them.” Ye Xiu didn’t give a direct reply.

The five players at the end of the street also saw the seven players and immediately charged at them. Seeing this, the seven players immediately felt like something wasn't right because their enemies had always ran for their lives as soon as they were discovered, even if they were a team of ten players. However, it was just a five player team now, yet they were actually rushing forward instead of retreating. The enemy should have a grasp of their strength, but they still dared to do this.....

"They can't be weak." Loulan Slash concluded.

"Even if they're strong, how strong could they be?" Ocean Ahead asked.

"Could there be some sort of ambush lying in wait?" The Cleric, Thousand Falling Leaves, wondered.

"There shouldn't be any. The enemy has been trying to find our location this entire time, so they wouldn't have had enough time to set up an ambush." Ye Xiu said.

"Which means they must be experts!" Loulan Slash turned serious.

"Good!" Ocean Ahead grew excited. This Battle Mage loved to fight.