

## Avatar 601

### Chapter 601 - Many Questions

Little Cold Hands was direct. He didn't try to beat around the bush and asked for the truth. This truth was what Ye Xiu had wanted to hide and was why Ye Xiu had Chen Guo deal with this matter instead of doing it himself. However, they were exposed from the beginning. Chen Guo instantly felt embarrassed. She couldn't bring herself to answer him at the moment, so she turned her head and looked at Ye Xiu.

"What happened?" Ye Xiu asked.

"We've been seen through." Chen Guo said.

"Oh?" Ye Xiu didn't seem to be too surprised. "So what did he say?"

"It's my turn to talk now." Chen Guo said.

"Then say what you need to say!" Ye Xiu said.

Then Chen Guo also showed the brisk side of her and happily admitted: "Yes."

"Oh, then this team has some weight to it." Little Cold Hands said.

Chen Guo was confused for a moment. When she first mentioned that "Holy Heal", this fellow appeared to be quite humble, but this sentence sort of implied that he thought of himself very highly. How could someone say something like Ye Qiu's team only had "some weight to it".

"Was that Unrivaled Super Hottie, Ye Qiu?" The more Little Cold Hands asked, the deeper he got.

Chen Guo turned around to look at Ye Xiu: "He's asking about Unrivaled Super Hottie!"

Ye Xiu nodded his head, so Chen Guo answered with another: "Yes."

"What was his aim for sneaking into Tyrannical Ambition?" Little Cold Hands continued to ask.

He was currently speaking in an arrogant tone. As for Chen Guo, she was the type who could be persuaded by reason, but not coerced. When Little Cold Hands was being humble and polite, she had a good impression on him, but now that he suddenly acted all haughty, she immediately felt unhappy. If she continued to say that Ye Xiu did that just to find a Cleric and picked him, wouldn't it please him to death? As a result, Chen Guo decided to just blab: "No particular reason. He just wanted to play on a side account to sharpen his skills."

"To sharpen his skills? With Ye Qiu's level, what skills could he need to sharpen by joining an average team in a guild?" Little Cold Hands was able to see through the lie with ease. Chen Guo felt gloomy and found Ye Xiu continuously shaking his head beside her, expressing his disdain towards her lie.

"In short, we think your skills are quite good. What do you think? Are you interested in joining us?" Chen Guo didn't care, because truthfully, she favored the frank and blunt method. If he was interested in joining, then he could join. If not, he didn't have to. It would be over and done with. If a clear and straightforward answer was given, why would there be a need to chit-chat anymore? In any case, everything had been exposed.

"If he really is Ye Qiu, then I do have some interest." Little Cold Hands spoke, "But you're not just borrowing his name to bluff me, are you?"

Chen Guo could see that he was starting to doubt her and wanted to faint. However, in the end, this was still official business, so she didn't directly show her fearlessness and patiently continued: "It's true. Didn't you guess correctly from the start?"

"Then where is he? Why didn't he come to find me himself?" Little Cold Hands asked.

"It's because he was afraid that you're a Tyranny fan, so you might not like him because of his background as the God from Excellent Era." Chen Guo spoke the truth.

"Oh, that's true, but it wasn't very wise to send you because a lot of people know about your relationship with Ye Qiu!" Little Cold Hands said.

"Yes yes yes. We were too careless, but now that you already know about it, how about you give us a definite answer about whether or not you're interested in joining!" Chen Guo said.

"How could my decision be so easy?" Little Cold Hands was very shocked. "If I joined Ye Qiu, then I wouldn't just be playing around for fun anymore, no? The goal would be the Pro Alliance, wouldn't it? With the championships as the goal, it means I'd have to become a pro player, right? This is an important decision that could affect the rest of my life. Do you think I'd just be able to casually throw out an answer in a few seconds?"

The long chain of rhetorical questions made Chen Guo speechless. After a long while, she powerlessly said: "Then you can think about it. You can give me an answer anytime you'd like."

"You're just going to leave me like this?" Little Cold Hands continued to be surprised.

"Then what do you want?" Chen Guo asked.

"You should at least introduce your future plans and your current situation, right? For example, the other team members apart from Ye Qiu. For example, how much financial backing does your team have? What's the direction and aim of the team's development? What would be my compensation and salary be? How many years would I have to sign for in the contract? Are there three insurances and one fund or five insurances and one fund? Does your team provide food and housing accommodations?" Little Cold Hands continued with another chain of questions.

This time, Chen Guo didn't feel upset. She also realized that what she was discussing with Little Cold Hands was indeed a very serious and important issue. On the other hand, she was recruiting him like how she would for a dungeon party in the game.

"Okay!" Chen Guo hurriedly hastily corrected her attitude, "As for our team, Ye Qiu will be the captain. We're currently in the preparatory phase. We will be signing up for the Challenger League next season and fighting for qualifications into the Pro League. As for our members, we're still in the middle of recruiting them. As for the investment, I'm currently the investor. As for salary, if you intend to join the team, then we can sit down and discuss it, are you satisfied?"

"Oh? You're the investor? Namely.....the boss?" Little Cold Hands asked.

“Pretty much!” Chen Guo answered with a bit of guilt because she realized more and more that it wouldn’t be an easy thing to support a team in the current Glory league. She wasn’t confident that she could really support the team all by herself.

“Pretty much? What does that even mean?” Little Cold Hands grasped this point.

“Currently, I’m the only investor.” Chen Guo said.

“You mean that in the future, someone else could become a shareholder, or do you mean that you aren’t completely sure about the issue, so you gave a vague answer?” Little Cold Hands said.

“Okay! I’m not sure. We’re currently in the preparatory stage of creating the team, so there are a lot of questions that we’re still figuring out.” Chen Guo said.

“Also, you mentioned that your team would be getting the qualifications into the Pro League through the Challenger League? From the looks of it, your resources are very limited and you don’t have confidence in any of the other paths to the Pro League, but for the Challenger League, even if we have a God like Ye Qiu, we can’t be sure that we would definitely reach the end. After all, in the Challenger League, there will be two eliminated pro teams joining too, right? Under these circumstances, what would the contract for our wages say? Would our contract have a clause saying it’s half-professional? That if we happen to win our way into the Pro League through the Challenger League, the contract would automatically change into a full professional contract? If the team fails, the contract would automatically be terminated and everyone can just return home and do whatever?”

Little Cold Hands threw out a mountain of questions once again. These were all things that Chen Guo had never thought about before. She was unable to ward off the blows at the moment. After hesitating for a long while, she gave another vague answer: “We’re still thinking about these issues. We can discuss the specifics once everyone has gathered together.”

“Oh look, another uncertainty! You really are unsure toward all the issues. Don’t tell me that you’re planning to say if I have any intentions on joining, then I should give you around three to five hundred yen as a deposit? If that’s the case, then I don’t have any other doubts toward your identity.” Little Cold Hands said.

“Of course not.....” Chen Guo was gloomy, but she couldn’t bring herself to blame him because their team still lacked a decent and proper plan. Chen Guo was unsure about what Ye Xiu was planning, so she really couldn’t say anything. She was afraid that Little Cold Hands would ask more questions right now, so she firmly raised the white flag: “Actually, Ye Qiu is the one mainly responsible with creating the team. How about I have him find you to talk about all of this!”

“Don’t tell me, you don’t have any thoughts of your own? You’re that careless of an investor? Are you throwing everything to Ye Qiu to do? Could it be that he’s your relative?” Little Cold Hands still continued to ask.

“Ask him, ask him.....” Chen Guo could only say these words. She ruthlessly pulled Ye Xiu over from beside her. “You talk to him!”

“Talk about what?” Ye Xiu asked.

“The team’s plans, the members of the team, our financial backing, if he needs to sign a contract, sign what sort of contract, if he gets three insurances and one fund, does it cover food and housing, and also, if I’m your relative.” Chen Guo summarized everything emotionlessly. She was about to go crazy.

“Ha ha ha, this fellow has done a lot of thinking!” Ye Xiu laughed, while taking Chen Guo’s headphones.

“Just hang it over there! I want to listen too.” Chen Guo said.

“Why don’t you just put it on speaker? It wouldn’t be as exhausting for you.” Ye Xiu said.

“And I was afraid of it being too noisy!” Chen Guo said.

Ye Xiu held the mic near his mouth and said: “Hello, hello?”

“Ye Qiu?” The other side asked.

“It’s me, it’s me. I’ve heard that you have a lot of questions!” Ye Xiu said.

“Yup, my first question is to confirm that you’re the one who picked me and not that foolish lady who spoke earlier?” Little Cold Hands said.

Ye Xiu gazed innocently at Chen Guo, who sat beside him. To his surprise, Chen Guo didn’t seem to have the energy to be angry because Chen Guo felt pretty stupid about her responses to Little Cold Hands.

“Yes, I was the one who found you. Moreover, that ‘foolish lady is not my relative. She’ll be our boss.” Ye Xiu said.

“Oh? She’s so stupid. Her money must be easy to swindle, right? Is that why you chose her as your investor?” Little Cold Hands said.

“I forgot to tell you. She can hear our conversation right now.” Ye Xiu had to say.

“.....” Little Cold Hands, who had kept on asking questions, finally became silent. He then started said: “Hello boss, I hope that after you heard the reminders I gave you, you should be more aware of the risks that the Challenger League holds and to be cautious in investing.”

“Thank you.” Chen Guo’s face was covered in tears.

“Then let’s get to business, please tell me about the current state of this team!” Little Cold Hands said.

“The situation is just as boss said. It’s currently filled with uncertainties. If we can’t assemble enough members before the Challenger League starts, then everything will just be for nothing.” Ye Xiu said.

“Is this your main concern right now?” Little Cold Hands said.

“Indeed.”

“Even if we managed to form a team, how can you be so certain about the Challenger League?” Little Cold Hands asked.

“As long as it’s a competition, then no one would dare say that they are one hundred percent certain. However, a team like ours, which is made from scratch, needs to be tested through something like the Challenger League. If we can’t even perform well enough in the Challenger League, then even if our

team enters the Pro League, then we would just be returning to the game very soon. To enter the Pro League through the Challenger League is so that our investors don't have to take such dangerous risks. This is our responsibility to the investors." Ye Xiu said.

"What you mean is that Challenger League's aim is actually to examine this team's quality and worth?" Little Cold Hands asked.

"Correct, the one who would actually be taking on the risk of elimination would be me. As long as you guys perform well, then the Challenger League will help you achieve enough to ensure your future." Ye Xiu said.

#### Chapter 602 - There's Always Something That'll Work

Ye Xiu's lingering words sounded solemn and stirring. Even Tang Rou, who was diagonal from him, heard his words and felt moved. Chen Guo didn't need to be mentioned. Her fragile heart had already shattered to pieces. She didn't know what to say. Chen Guo hated how she couldn't take out her heart and sell it to achieve her dream.

In the game, Little Cold Hands was clearly touched as well, except he was also clearly an extremely calm and rational person. He didn't completely give in like Chen Guo. After a moment of silence, he continued: "This sort of future can also be won by performing well in the official Pro League as well, right?"

Little Cold Hands completely ignored the huge risk Ye Xiu would be taking in the Challenger League. He continued to be ice-cold, making Chen Guo want to interrupt and curse him, but Ye Xiu calmly answered: "Correct. However, there's another issue. I can see that you're someone who is very clear-headed. You should have a good understanding of your own skill level. Do you think your skill is actually good enough to perform well in the pro scene?"

"Probably not." Little Cold Hands said, "But at least I have potential. If not, why would you come looking for me?"

"Right, but your potential can be found anywhere in the training camps of the pro teams. We looked for you because our resources are limited. On the other hand, your situation happens to work out for our team. You're still far from the pro level and need training. Directly throwing you into the Pro League would be the same as throwing an elementary school student into university. Do you think you would be able to grow in that environment? In comparison, the Challenger League would also be quite good. It continuously eliminates weaker team, allowing for a slow and steady increase in difficulty, which can be used to accumulate experience and raise your skill level progressively. It fits you too perfectly." Ye Xiu replied.

"Okay, from what you're saying, this is a really rare opportunity for me." Little Cold Hands said.

"Seeing as to how you have such a detailed understanding of the pro scene, it looks like you're quite interested in becoming a pro player." Ye Xiu said.

"Of course. I would think most players in Glory share this dream." Little Cold Hands said.

"Now you have the opportunity to make that dream a reality." Ye Xiu said.

“However, after having my potential recognized by a God, I’m quite eager to try and register for Tyranny’s training camp.” Little Cold Hands countered.

“Ha ha, if you really plan on doing that, I wouldn’t suggest Tyranny. Tyranny’s Zhang Xinjie is too important to the team. His position on the team far surpasses that of just a Cleric. Until he retires, even if your Cleric skills are even more outstanding than Zhang Xinjie’s, you still wouldn’t be able to replace him as the team’s Cleric. In addition, for a God-level Cleric character like Immovable Rock, Tyranny has definitely made sufficient preparations for its next successor once Zhang Xinjie retires. If you really go to Tyranny, your competition will far surpass your imagination because your competitors won’t just be you. Also, because of the importance of Zhang Xinjie in Tyranny, the team won’t have much space for a Cleric to grow. Rookie Clerics in Tyranny have difficulty gaining experience in matches. Currently, Tyranny doesn’t have any rookie Clerics in training. My guess is that Tyranny will look for a transfer from another team as Immovable Rock’s successor once Zhang Xinjie retires. Your competitors will be seasoned pro players, possibly other Gods. Student, are you ready for such an undertaking?” Ye Xiu explained.

Little Cold Hands was silent for a moment before answering: “Then from your perspective, which team would fit me?”

“Without a doubt, it would be my team. Didn’t I just say that?” Ye Xiu said.

“What will your team be called?” Little Cold Hands asked.

“Happy.....” Ye Xiu replied and then turned his head to ask Chen Guo: “Right? Or are you planning on changing it?”

“Probably not?” Chen Guo also asked.

“You don’t even know the name of your own team?” Little Cold Hands was somewhat speechless, “Would it hurt to sound a little bit more reliable?”

“We emphasize practicality. Something like a name is like a fleeting cloud. It doesn’t matter what it is. The name could even be Fleeting Clouds.”

“Don’t joke around!” Chen Guo angered. She cared a lot about the name. Even though Happy didn’t sound as powerful as Tyranny, it gave a lot of other emotions to her. She could accept a name change, but something like “Fleeting Clouds” wasn’t something she couldn’t accept.

“Boss, Team Fleeting Clouds actually sounds a lot better than Team Happy. Happy..... it sounds like some small grocery store or Internet Cafe on the side of the street.”

“Ha ha ha ha, you’re right!” Ye Xiu was about to die from laughter.

“Really?” Little Cold Hands thought Ye Xiu was talking about Team Fleeting Clouds sounding better than Team Happy, but Ye Xiu’s nonstop laughter was making him somewhat confused.

“Do what you want!”

Little Cold Hands heard the boss humph.

“We can talk about the name later! Do you have any other doubts? If you don’t have any, you can start considering it.” Ye Xiu said.

"If I don't have to pay any fees or make any cash deposits, I think I can accept the offer. How about we talk about the contract now?" Little Cold Hands asked.

"What requirements would you have for the contract?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Seeing your dire circumstances and my current skill level, I don't really have any qualifications to talk about any conditions, do I?" Little Cold Hands asked.

"Correct. You think of yourself as too much of a treasure. If you have too many conditions, I'll just have to continue picking up grass." Ye Xiu said.

"But if you keep on going back and forth looking for recruits like this, wouldn't it waste too much of your time?" Little Cold Hands said.

"Without a reliable team to count on, there isn't really much else to do." Ye Xiu said.

"How many players have you found for your team so far?" Little Cold Hands asked.

"Including you, we should have around four." Ye Xiu said.

"The other two?" Little Cold Hands asked.

"One of them is a Warlock. For now, you won't be able to get in touch with him. The other one is a Battle Mage, who's currently in the tenth server." Ye Xiu said.

"What about Mu Mu? Doesn't she count?" Chen Guo heard Ye Xiu talk about Wei Chen and Tang Rou and hastily asked.

"She can't for the Challenger League!" Ye Xiu said.

"Mu Mu? Su Mucheng?" Little Cold Hands listened.

"If we can smoothly enter the Pro League, she'll be be a part of our team." Ye Xiu said.

"Oh oh, I finally hear a reliable piece of information from you." Little Cold Hands sighed.

"What about that Steamed Bun?" Chen Guo asked again.

"I haven't talked about it with Steamed Bun yet. Who knows what he's thinking." Ye Xiu said.

"Steamed Bun can think?" Chen Guo had managed the guild in the tenth server before, so she had interacted with Steamed Bun Invasion several times already.

"He's not a real steamed bun! He's an actual person too!" Ye Xiu defended him.

"Isn't it about time you mentioned it to him?" Chen Guo said.

"Have I talked about it with him before? I forget....." Ye Xiu said.

("Isn't it more like the author forgot?" Chen Guo said.

"Most likely. That useless trash. I hate him!" Ye Xiu nodded his head.)

"Then should I go talk to him about it?" Chen Guo said. (Author note: this "him" is referring to Steamed Bun Invasion. Please skip over the part in parentheses.....)

“Did you forget that we’re in the middle of a conversation with a certain someone?” Ye Xiu reminded Chen Guo. Steamed Bun Invasion was an entirely different matter.

“Ahem!” Little Cold Hands coughed.

Chen Guo felt so ashamed that she wanted to die.

“Okay, Little Hands, I’ll be direct. You tell me what your requirements are for the contract and then give us some time to think about it!” Ye Xiu said.

“The Challenger League will test the quality of the team and the quality of the individual team members too. You wouldn’t dare to be certain that the players you’ve gathered are enough to form a pro team, right? After smoothly passing through the Challenger League, what if some of the team members don’t perform well enough. Would you kick them out after entering the Pro League?” Little Cold Hands asked.

“Your attitude decides everything. If your attitude doesn’t prove to be a problem, you’ll be good enough and you’ll perform well.” Ye Xiu said.

“So you’re saying you won’t deny such a possibility!” Little Cold Hands said.

“Of course. Nothing is set in stone yet.” Ye Xiu said.

“Then what happens if another team is interested in me, would the team allow me to leave?” Little Cold Hands asked.

“So you were concerned about this. Ha ha, if you really do rise to become an amazing talent, even if we wanted to, we wouldn’t be able to stop you! If you’ve been paying attention to the pro scene, then you should know that teams don’t usually force players to stay if they aren’t willing to stay. That wouldn’t be a win-win situation. If something like that happened, both sides would need to negotiate until both sides are satisfied with the results. Is that satisfactory answer?” Ye Xiu said.

“Then what will the specifics of the contract look like?” Little Cold Hands asked.

“Since we’re unreliable, we obviously haven’t even started writing up contracts yet, but if you go online and do a search, you should be able to find similar contracts prepared by other teams. You can use those as references.” Ye Xiu said.

“You’re saying that I have to prepare the contract myself?” Little Cold Hands asked.

“That isn’t impossible.” Ye Xiu said.

“If I wanted to back out right now, can I?” Little Cold Hands said.

“You’re joking :)” Ye Xiu sent a smiley face.

“Fine, but I still need to confirm that you’re Ye Qiu.” Little Cold Hands said.

“Would it be good enough if I went on Lord Grim and sent you a message?” Ye Xiu asked.

“There isn’t any proof that Lord Grim is Ye Qiu.” Little Cold Hands said.

“Go ask your guild leader.” Ye Xiu said.



“.....”

“Or I can give you old Han’s or Zhang’s phone number and you can ask them yourself?”

“.....”

“Oh my! I don’t think I have their phone numbers. I can give your their QQ’s?”

“.....”

“Or you can video chat with Su Mucheng.”

“.....”

“Or I could go look for Huang Shaotian and have you experience how talkative he really is?”

“.....”

“There has to be a method you can accept, right? You can choose any of them.” Ye Xiu said.

“It’s fine. I believe you.....” Little Cold Hands said.

#### Chapter 603 - Team Group Chat

“It’s done.” Ye Xiu finally let out a sigh of relief. Little Cold Hands agreed to join the team. For clear-headed people, persuading them wasn’t an easy task, but it wasn’t difficult either. Beating around the bush or saying vague statements wouldn’t work on them, but if you clearly stated the pros and cons, they would naturally come to the choice you wanted. Of course, there was one requirement. The choice you wanted has to benefit them. If it doesn’t, then no matter how well you spoke, it would be hard to persuade rational people.

“In the future, you should be the one to do this!” Chen Guo felt a bit ashamed.

“I didn’t know that he would be that type of person!” Ye Xiu expressed his helplessness. He had only teamed up with Little Cold Hands for one dungeon and noticed that one of the Clerics on the team had a beautiful grasp of the tempo. However, in a team with multiple Clerics supporting a single tank, this type of beautiful playing could easily be covered up.

Only a God like Ye Xiu would barely be able to notice this special Cleric. After finding out this special Cleric was Little Cold Hands, he continued to observe him and also paid attention to his messages in chat.

In that team, Little Cold Hands was a very ordinary player. Even though his playing was beautiful, his weaknesses were also very obvious. Because of his slow reaction speed and slow hands, he was lacking in many areas. When he stood still and healed, he performed perfectly, but as soon as anything unexpected happened, such as the tank messing up the aggro, he was unable to react appropriately in those situations.

If an expert wanted to distinguish himself, the easiest way was to shine during crucial moments. However, Little Cold Hand’s weaknesses stopped him from performing well at these crucial moments. His strengths, such as healing at the correct time, only appeared when the situation was stable and

everyone was standing still. However, the rest of the Clerics on the team covered him up, which was why no one had noticed anything abnormal about Little Cold Hands before.

In dungeon runs, Little Cold Hands just looked like another Cleric, so even though Ye Xiu paid attention to the chat, he couldn't get much from his messages. Right now, Ye Xiu was quite happy that Little Cold Hands was a clear-headed and rational person. It was because Little Cold Hands was such a person that he didn't have any enmity towards Ye Qiu's identity, despite being a Tyranny fan. He only cared about the important issues with being a part of the team.

If Little Cold Hands had been someone like Chen Guo, who angrily left her guild for her idol, there probably wouldn't have even been a discussion. Ye Xiu thought he might encounter such a person, so he called Chen Guo over to test him out. If the other side was someone like Chen Guo with strong opinions, tricking him wouldn't work, because the truth would come out eventually.

However, someone clear-headed and rational wouldn't be easy to deal with either. Like Little Cold Hands mentioned before, it was the issue of choosing other teams. He could ignore the conflict between Ye Qiu and Tyranny to join Ye Qiu's team, meaning his emotions wouldn't restrain his decisions, but this also meant that his loyalty to the team needed to be established through other means. Fame or other benefits could easily sway him into leaving their team for another.

In any case, being able to get someone like him to join the team was something worth celebrating.

Ye Xiu didn't say anything more because he had said everything he needed to say. Afterwards, he asked Little Cold Hands about a few more minor details.

Little Cold Hands wasn't old. He was a university student. Ye Xiu had gotten this information when they had been running dungeons together. If he didn't meet this age prerequisite, Ye Xiu wouldn't have considered him. After all, normal players required time to grow, unlike someone with a deep foundation like Wei Chen. If he was too old, he would be too difficult to train and he wouldn't be able to become a highly-skilled player. Only after learning about Little Cold Hand's age did he begin doing a more detailed investigation.

Now that he was asking him personally, he verified his age.

Little Cold Hands was 20 years old. After the summer, he would be a third year university student. His real name was An Wenyi. Both his family and his school were in City B. Because of special circumstances, the two exchanged their phone and QQ numbers. As for how he was going to deal with his relationships in the game, school, and family, Ye Xiu didn't ask. An Wenyi's rational mind saved Ye Xiu a lot of worry about these aspects.

Chen Guo opened up her QQ and added An Wenyi as a friend. After that, she created a group called "Team Happy". Ye Xiu was naturally the first to join. Then, she invited An Wenyi, Tang Rou, and Wei Chen to the group.

Their next conversation topic was no longer about the contract. Ye Xiu told An Wenyi about his observations and analyzed the issues that he had noticed when they played together. As for how to help him improve, Ye Xiu needed a better understanding first. He logged out of Unrivaled Super Hottie and logged onto Lord Grim. He partied up with Little Cold Hands and looked for a small five man dungeon to go into.

With just the two of them alone, along with situations that Ye Xiu created to test An Wenyi, Ye Xiu was able to quickly get a deeper understanding of An Wenyi's skill level. As he cleared away monsters, he had already begun coaching him. As for the North Bridge, he had completely forgotten about it. At the North Bridge, with Dazzling Spring back and no one with the ability to stop him, Blossom Valley gathered together again and regained the upper hand. This time, there was no Unrivaled Super Hottie to disturb him. In the end, after many twists and turns, the North Bridge Mage still ended up in the hands of Blossom Valley.

Unrivaled Super Hottie's mighty attack, the Cleric heal at the crucial moment, and the dirty commander of Samsara all became meaningless.

The guilds dispersed gloomily. Jiang You already looked like his soul had left his body.

He failed to win the wild boss that the team urgently needed. He still didn't know the purpose of Ye Qiu spying on his guild for two weeks. These two problems constantly bothered him. Jiang You was doomed to have a sleepless night today.

"That's basically your current situation right now. Later, I'll help you sort out everything and devise a training routine for you!"

At a dungeon exit, there stood one person, who was the source of all of Jiang You's troubles, and the other, who had Tyrannical Ambition's tag next to his name. Right now, none of them showed an ounce of empathy towards Jiang You's misery. After running the five man dungeon twice, Ye Xiu ended his session with An Wenyi and prepared to begin helping the others.

"Should I call Steamed Bun over?" Seeing that Ye Xiu was busy, Chen Guo gave a suggestion.

"Okay, invite him into the group!" Ye Xiu said. He and Steamed Bun Invasion had been in touch with each other since a long time ago, so he had a good understanding of his situation.

"What's the situation? Where's this?" Steamed Bun Invasion's QQ name was also Steamed Bun Invasion. His profile picture was a photo of a grinning steamed bun. After accepting the invite, he joined the group and began blabbering away.

"Hm? Team Happy. What a coincidence! It has the same name as our guild!" Steamed Bun Invasion chattered.

"Steamed Bun, it's me. Lord Grim." Ye Xiu said.

"Senior!" Steamed Bun Invasion immediately greeted him.

"Did you see? Our guild is planning on forming a team. Would you like to join?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Of course." Steamed Bun Invasion said.

"We're going to sign up and participate in the Challenger League next season. Do you know what that is?" Ye Xiu asked.

"No idea."

"There's some information here." Ye Xiu sent him a link.

“So many words.....” Steamed Bun Invasion clicked on the link and an info page about the Challenger League on the Pro League’s website opened up. After five seconds, he let out a grumble.

“We’re going to join this competition. After winning, we’ll be able to enter the pro scene!” Ye Xiu said.

“The pro scene!” Steamed Bun Invasion sent out a shocked emoji.

“Do you know what that is?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Of course!” Steamed Bun Invasion hadn’t played Glory for all this time for nothing. He had a lot more knowledge about the game than before.

“We’ll go to the pro scene and win the championships! Doesn’t that sound fun?” Ye Xiu said.

“Awesome!” Steamed Bun Invasion said.

“Then it’s decided.” Ye Xiu said.

“When’s the competition?” Steamed Bun Invasion asked.

“It’s still too early. We’ll have to wait until the summer, when the next season begins.” Ye Xiu said.

“But I can’t wait any longer. I’m already burning up!” Steamed Bun Invasion said.

“That’s the spirit a young person should have!” Ye Xiu praised.

“You’re too right! I really should have my little bro listen to senior’s words.” Steamed Bun Invasion said.

“Your brother?”

“Concealed Light! Senior, have you forgotten about him already? But then again, you’re right. He’s just a small character.” Steamed Bun Invasion said.

“Oh, Concealed Light! Of course I remember him. How good is he now?” Ye Xiu said.

“One word: he’s still a noob!” Steamed Bun Invasion said.

Ye Xiu didn’t point out that he had said four words because Steamed Bun Invasion quickly followed up: “But speaking of him, he’s quite hardworking. Senior, how about we give him a chance to feel the burning spirit of our team?”

“Oh, of course!” Ye Xiu said. He also had Concealed Light’s QQ. From the guides that Concealed Light had written up, he also had some talent. It was just that the difference between his theoretical knowledge and his actual ability to play was too incredible. Even though Ye Xiu had given him a few training methods, because of his extremely low starting point, Ye Xiu didn’t have high expectations for Concealed Light. If he had the perseverance to continue training, in the future, he had the potential to become an outstanding player, but right now, with his current strength, he was still way too weak to be one of his team’s members.

## Chapter 604 - The Starting Six

Concealed Light was soon dragged into the QQ group. Ye Xiu and Chen Guo didn’t even get the chance to say anything, when Steamed Bun Invasion started lecturing him harshly: “Boy, you listen here. You

being able to join such a high-end group is all thanks to my request to senior. You'd better cherish this opportunity and grasp your future. Don't disgrace me, okay?"

"F\*ck off f\*ck off f\*ck off f\*ck off!!!" Concealed Light quickly replied to Steamed Bun Invasion, showing major improvement in his hand speed. He hated how this was a messaging chat, allowing Steamed Bun Invasion to send his messages all at once. If this had been a voice chat, Concealed Light would have interrupted Steamed Bun Invasion several times over already.

"Do you see where we are right now?! How can you have such bad manners!" Steamed Bun Invasion suddenly became angry.

"Let's not argue now." Ye Xiu could only step out and mediate.

"Did you hear what he said?! He said to stop arguing!" Steamed Bun Invasion quickly added.

Ye Xiu and Concealed Light clearly had a good understanding of Steamed Bun Invasion. Telling Steamed Bun Invasion not to argue was completely pointless, so they didn't bother with this topic any longer. Concealed Light saw the name of the group and asked excitedly: "You're going to create a team?"

"Yeah. Are you interested?" Ye Xiu asked.

"I can join too?" Concealed Light felt very uneasy.

"Of course not, but you can attempt if you want."

Concealed Light was about to sincerely reply with "I'll definitely try my hardest." But when he realized that the person who had sent the message was Steamed Bun Invasion, his reply immediately changed to "F\*ck off."

"Uh, how have things been progressing?" Ye Xiu asked.

"He's had a slight bit of improvement." Steamed Bun Invasion spoke for Concealed Light.

Concealed Light: "....."

"What's your current level?"

"Same as me." Steamed Bun Invasion was still talking.

Concealed Light: "....."

"Our team will be registering for next season's Challenger League and will try to earn the chance to advance into the pro scene." Ye Xiu spoke seriously. He needed to make this point clear for all potential recruits.

"That's a must." Steamed Bun Invasion.

Concealed Light: "....."

"How about it? Have you ever thought about becoming a pro player?" Ye Xiu continued.

"In my dreams." Steamed Bun Invasion quickly replied.

Concealed Light was starting to become uncertain after being annoyed to such a point: “You’re talking to me, right?”

“Yeah.....” Ye Xiu had to call out names: “Steamed Bun, don’t interrupt for now!”

“Sure!” Steamed Bun Invasion replied, “Concealed Light, if Senior asks something, you should answer for yourself. What’s there to be afraid of?”

Concealed Light typed a giant block of emojis, which were all smashing their heads against a wall.

“Good, let’s go back to what I previously said. Are you interested in becoming a pro player?” Ye Xiu asked.

“I can become one too?” Concealed Light was somewhat excited, but was also somewhat uneasy. Even though he a lot of game knowledge and theory, his practical ability was very low. Concealed Low wouldn’t even dare to call himself an expert.

“If you’re determined, nothing is impossible. ‘Ye Xiu said.

“Then allow me to try!” Concealed Light expressed.

“Then you’re going to have to work even harder!” Ye Xiu said. He had gotten to know Concealed Light’s skill level long ago and because he had a few special characteristics, he had observed Concealed Light further. In terms of mechanical skill, Concealed Light didn’t have any foundation like Steamed Bun Invasion or Tang Rou did. He pretty much needed to learn from scratch. However, from his guides, he could tell that Concealed Light was someone who worked hard and studied meticulously. This type of studious spirit was Ye Xiu’s reason for having confidence in him. He believed that even though Concealed Light would need more time to develop, as long as there was a direction and he persevered, he definitely had the potential to become a pro. As for how much he would be able to accomplish, that would depend on himself and luck.

“Yes yes, I’ll definitely try hard!” Concealed Light agreed excitedly once he confirmed that Ye Xiu was speaking to him.

‘Good luck!’ Ye Xiu sent a “fighting” emoji.

“Nooo! There’s no competition taking place right now! It’s making me impatient. I need to go back to the game and show my strength. I’ll be going!” Steamed Bun Invasion sent a roaring emoji and quickly returned to the game.

“F\*ck, so noisy.....” Concealed Light finally obtained a peaceful and quiet environment.

“Ha ha.....” Apart from a laugh, Ye Xiu really didn’t know what to say.

“Is there anything else? If not, I’ll be going back to the game too.” Concealed Light said.

“Uh, how about leaving your contact info? It will be more convenient for us to contact you if we need something.” Chen Guo said.

Chen Guo’s QQ name was also Chasing Haze, so Concealed Light immediately recognized who she was. After Lord Grim had gone to the Heavenly Domain, a character called Chasing Haze often showed up to

deal with matters in the tenth server's Guild Happy. Even though she wasn't the guild leader in name, she was essentially Happy's guild leader. She had practically the same authority as one, so Concealed Light obviously knew who she was.

'Sure.' Concealed Light said, while giving her his phone number. He also asked: "Do you need my credentials or anything like that? For when we register?"

The official organizer for the Pro Alliance would definitely need proof of identity. It seemed like Concealed Light was the type of person to forget stuff, so he wanted to get it done with as quickly as possible.

"It's still too early for us to register. It will have to be after the season ends, but you can give it to me now if you'd like." Ye Xiu said.

Concealed Light immediately sent his information over, such as his ID.

Concealed Light, real name Luo Ji, 18 years old. He was a second year mathematics major at Famous University in City T.

"Famous University! Wow! 18 years old and already a second year?" Chen Guo was amazed.

"You flatter me." Concealed Light replied modestly.

"Math major..... are you a good student?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Hello? He's a student at Famous University! Do you even know what that means?" Chen Guo said. She had dropped out of high school in order to manage the Internet Cafe. As for the person next to her, from her knowledge of his career, he had probably left his home to play videogames after graduating from middle school. Chen Guo felt like with their educational backgrounds, they should deeply respect a student from a place like Famous University.

"Study well. It's very useful." Ye Xiu said.

"What do you know?" Chen Guo said with disdain.

"From a gaming perspective, math is a very very very important subject. If you study it well, it will certainly be helpful." Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo was speechless. This guy was telling him to study well from a gaming perspective? If his major hadn't been a very very very important subject from a gaming perspective, he wouldn't tell him to straight up switch majors would he.....

"Yeah, I know." Concealed Light said. As a math major, he knew how useful mathematics was.

"I have some data here. You can try to study it." Ye Xiu said.

"Oh?"

Ye Xiu private messaged Concealed Light and sent him some of the data.

"These are from the normal server. Once you get to the Heavenly Domain, there'll be a lot more." Ye Xiu said. He gave Concealed Light the results of Wei Chen's research on skill books. Now that he knew about

Concealed Light's identity, he felt like giving these to Concealed Light might produce new findings and advances. Wei Chen was from a rough background. After retiring for so many years, he probably wasn't someone who could become successful just by studying by himself. His research was from experience, intuition, and experiments in order to reach a conclusion. Only someone as knowledgeable as Concealed Light would be able to deconstruct the difference factors involved in finding skill book drops.

Even though he was only a second year university student, Ye Xiu firmly believed that his friend Wei Chen's education had probably stopped at third year in middle school. Life experiences might be able to increase his knowledge, but an advanced skill like math wasn't something that could be obtained in such a way.

"Ah, this....." Concealed Light had played for a long time. How could he not know about the value of skill books? After flipping through a few pages of data, he felt greatly shocked.

"It's classified information!" Ye Xiu said.

"Of course!" Concealed Light replied.

"If you've got time, make sure you take a look!" Ye Xiu said.

"Sure sure....." Concealed Light replied. He seemed like he couldn't wait any longer.

Chen Guo was a bit hesitant though. After all, Concealed Light was someone they had met online. He said he would join the team, but it was just an oral agreement. There wasn't an actual contract or anything between them, and Ye Xiu had given him something so important.....

Chen Guo thought this was a bit too rash, but seeing that Ye Xiu trusted Concealed Light, she felt a bit embarrassed to cut in. After all, the data had already been handed over. Even if she said it now, it was too late. It would be better to place more trust in this talent from Famous University.

"Do you know about Steamed Bun's situation?" Chen Guo had neatly organized the information on Little Cold Hands and Concealed Light, but she didn't have time to gather any about Steamed Bun Invasion.

"Apart from his name, I have a general understanding of his situation!" Ye Xiu said. He had known Steamed Bun Invasion for awhile now and had gleaned some information from his conversations with him. He was very similar to Concealed Light. Ye Xiu already knew that he was young.

He had gotten Steamed Bun Invasion's phone number a long time ago. As for what he did..... from their conversations together, he had revealed that he was a guard at an Internet Cafe. In that case, he had a similar background as Wei Chen. Both of them were ruffians! What would it be like if the two met each other....

"Steamed Bun has never said his real name before?" Chen Guo organized everyone's information. Steamed Bun Invasion's name was the only space left blank for now though.

"He's never talked about it. I'll ask him in a sec." Ye Xiu said.

"Okay. Then currently we have you, Little Tang, Old Wei, Little Cold Hands, Steamed Bun, and Concealed Light. We have six already!" Chen Guo was excited.



Six players was the minimum number of players required for a team. It was the number required for a team competition. However, the rules in the Alliance weren't fixed. If the team didn't meet the minimum requirements, it wouldn't mean that their qualifications would be nulled. The team could still participate, but the team would just be at a disadvantage.

For example, if a team had five players. The team would have to give up on one round of the individual competition, or play the group competition as a 2v3.

In addition to that, for the team competition, the team would only have five players and no substitutes.

This ruling was because of the difficult start in the early years of the pro scene. At that time, there were too many teams and not enough players. Teams only had the minimum six players. If any one of them had some sort of accident, it would become awkward. If they automatically lost, too many matches would be cancelled, which was why this rule had been created.

However, even though they could still register and participate in the competition without six players, they wouldn't be able to win. Now that Team Happy had six players gathered, none of which were randomly chosen, they were progressing quite well.

Chapter 605: Times Have Changed

Translator: Editor:

Seeing how excited Chen Guo was, Ye Xiu didn't want to pour any cold water on her mood. In reality, only he and Wei Chen were ready to go out on stage at any time. And even though Tang Rou and Steamed Bun Invasion were talented and improved quickly, Tang Rou wasn't just new to Glory, but new to gaming as well. It would be hard to avoid playing inconsistently. As for Steamed Bun Invasion, even though he was new to Glory, he clearly had prior experience in gaming. However, this guy had plenty of other stupid issues apart from Glory. His playing was even more inconsistent than Tang Rou's.

As for Little Cold Hands and Concealed Light, both of them had clear weaknesses and strengths. Their weaknesses limited their strengths too. If they couldn't overcome these weaknesses, neither of them had the qualifications to even step onstage. The Challenger League obviously wouldn't be as difficult as the Professional League, but they would still meet a few strong opponents. With their current skill, they definitely wouldn't be able to handle it.

Fortunately, there was still plenty of time before the Challenger League began. Moreover, the Challenger League had both fish and dragons mixed together. There would be strong opponents, but most of the participating players could be dealt with by Ye Xiu alone. After the teams, that were there just for the fun of it, were completely eliminated, there would be some time in between. During this time, Little Cold Hands and Concealed Light could continue to develop. Ye Xiu could only hope that these two could truly perform well when he needed them to. He didn't expect them to immediately start shining as soon as they entered the Challenge League.

In short, their team lacked relatively experienced players. Ye Xiu could only feel regret towards Zhang Jiale. He wasn't just someone who could be described as "relatively experienced". If Zhang Jiale actually joined their team, Ye Xiu reckoned that with just him, Zhang Jiale, Wei Chen, Tang Rou, and Steamed Bun Invasion, they were more than enough to steamroll their way through the Challenger League. It was just too bad. Saying that they could steamroll through the Challenger League wouldn't be able to

persuade Zhang Jiale though. Who cares if they could sweep the Challenger League? At best, they would be able to easily earn a spot in the Professional League, but what did Zhang Jiale want? To be the champion! What Ye Xiu could promise and what Zhang Jiale wanted were way too far off.

Ye Xiu thought about this to himself. He didn't splash any cold water on Chen Guo's happy mood, but this time, Chen Guo showed clear-headedness. After organizing the information on the members of their team, she reviewed the team: "With six players, we have enough people, but our chances of winning doesn't seem too high, no?"

Seeing that Chen Guo had thought of it herself, Ye Xiu nodded his head: "Yeah! That Concealed Light isn't even better than you right now!"

"What then? Do you know any other retired experts like Old Wei?" Chen Guo said.

"I do know a few. However, besides the question of whether or not they've even touched Glory recently, they have to be interested in joining our team. Relying on a team of these players gathered together would be enough to deal with a vast majority of opponents we will face in Challenger League, but that's not our goal. We want to return to the Professional League and win the championships. If our team is made up of old fellows, there won't be much room to improve....." Ye Xiu sighed.

"What do we do then? Continue switching accounts and find potential recruits?" Chen Guo said.

Ye Xiu shook his head: "The players who are found through this method will be just like Little Cold Hands or Concealed Light. They have talent, but they also have major flaws that weaken their strength. Anyone outstanding would have been discovered already. We're not planning on becoming a training camp. Little Cold Hands and Concealed Light are enough. We need players who can go up on stage at anytime, or players like Little Tang and Steamed Bun Invasion, who already have a solid foundation and improve quickly. These types of players can't be found in the Heavenly Domain. They have already been discovered. It would be better to pay more attention to the tenth server. There are definitely still players like Little Tang or Steamed Bun Invasion amongst the new players. In addition, they probably haven't been noticed by the big guilds yet."

"But even though they haven't noticed any yet, doesn't mean that they're not paying attention, right?" Chen Guo said.

"Right." Ye Xiu sighed, "And we don't have any advantage over them. This is something that can only be encountered by chance. To be able to pick up a Steamed Bun was already very lucky."

"Uh oh, shouldn't we hurry and talk with Steamed Bun about the contract? It would be terrible if another guild took him away!" Chen Guo suddenly remembered.

"This..... I don't think it'll happen." Ye Xiu said.

"Why not?"

"Because of Steamed Bun's personality and because..... from a certain perspective, Steamed Bun also has a big weakness that protects him....." Ye Xiu said.

"It's better to be careful!" Chen Guo erred on the side of caution.

“That’s fine too.” Ye Xiu thought about it and felt like since they had already gone this far, they might as well start being more careful. Similar to how Wang Jiexi tried to recruit Tang Rou before, if Tang Rou didn’t have special circumstances, an incredible seedling would have been taken away just like that.

The current champion team! Compared with a newly created team that wasn’t even sure if they could make it through the Challenger League yet, it was too huge of a chasm.

Chen Guo acted swiftly. With the plan set, she immediately logged into the tenth server Chasing Haze and called out to Steamed Bun Invasion.

“What?” Steamed Bun Invasion replied.

“Steamed Bun, you left too quickly! We weren’t finished discussing yet!” Chen Guo said.

‘Oh oh, what else did senior have to say?’ Steamed Bun Invasion asked.

“We’re creating a team to participate in an official competition, so we will need your information. We’re also going to need you to sign a contract for it later.” Chen Guo said.

“Ooh okay, then should I come over in person?” Steamed Bun Invasion asked.

“That would be good!” Chen Guo smiled.

“Where do I find you guys?” Steamed Bun Invasion asked.

“We’re in City H. Tell me when you’re available and I can come pick you up.” Chen Guo arranged.

“Sure. I’ll go buy a ticket.” Steamed Bun Invasion said and then disappeared.

Chen Guo was left there hanging. After two minutes of staring blankly, she turned around and said to Ye Xiu: “I admire Steamed Bun very much.”

“Why?” Ye Xiu wasn’t like Chen Guo who spent most of her time watching someone else play.

“Steamed Bun went to buy a ticket. He’ll be coming over directly.” Chen Guo said.

Steamed Bun Invasion’s spirit was something even Tang Rou couldn’t help but be awed by: “That Steamed Bun…… really is……”

“That’s too decisive. How are you going to accommodate for him when he arrives? Don’t tell me he’ll be sleeping on the sofa?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Mm, that’ll be an issue. Not just Steamed Bun. Later, when the team officially forms. Everyone will need to be together. We’ll definitely have to figure out how to accommodate for them. Hand this matter over to me!” Chen Guo nodded her head. Pro teams usually had 10-12 players. They couldn’t just be squeezed into such a small room in the Internet Cafe. Chen Guo seemed to have been influenced by Steamed Bun Invasion. She moved swiftly and decisively. She immediately went online and started looking up housing locations near Joyful Flourish Internet Cafe.

Chen Guo hadn’t moved from this stretch of land in the past thirty years. Even the neighboring Club Excellent Era was something that Chen Guo had watched as it developed and was built. Chen Guo was very familiar with this part of town. Which surrounding areas were convenient, close to the Internet

Cafe, in a nice area, etc. She could close her eyes and talk about them all. She naturally found apartments for rent very quickly and started calling.

As she called them, she took notes. Soon, she had an entire page of information. Chen Guo looked at the page and felt like she had enough information for now. She turned her head towards Ye Xiu and Tang Rou: "Who wants to go house hunting?"

"Obviously, you should be the one to go!" Ye Xiu said.

"Nonsense. I'm saying apart from me, who else wants to go?" Chen Guo called.

"I'll go with you." Tang Rou smiled as she stood up.

"Little Tang, you don't need to move out. We can continue to stay here and live." Chen Guo said.

"Mm, I'll just go out for a walk with you then." Tang Rou said.

"What about you? Would you like to go and take a walk?" Chen Guo said. Ye Xiu was still living in that little storage room. Speaking of which, Chen Guo felt quite embarrassed. Now that they were looking for apartments, Chen Guo wanted to make up for it. "It doesn't matter for me. You can do what you want!" Ye Xiu waved his hands. He clearly wasn't planning on spending much time choosing a comfortable living environment.

Chen Guo was helpless. She and Tang Rou left. Before leaving, she talked about the issue of everyone needing to live together and her plans on renovating the second floor of the Internet Cafe.

They quickly chose an apartment. Chen Guo had naturally already seen the appearances of the rooms before contacting the owner. As for the prices, Chen Guo was very familiar with this part of town. The prices were around a thousand or so yuan and she happily negotiated. Soon, they found a terraced house with six rooms in a small area called Forest Park. It had a balcony at the top, a garden at the bottom, two stories, and six rooms. Chen Guo was planning on having two people to a room. On the first floor, there were two living rooms connected together. Chen Guo felt like she could set up a circle of computers here, so they wouldn't need to use the Internet Cafe. The team could directly eat, sleep, and practice together here.

Good! Chen Guo was so satisfied that she and Tang Rou even talked about moving over from the Internet Cafe to live here.

After paying the initial deposit, she was like a general returning home after a victory. Ye Xiu was naturally still at his computer playing Glory. Chen Guo told him the good news. Ye Xiu also looked at her with wide eyes.

"So luxurious!!!" Ye Xiu was deeply moved. He couldn't help but think about the year he had left home. Having food and a bed was quite nice already. What type of housing condition hadn't he been in? Ye Xiu already felt lucky to be able to live in the storage room. It was small, but it was still his own personal living space. And now? He was about to move into a villa to play games. How the times have changed.

Chapter 606: Gathering

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Chen Guo had lived in the area around Happy Internet Cafe for close to thirty years and was incredibly familiar with it. However, Ye Xiu had only been here for about seven years too, so he wasn't too unfamiliar with it. Even though he seldom went out during those seven years, Ye Xiu still knew about the Forest Park neighborhood.

Forest Park was considered an upper-middle class neighborhood. Quite a few people from Club Excellent Era lived here. The boss Tao Xuan had property in this neighborhood and had once invited the entire team over during a vacation period for a party. In the blink of an eye, the things stayed the same, but the people have changed. Ye Xiu couldn't help but let out a sigh.

"The contract starts in April. Why don't you take a look, pick a room, and give some ideas on how to arrange everything?" Chen Guo pulled the sighing Ye Xiu back to reality.

"Oh, me? It doesn't matter. We can talk about it when the time comes!" Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo was helpless. Clothing, food, housing, and transport were basic human needs. In most people's eyes, shouldn't this have been an urgent issue? But for Ye Xiu, all of these were unimportant. Chen Guo reckoned that he would probably be more nervous over discovering that he had no cigarettes left.

"When will Steamed Bun be coming over?" Chen Guo asked.

"Didn't he buy a ticket to come?" Ye Xiu said.

"You haven't gotten any messages from him?" Chen Guo and Tang Rou had spent the entire day looking for housing.

"None!" Ye Xiu said.

"Maybe he already bought the ticket and is already on his way here?" Chen Guo wondered.

"Mm, if it's Steamed Bun. It's definitely possible." Ye Xiu said.

"These guys....." Chen Guo looked up at the ceiling. She suddenly realized that she was carrying a lot of weight on her shoulder.

"Should we also call over Old Wei over?" Ye Xiu asked his boss.

"Sure sure. Call over anyone you'd like. We've already have the housing settled. Let's not put it to waste." Chen Guo remembered the reminder Tang Rou had given her that afternoon: the house rent was expensive and it was very likely much of the money would go to waste because they didn't have enough people to fill the house yet. Steamed Bun Invasion could throw down whatever he was doing and buy a ticket to come over, but Little Cold Hands and Concealed Light were university students. They probably didn't have the luxury to do that. They most likely needed to stay on school grounds.

Unfortunately, Chen Guo was too happy with the suite. She had barely stepped into the suite and she made a deal immediately out of impulse. The deal went so quickly that the real estate agent almost laughed. From Tang Rou's logical point of view, it was extremely likely much of the money for rent would go to waste, when Chen Guo thought about her contribution to the team, she still felt satisfied with the decision. As for money, Chen Guo didn't place too much value on it. If everything was prepared well, recruits would be more willing to join. If she had to hurry and make emergency arrangements,

wouldn't that be too abnormal? Thinking about it this way, Chen Guo felt like the money spent was well worth it.

Meanwhile, as soon as Ye Xiu got the nod, he contacted Wei Chen.

"Oh? So it's like that? It's not too inconvenient for me, but I have a bunch of brothers that I usually hang out with too." Wei Chen was a bit hesitant, but he was just a bit regretful. He clearly knew that if they were going to create a team, everyone would need to be together in one place. No matter how much he loved his friends, he couldn't demand that his friends come to the pro scene with him.

"Okay. I'll make some arrangements and I'll be over there soon." Wei Chen was a decisive person and quickly gave his answer.

'Okay, I'll be waiting.'" Ye Xiu didn't say anymore.

Over the next few days, Ye Xiu didn't use his Unrivaled Super Hottie account. Instead, he used Lord Grim and continued to level. With Unrivaled Super Hottie gone, Jiang You, as well as the other core members of Tyrannical Ambition, knew why, but the other normal players didn't know the reason. The players of all the branch guilds were still waiting for the incredible tank to help them pass through any difficulties in their way, but suddenly, he vanished. Many of their players were very upset.

However, this was a game. If someone suddenly disappeared, it wasn't too weird. Unrivaled Super Hottie was only deeply missed because of the abnormal amount of attention they had placed onto him. After being gone for a few days, everyone slowly forgot about his existence.

Ye Xiu's leveling with Lord Grim was going smoothly. Apart from the loads of experience from dungeons, he didn't need to worry about the big guilds bothering him anymore. Even though it had been a good while since Lord Grim had entered the Heavenly Domain, Ye Xiu had no idea what policies the big guilds had towards him. In short, he would do what he could to defend himself. Dungeons were naturally safe places for him to be. As long as he went into one, he wouldn't need to be afraid of anyone bothering him.

The number of Heavenly Domain dungeons were as numerous as there were hairs on cows. If the dungeons were as numerous as cow hairs, dungeon entrances were even more numerous. Guarding the dungeon entrances and waiting for him to come like they could in the normal servers was impossible here. Ye Xiu cleared dungeons all day and Lord Grim's experience shot up.

His leveling speed was even faster than it had been in the normal servers. The rewards in the Heavenly Domain were far greater than they were in the normal server. This was the same for experience and money.

However, his Level 50-55 leveling had been too bumpy of a journey. Ye Xiu's fast leveling these past few days wasn't even close to catching up to the highest leveled players in the tenth server, who were already Level 67 and pushing for Level 70. Players like Tang Rou's Soft Mist used to be among the highest leveled players in the server, but after some time, they had been slowly tossed behind. After all, they couldn't level their characters 24/7 like guilds characters could. This time advantage couldn't be made up for by Tang Rou's advantage in player skill.

None of this mattered though. After Ye Xiu's Lord Grim entered the Heavenly Domain, their battle had shifted. In the normal servers, even though there were valuable resources to be competed for, in the Heavenly Domain, normal server items became cheaper. It wasn't worth spending most of his effort on the tenth server. What's more, their strength hadn't really come together yet. With limited resources, it would be better to place more importance on the Heavenly Domain. Even if they had to trade the items that they earned for items from normal servers, it would still be worth it.

As for what to compete for? Currently, Ye Xiu needed to complete his Thousand Chance Umbrella and Wei Chen's Death Hand. With a goal, the two knew what needed to be done.

If they could get anything else along the way, they would take it. After all, relying on two Silver weapons to strike the heavens down wasn't realistic. Their other equipment would need to be complete too. The other members of the team would need suitable equipment too. There was no such thing as having too many materials. If they weren't useful, they could be traded for money.

Ye Xiu was just leveling these past few days, so he didn't have much else to do. As for Wei Chen, after making arrangements to come over, he continued to swim around in Samsara.

His journey to the top of the guild was essentially the same as Ye Xiu's Unrivaled Super Hottie. However, he wasn't as dramatic as Unrivaled Super Hottie, who rose all the way up in just a few days. During the two weeks that Unrivaled Super Hottie shone his way up in Tyrannical Ambition, he slowly worked his way up in Samsara from a newly joined member to an elite.

After all, his skill level was there. The big guilds wouldn't ignore such a talent. However, even though he was an elite, he was still far away from being a core member.

It was similar to Unrivaled Super Hottie's situation in Tyrannical Ambition. Even if Jiang You hadn't seen through Ye Xiu's identity, someone who had only just joined could only do hard work at first. To become a core member of the guild, skill wasn't important. Trust was.

This was the hardest part about being a spy. If all you need was skill to become a core member, then the guilds would just send one of their experts to immediately become a spy. Speaking of which, it wasn't the first time guilds had exploited experts like Unrivaled Super Hottie. Many spies that had been compromised were intentionally ignored by the guild and used as hard labor instead. The spies didn't know that they had been caught and were doing their best to win the favor of the guild. Their skill was good, so they were very confident. When the crucial moment came and the spy was misinformed, nothing could be more tragic for that spy then.

Wei Chen had played Glory for so many years. There was nothing that he didn't know about. During his time in Samsara, he showed his skill, but he didn't dare to be too outstanding. If anyone showed ridiculous skill like Unrivaled Super Hottie did, with the current situation in the Heavenly Domain, there was only one label that could be put on him: Ye Qiu.

As a result, Wei Chen had counted the many times that Ye Xiu had failed to be a spy. His commotion made everyone's work that much harder.

However, with Wei Chen's ability, he just needed to casually play and he had more than enough skill to stand out among other players. With too much skill, he would be suspicious, but he would also gain a lot of attention. It was a double-edged sword. If he didn't rely on displaying his skill, then it would take too

long to climb up the guild's ladder. Other spies had the time, but he and Ye Xiu didn't. Thus, Wei Chen went around brandishing his double-edged sword.

At the fight for the North Bridge Mage, Wei Chen was amongst the Samsara's elite troops. He wasn't a core member of Samsara, but his current status was already enough for Ye Xiu's purposes. Maybe Samsara was still suspicious of Wei Chen's identity and was using him as a helper for now, but it didn't matter to him.

Because in terms of power, their guild couldn't compare to the club guilds. The various club guilds need to receive information multiple times to confirm it, but for Ye Xiu and the others, this was too much work. If they could directly participate in these battles, it was equivalent to knowing the situation.

If not, with just Ye Xiu and the others alone, how could they find wild bosses that randomly spawned every week?

"I'll come over tomorrow. Send me the address." At 8:00 PM on April 1, Wei Chen suddenly messaged Ye Xiu over QQ.

Fifteen minutes later, Steamed Bun Invasion's steamed bun icon suddenly up: "Senior! I bought my ticket. I'm on the train. I'll be there soon!"

"Steamed Bun, you've used the same ticket for the past few days?" Ye Xiu asked.

Chapter 607: A Special Day

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The successive messages from Wei Chen and Steamed Bun Invasion, along with the fact that it was April 1st, made Ye Xiu very suspicious, but then again, Wei Chen had asked for the address, so he himself could come over. It didn't seem like an April Fool's joke. Could he be thinking that they were going to host a huge welcome celebration for him and it would be funny if he didn't show up? Even though Wei Chen was very shameless, he wasn't stupid.

Ye Xiu was more doubtful about Steamed Bun Invasion though. This guy immediately decided to go buy a ticket over here. Then, he suddenly told him that he was on the train today. The several day gap didn't conform with common sense. However, this was Steamed Bun Invasion! He wasn't a normal person. Using common sense to figure him out would be a mistake. As a result, Ye Xiu asked Steamed Bun Invasion what he had been doing these past few days.

"Sigh. Nothing I could do." Steamed Bun Invasion replied quickly. QQ indicated that Steamed Bun Invasion was using the app on his cellphone. Typing on the phone limited his typing speed.

"I bought the ticket that very day, but when my friends heard I was going to become a pro player, they wanted to give me a goodbye party. Today, we'll party. Tomorrow, we'll party. The next day, we'll party. We partied for several days. I had to keep on changing my tickets until today." Steamed Bun Invasion explained.

"Wow, I'm sorry for troubling you....." Ye Xiu said.

"It's okay. I'll be there soon! Senior, where am I headed?" Steamed Bun Invasion asked.



Ye Xiu saw that Steamed Bun was asking him for directions. It didn't seem like an April Fool's joke, so he gave him his address, just like he did for Wei Chen.

'Can you find it?' Ye Xiu sent the address over to Steamed Bun Invasion and asked.

'Relax!' Steamed Bun Invasion was very confident.

'If you can't find it, just give me a call.' Ye Xiu gave Chen Guo's cellphone number to Steamed Bun Invasion.

'I think the probability of me using this phone number will definitely be zero.' Steamed Bun Invasion said.

'I hope so!' Ye Xiu said.

After giving the two people the address, Ye Xiu went to find Chen Guo and told her the news, but Chen Guo looked at him warily. After staring at Ye Xiu for several seconds, she finally asked: 'Are you serious?'

Ye Xiu was helpless. It was a special day after all. You always had to be cautious. Ye Xiu put on his serious face and said: 'I'm serious. Think of it this way, today is April Fool's Day, but wouldn't using this sort of joke be too lame?'

Chen Guo listened, but didn't let her guard down. She actually became even more wary and nervously asked: 'Then what do you plan on doing?'

'How old am I? Do you think I have something planned?' Ye Xiu looked at her in disdain and left.

Speaking of which, Chen Guo wasn't usually afraid of April Fool's Day. In the morning, Tang Rou and several other employees had pulled a small prank on her. Most people wouldn't be too excessive with it. However, the God in her Internet Cafe could summon storms in game. Chen Guo was actually quite afraid of what type of shameless prank he might play on her. Seeing Ye Xiu look at her with disdain and walk away, Chen Guo wasn't angry. She actually felt quite relieved.

The rest of the day went on like normal. It was just April Fool's Day. It wasn't a holiday or anything. Glory didn't prepare anything special for today either. However, in the competitive scene, today was a competition day and April was an important period for the pros.

The Professional Alliance usually held competitive matches every week. If there were any big holidays or other special occasions on those days, the schedule would be adjusted accordingly. The season usually started in the middle of August and ended on the first third of May the next year. The middle third of May would be the playoffs, where the top eight teams would enter an elimination style tournament until the champion was crowned.

April meant that the season was coming to an end. Teams with outstanding records or extremely terrible records might already know their general placings.

For example, in this eighth season, April 1st was a Saturday, a match day. April had five Saturdays and May had two Saturdays for a total of seven match days until the season ended. This was a few days more than other seasons. Usually, when April came, there would only be five or six match days left.

At this point, the placements of a few teams were already determined. For example, Blue Rain, Samsara, Tiny Herb, Tyranny were way ahead of the rest. They had already been guaranteed a spot in the playoffs. The remaining seven matches would determine their seedings. Currently, after the All Star Weekend, Samsara had shot past Tiny Herb and grasped the number two spot. These seven matches would be a competition between Samsara and Blue Rain to see who would take first in the regular season. Unfortunately, none of the remaining matches matched Samsara and Blue Rain in a direct confrontation.

This situation put less pressure on the teams, but the Alliance didn't like it too much. In Glory, they often called these situations "Killer Matches".

In these remaining seven matches, these four teams wouldn't care as much because they had already locked in their playoff spots, so there would usually be less highlights in these matches. In addition to that, these four teams were without a doubt some of the most popular teams in the Alliance. If their matches were less suspenseful, the number of viewers would drastically decrease.

At this stage, the media stopped placing importance on these popular teams and spent more time reporting the other teams fighting for the remaining four playoff spots.

Misty Rain, Void, Wind Howl, 301, Thunderclap, Hundred Blossoms, and Royal Style.

These seven teams were currently the focal point of the media and the only teams with the possibility of grabbing a playoff spot.

Misty Rain and Void had steady positions and led the pack. Wind Howl and 301 were under a lot of pressure. If the three teams behind them wanted to move up, the three teams would need to step over their corpses. Team Thunderclap was currently in ninth place, just outside the top eight. However, their seven remaining matches were against easy teams, so their chances of making it into the playoffs were highly likely.

Before Zhang Jiale's retirement, let alone the playoffs, Team Hundred Blossoms were frequently in the finals. However, this season, their team had been thrown into disorder and their record wasn't very stable. They kept on bouncing back and forth between the door to the playoffs. It was very likely that they wouldn't be able to make it into the playoffs, making the fans very nervous.

Team Royal Style was in the worst spot of these seven teams. Not only was it in last compared to the rest of the seven teams, the next few matches for them wouldn't be easy. However, since the top four teams had guaranteed their spot in the playoffs, it might not be so bad. The next matches would be difficult because Team Royal Style needed to face all of the top four teams, but since the top four had guaranteed their spot, they would be much more relaxed in their matches and Royal Style might be able to pull off a win against them.

The probability of which of the seven teams would earn a playoff spot had been analyzed by all sorts of professionals and fans, but because today was a special day, the headlines weren't about these seven teams.

The headline: Excellent Era is out! Is this an April Fool's Day joke??

Correct, Excellent Era continued to perform poorly. After the All Star Weekend, they had returned back to the brink of relegations. They were only one point higher than the second to last place team.

One point!

It was very likely that after today's match, Team Excellent Era would drop into the relegation zone. And with their current morale, if they dropped, whether they would actually be able to come back was a very big issue.

The media and fans had criticized Team Excellent Era for over a month now. Team Excellent Era kept on expressing their stance on their record, but nothing worked. Their placing kept on dropping. They would occasionally show moments of brilliance in the individual and group arena competitions, but over the past three months, Excellent Era had yet to win a single team competition.

The fans couldn't help but think of the team's glorious moments in the past and they kept on bringing up the retired team captain Ye Qiu. If Ye Qiu were still there, the team would still be such and such. This type of question would often come up in these sorts of moments. Many people happily forgot that Ye Qiu had led the team and they weren't performing well either. These were the same people that had criticized him then.

Team Excellent Era's match had become a focal point in the competition too. As a result, like before, Chen Guo didn't avoid playing Excellent Era's matches when they were a highlight of the day. Tonight, Happy Internet Cafe had arranged to broadcast Excellent Era's match.

After a period of time, Happy Internet Cafe had gotten used to not playing Excellent Era's matches every time. Gradually, the weekend broadcasts became popular again.

City H had many Excellent Era fans, but that didn't mean everybody was one. Even the area near Club Excellent Era wouldn't only have Excellent Era fans.

Happy Internet Cafe's broadcasts suited the appetites of fans, who supported other teams or only wanted to watch the big branded teams play, so these fans happily came over on the weekends to watch. However, without everyone supporting the same team, the atmosphere wasn't as passionate as before.

Even so, for those who had never seen this type of Internet Cafe before, it was still quite impressive.

"What's going on? Are people protesting?"

A person stood at the entrance of Happy Internet Cafe. Half his face was covered by his long hair. The other half of his face showed his youthfulness. At this moment, he was holding onto his cellphone. He looked at Happy Internet Cafe very seriously before walking in. The huge crowd of people inside made him very surprised.

However, he didn't show any fear towards the crowd. He calmly walked towards the front desk and flipped his long hair aside. He was just about to say something, when he suddenly stopped. He took out his cellphone, while calling out to the sister in charge of the cash register: "Hold on. I forgot the word."

Chapter 608: An Unimaginable Matter

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While the girl working the cashier looked at him in confusion, the long-haired youth glanced at his phone and repeatedly said “oh oh oh”. Then, he lifted his head and asked with a grin: “Chen Guo?”

“Steamed Bun!” Someone called out from near the register. Ye Xiu and Chen Guo were standing there! When the Internet Cafe broadcasted a popular match, the two wouldn’t go to the front and steal a good seat from a customer. They usually sat far away and watched from the cash register.

“Yes?” This youth responded and turned his head around. He saw a male and a female nearby, smiling at him.

“Lord Grim, Chasing Haze.” Ye Xiu took out his account ID and introduced himself and Chen Guo.

“Oh oh, I’m Steamed Bun Invasion. I’m here!” Steamed Bun Invasion said.

“I can see that.” Ye Xiu laughed.

“What’s going on? Is someone making a ruckus? I’ll help you out!!” Steamed Bun Invasion wasn’t shy with strangers and quickly blended in as a Happy Internet Cafe employee. He had already begun rolling up his sleeves.

“No no, a match is being broadcast!” Chen Guo hastily stopped him. She was afraid Steamed Bun Invasion would start pulling a mob.

“Match? There usually aren’t any matches at this time! La Liga or Serie A?” Steamed Bun Invasion asked in wonder.

“It’s a Glory Alliance match...” Chen Guo said.

“Glory Alliance match..... Oh oh!” Steamed Bun Invasion suddenly understood what was going on and then said seriously: “You’re right. We’re going to be entering the Professional Alliance, so we have to watch more competitive matches in order to understand our opponents. Who will we be watching today?”

Right when he said this, the broadcast host began speaking. The most important match today, between Team Excellent Era and Team Void, was about to begin.

“Oh, Excellent Era, Void. These two teams. We have to watch them carefully.” Steamed Bun Invasion said seriously.

“Then let’s watch.....” Ye Xiu said.

“Of course!” Steamed Bun Invasion turned his head, maintaining his pose as a cash register. His eyes began focusing on the match.

“I’m 100% certain that this person is Steamed Bun Invasion.” Chen Guo whispered to Ye Xiu.

“In any case, he’s definitely not Old Wei.” Ye Xiu said.

“Why?” Chen Guo asked.

Ye Xiu turned his head: “I’d recognize Old Wei.”

“Oh.....” Chen Guo had to admit that she had asked a very stupid question.

The match soon began. Because it was an Excellent Era match, there were many Excellent Era fans squeezed into the Internet Cafe today. As soon as it started, there were lots of cheering and sounds of worry. Right now, the fans were very concerned with the team's current situation.

"Huh! It seems like there's a lot of support for Excellent Era? Team Void shouldn't have any less fans than them!" Steamed Bun Invasion watched the match, but commentated on the Internet Cafe's audience. He didn't hear any Void fans competing against Excellent Era fans like he had expected. The noise from the Excellent Era fans covered up everything.

"Void has no energy! It looks to me like they'll be losing tonight!" Steamed Bun Invasion came to this conclusion.

"Let's watch the match, Steamed Bun....." Ye Xiu said.

"Roger that!" Steamed Bun Invasion respected Ye Xiu's wishes and continued to pay attention to the match.

As the match progressed, more and more angry shouts were coming from the Excellent Era fans. The three Excellent Era players who came out to compete for the individual competition lost all three rounds, making the Excellent Era fans in Happy Internet Cafe very upset. Even Steamed Bun Invasion saw the result and whispered with wide eyes: "No way! How could it be like this?" It seemed like he had been very confident in his previous prediction.

Amidst the cursing, the group arena competition began. There were many twists and turns, causing everyone to be on edge, but in the end, Excellent Era managed to win the group arena and earned two points. The Excellent Era fans relaxed a bit and began nervously paying attention to the most important team competition.

"What's your predictions?" Chen Guo liked to listen to Ye Xiu's predictions of every match. Even though he didn't predict every single match's outcome correctly, his analysis was very knowledgeable. Chen Guo felt that her skill in Glory wouldn't improve much from his analysis in terms of mechanical skill, but her theoretical knowledge improved greatly. Now, she was gradually learning and sometimes even looked down on the comments made by the commentator and analyst.

"It's obvious." Ye Xiu shook his head. His expression didn't look too good.

"Excellent Era will lose?" Chen Guo saw the look on Ye Xiu's face and stopped herself from stealing a laugh. Right now, she hoped Excellent Era would fail. However, seeing Ye Xiu's mood, it wouldn't be good to be too excessive. She could empathize with Ye Xiu's feelings towards the team. As a result, at this moment, in order to hold back her laugh, she thought about Su Mucheng and how she would also fail alongside the team. By doing this, she wouldn't say anything out loud about Excellent Era's misfortune.

"Excellent Era is a disaster right now." Ye Xiu said.

"The outside world is analyzing the reasons, but I think it's mainly because of that one time." Chen Guo said. When she said "that one time", she was referring to when Excellent Era sent out their starting lineup into the game only to end up being smashed by Ye Xiu and a group of players. From then on, Team Excellent Era's playing only got worse and worse.

“It’s not only because of that time. The current Excellent Era has too many holes. No one in the team cares enough to try and fix them.” Ye Xiu said.

“How terrible! It’s such a waste for Mumu to continue being on that team. Is there any way to get her to leave early?” Chen Guo suggested. If Su Mucheng was no longer a part of the team, she could be at ease cursing Excellent Era to death.

But Ye Xiu didn’t reply to her question: “If this continues, Excellent Era might even get relegated this season.”

“Really? Wouldn’t that be tragic for Mumu?”

“Another thing. If Excellent Era is relegated, then they will be our opponents in the Challenger League. With Excellent Era participating in the Challenger League, things will be very difficult!” Ye Xiu said.

“Ah……” Chen Guo didn’t think about this point. Now that Ye Xiu mentioned it, she suddenly understood. Don’t look at how terribly Excellent Era was doing this season. They still had the Battle God One Autumn Leaf and Sun Xiang. Their recognition wasn’t without a reason. If they didn’t have this sort of strong foundation, Excellent Era’s relegation would never have been reported as an April Fool’s joke. Clearly, such a strong team like Excellent Era being relegated was something unimaginable by fans and the media alike.

However, nothing in this world is absolute. This unimaginable occurrence was happening right now.

The team competition soon began. Even Chen Guo shook her head upon seeing the confrontation between the two sides. Excellent Era tried to coordinate, but their coordination was too mechanical. They didn’t seem to make any adjustments according to their opponent’s moves. It was as if they were following a script, executing it one line at a time.

Every single player executed their lines perfectly, but the problem was that their opponents weren’t blocks of wood. As soon as Void made adjustments, Excellent Era’s moves clearly stopped being effective. Soon afterwards, Void’s Ghostblade duo, Li Xuan and Wu Yuze, showed their might and completely gained control of the battle. Excellent Era quickly fell into a losing battle. Even the analyst and commentator could point out all of Excellent Era’s issues.

The team members of Excellent Era were losing so badly, they no longer had any confidence left. They knew that they needed to make adjustments according to the situation, but none of them dared to make them. All of them were afraid of being the ones to blame if they lost the match. As a result, they simply followed the tactical guidelines word for word.

It could be said that Excellent Era’s team was following the guidelines too well. This was a PvP competitive match. Following each step precisely was what players did in PvE situations. If they took that to a pro match, how could they not lose?

When the match between Team Excellent Era and Team Void finished, several other matches had finished as well. Among these was Team Bright Green, which had only been one point lower than Excellent Era. All of the fans checked the points tally. Fortunately, Team Bright Green gave them a thread of consolation because Team Bright Green also performed extremely poorly. Just like Team Excellent Era, they had only received 2 points. Team Excellent Era still had a one point advantage.

The teams already in the relegation zone wasn't having it easy either. They were in just as tragic a position as Team Excellent Era. Speaking of which, even though Excellent Era had recently been declining, from the recent points earned, they couldn't compare to Bright Green. Even so, the majority of people still favored Excellent Era.

After all, Excellent Era still had their resources. Their team's strength was still there. As for Bright Green? Their team's strength and record were their real strength. Bright Green couldn't be used as an April Fool's joke like Excellent Era could.

When the match ended, the Excellent Era fans were already numb to Team Excellent Era's disastrous results. They didn't curse or shout angrily. All of them felt dispirited as if their spirits had floated away.

"To think Excellent Era would actually lose so badly. It was totally contrary to my expectations. Tsk tsk tsk." Steamed Bun Invasion sighed. He still believed the louder voice would have won. As for actual analysis of the match, he couldn't compare to Chen Guo.

"Okay, stop reflecting on it." Ye Xiu patted him on the back and turned his head towards Chen Guo: "Let's get a late-night snack as a welcome gift for Steamed Bun."

"Sure." Chen Guo nodded his head and called over Tang Rou.

"Hi, Steamed Bun!" Tang Rou hadn't squeezed into the crowd to watch the match. Only now did she come down. After hearing that Steamed Bun Invasion had arrived, she also ran over to call out to him.

"Soft Mist." Ye Xiu introduced her by her game ID.

"Ah! It's you! Amazing! You're fierce in game and you look fierce too." Steamed Bun Invasion was deeply moved.

"You look fierce..... Is that a compliment?" Tang Rou smiled.

"Of course of course." Steamed Bun Invasion nodded his head.

"Okay, let's go!" Chen Guo raised her boss voice and left the Internet Cafe together with them. After that, she took them to a place. Ye Xiu looked and sighed. He was also familiar with this place! When he was still in Excellent Era, he had been here many times to grab a late-night snack. However, at that time, the people he usually ate with.....

Hm?

Ye Xiu walked in, while looking back on his memories. Suddenly, he saw the person whom he had just been thinking about. He was sitting in his usual spot too.

Excellent Era's boss, Tao Xuan.

Chapter 609: Unexpectedly Here

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Tao Xuan wasn't the only person sitting here. Next to him was Club Excellent Era's director, Cui Li.

These two people were, without a doubt, the two top executives of Club Excellent Era. For them to show up together here was already very surprising to Ye Xiu because today was Team Excellent Era's away match. Moreover, this match would decide whether or not Team Excellent Era would drop into relegations. However, these two executives apparently didn't go to support their team. Not long after the match ended, they came over here for a late night snack. It was very unusual.

Cui Li was sitting, facing the entrance. After seeing Ye Xiu, he signalled in front of him. Tao Xuan turned around and the two looked at Ye Xiu.

"What a coincidence! To think that we would bump into each other here." Ye Xiu greeted.

Chen Guo was still choosing a seat and hadn't been paying attention to her surroundings. When she heard Ye Xiu say something, she turned her gaze over and saw the two sitting there. She quickly recognized them. Cui Li frequently showed up in the news and Tao Xuan had personally come to visit the Internet Cafe.

"Ah!" Chen Guo suddenly felt the atmosphere become awkward, but after examining them for awhile, she realized none of them felt awkward at all. The three guys were acting very comfortable, as if this wasn't an uncomfortable situation. Seeing their friendly smiles, the scene looked more like friends unexpectedly bumping into each other. It definitely didn't look like there were any existing conflict between the three.

Chen Guo deeply felt like she had said enough. The other side also had people who could talk. Cui Li replied to Ye Xiu: "Yeah, what a coincidence!"

"I won't keep bothering you guys then." Ye Xiu clearly didn't plan on conversing with the other side too much.

However, Cui Li was very interested in their group. He laughed: "You're not bothering us at all. Are these fellows with you your future team members? How about introducing them to us? In the future, we'll certainly be interacting with each other anyways."

Chen Guo was the boss of an Internet Cafe and she often made deals with people. She immediately heard the deeper intent in Cui Li's words. Right when she was about to reply, Steamed Bun Invasion actually responded faster than her. He jumped out and said: "Ah! So you're also someone in this profession? How lucky! This little bro is Steamed Bun Invasion. My friends call me Steamed Bun. What's your name?"

"Ha ha." Cui Li smiled: "Cui Li, Club Excellent Era's director. Some might call me a leader. This is our boss."

"Oh oh oh oh!" Steamed Bun Invasion repeated "Oh" four times and then asked: "What's that?"

"HA HA HA HA!!" Chen Guo laughed so hard that one of the waiters was startled. Tang Rou could control herself, but she was clearly having a hard time holding herself back. Only when Ye Xiu explained to Steamed Bun Invasion in a serious tone did he understand: "The director is someone who manages the Club in most situations. The boss is the owner of everything in the Club. He manages the Club behind the scenes."

"Oh oh, very senior?" Steamed Bun Invasion asked.



“Of course. They’re much more senior than us.” Ye Xiu said.

“Age?” Steamed Bun Invasion looked at the two of them and asked.

“You were asking about their age?” Ye Xiu had a hard time following Steamed Bun Invasion’s thought process.

“Pretty much!” Steamed Bun Invasion said.

As for what this “Pretty much!” meant, even Ye Xiu had trouble understanding. However, one of Ye Xiu’s strengths was that he didn’t care much for what you meant. I’ll say what I want according to what I understand, so he continued: “If you’re talking about age, they’re both older than us.”

“Amazing!” Steamed Bun Invasion praised. His comment was another mystery within a mystery. From what it looked like, he was praising how old they were? But why was being old something so amazing?

Cui Li’s expression continued to appear calm, but he was feeling very embarrassed. He definitely didn’t believe that the person in front of him was showing his true character. He felt like Ye Xiu must have set this up beforehand in order to ridicule them. It couldn’t be said that Cui Li was a petty person. Steamed Bun Invasion’s brain wasn’t something most people could understand regardless. Cui Li thinking in this way meant he was still a normal person.

But Steamed Bun Invasion wasn’t thinking about this at all. He sincerely patted the shoulders of the director: “We’re all on the same side. Let’s take care of each other!”

His words said one thing, but from his actions, it sounded like he would be looking after them and not the other way around. This time, Chen Guo didn’t laugh. She pulled at Steamed Bun Invasion: “Who’s following who? How are we on the same side?”

“Aren’t we all from the same circle?” Steamed Bun Invasion said, “Right. What team did they say they were from?”

“Excellent Era!” Cui Li was clearly angry as he repeated it again. His face clearly said: “Keep pretending! You just keep on pretending!”

But Steamed Bun Invasion immediately understood: “Excellent Era! Isn’t that that team, the one that lost really badly on TV just now?”

“.....” Cui Li.

“Yes.” Chen Guo nodded her head.

“Ah!” Steamed Bun Invasion looked at Cui Li with pity. He said in grief: “They shouldn’t have lost!”

“.....” This time, Cui Li didn’t answer him. He was afraid this was another trap. If he followed up, the other side would mock him. In his eyes, this guy named Steamed Bun was very terrifying.

“Steamed Bun, come sit over here!” At this moment, Ye Xiu had found seats and was already sitting together with Tang Rou. He called Steamed Bun Invasion over to sit with them.

Steamed Bun Invasion turned to look and felt that there was a lot of space near his seat, so he asked Cui Li and Tao Xuan: “Would you like to sit with us?”

“Ha ha, no need.....” Cui Li’s smile looked very unnatural.

“If you lost, you lost. There’s no need to feel so bad.” Steamed Bun Invasion consoled them, “As long as you try hard, you’ll definitely have a future.”

What the f\*ck are you talking about!! Cui Li was about to slam the table, but he saw Tao Xuan give him an eye, so he didn’t make any rash moves. He didn’t want to talk to Steamed Bun Invasion any longer, so he didn’t answer back.

Steamed Bun Invasion saw that they were ignoring him, so he ran off to sit together with Ye Xiu and the rest of the group.

“Amazing!” Tang Rou gave Steamed Bun Invasion a big thumbs up.

“Of course.” Steamed Bun Invasion said with excitement, but did he actually know what Tang Rou was praising him for?

“Bao Rongxing. Is that your real name?” Chen Guo asked.

“Yeah yeah! How did you know?” Steamed Bun Invasion asked excitedly.

“I was listening when you introduced yourself earlier.” Chen Guo tried hard to get used to talking with Steamed Bun Invasion.

“Yup yup, that’s my name! We’re all so familiar with each other, so you can just call me Steamed Bun.” Steamed Bun Invasion said.

“Okay, let’s order some food!” Chen Guo nodded her head. On the other side, Tao Xuan and Cui Li had already gotten up. They looked like they were about to leave.

“Enjoy yourself. We’ll be leaving.” Right when they were about to leave, Tao Xuan came over and said bye to the four of them. His tone of voice didn’t sound polite at all. In fact, it sounded very cold.

“Have a safe trip home! When you go back, work hard! You can do it!” Steamed Bun Invasion didn’t seem to notice. He didn’t say bye. Instead, he cheered them on. Chen Guo nearly burst out laughing again.

Soon afterwards, their food arrived. The four of them ate, while chatting with each other. They didn’t talk about anything serious until Chen Guo suddenly had a realization: “Hm? Today was an away match for Excellent Era. They didn’t go with their team?”

“Yeah!” Ye Xiu nodded his head.

Even though Chen Guo figured it out a bit slower, she also noticed this issue.

Excellent Era was doing terribly, but the two executives of the Club didn’t seem worried at all. Even for such an important match like today, they didn’t go with their team. If it wasn’t because of absolute confidence in the team, it must mean that they didn’t care about how Excellent Era did this season.

With Excellent Era’s terrible performances recently, they shouldn’t be very confident in the team, which meant that these two executives of Excellent Era didn’t have any hopes for this season, but no matter the case, if they get relegated, even if they returned the next year, without a year of fighting in the

Professional League, the financial losses would be huge. It didn't make sense for them not to care about relegations, no?

Chen Guo spoke her thoughts as she analyzed these issues. Ye Xiu listened and also nodded his head.

"Do you think that maybe after knowing you're forming a team and preparing to go through the Challenger League, they're losing intentionally to fight against you there?" Chen Guo suddenly said.

"I don't think they'd go that far. Why would they care so much about me?" Ye Xiu laughed. If that was truly the reason, then they would let their emotions affect their decisions. Tao Xuan had run the Club and taken care of the team for so many years. He had become an experienced boss long ago. How could he make such a decision just for such a simple reason? Ye Xiu clearly didn't believe it.

"In any case, next season, Excellent Era will definitely be making big moves." Ye Xiu said.

"What do you mean?" Chen Guo asked.

"They're already at such a state this season. If they don't make any big moves next season, won't Excellent Era go out of business?" Ye Xiu said.

"Then why don't they hurry up and make any movements now?" Chen Guo asked.

"It's probably because they can't do anything right now with their current situation!" Ye Xiu said as he looked at the seats, where the two had sat in before.

Club Excellent Era. After Tao Xuan and Cui Li returned, they went into Tao Xuan's office. Tao Xuan picked out a random bottle of wine from his wine rack and poured out two cups. One for him and one for Cui Li.

Cui Li took it and sipped on it. He spoke: "Do you think that guy is actually stupid or acting stupid?"

Tao Xuan sat in his big chair and stared at the ceiling. After a moment, he said: "I don't know."

"Where did Ye Xiu get this guy?" Cui Li said.

"He doesn't matter. How are your discussions going? You didn't get a chance to finish talking about it back there." Tao Xuan said.

"Everything is going smoothly." Cui Li had a big smile on his face.

"Have you explained what might happen?" Tao Xuan asked.

"I've explained it all clearly."

"Good." Tao Xuan nodded his head.

"What next?" Cui Li asked Tao Xuan.

"Don't have Sun Xiang come out on stage for now." Tao Xuan said.

"Okay." Cui Li didn't seem surprised either. They had clearly talked about this arrangement before. He let out a slight expression of hesitation, but it was because of another reason: "We might really encounter Ye Qiu's team in the revival tournament."

"That's good too!" Tao Xuan smiled, "It'll be more fun that way!"

## Chapter 610: Wei Chen Arrives

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During this April Fool's Day match, even though Excellent Era didn't perform exceptionally well, their competitor had performed just as badly. Thus, that day's featured event passed by without any commotion. Who would have thought that the next day, Club Excellent Era would hold a press conference and throw down a huge bomb.

In the press conference, Club Excellent Era's director, Cui Li, announced: "The recent addition to the team, Sun Xiang, will not be participating in the remainder of the matches this season due to health reasons."

When Cui Li answered the questions of the reporters, he answered in a very remorseful way. They had noticed Sun Xiang's poor health a long time ago, but because of Team Excellent Era's current predicament, they had insisted that he participated in the matches, but now, it had reached a point where he had to stop.

After answering many questions regarding the details of Sun Xiang's condition, Cui Li confidently expressed that despite missing their ace player and character, the team would try even harder for their remaining matches. At the same time, however, Cui Li had stated that the Club had already made mental preparations for the worst case scenario. If the worst case scenario occurred, the Club and the team would face it with a proactive approach.

Even though his statements seemed modest and tactful, as professionals, the experienced news reporters could hear what was going on under the surface. Excellent Era had made preparations if they were relegated. This meant that Excellent Era wasn't confident that they would be able to maintain their current position in the rankings.

What had happened to Excellent Era for such a famous team to not even be confident that they could stay in the Alliance? On paper, Excellent Era shouldn't have any such trouble maintaining their rank in the Alliance even without an ace player like Sun Xiang or a God's character like One Autumn Leaf. However, Excellent Era seemed to already be prepared for such a situation.

"Is Excellent Era really planning on giving up this season and returning through the Challenger League next season?" Seeing the news, Chen Guo asked Ye Xiu in disbelief. They had discussed this possibility just last night.

"I don't think they'd go that far, but it seems like the team really is a mess." Ye Xiu sighed.

"Excellent Era is going to be finished?" Chen Guo had a hard time believing it.

Ye Xiu could only shake his head and didn't comment.

"Wow! Wow!! WOW!!!!"

A string of repeated cries interrupted their conversation. Bao Rongxing also known as Steamed Bun Invasion had been brought over to the team's living quarters after grabbing their late night snacks. That place had been just been given to Chen Guo on April 1st, so she didn't have much time to tidy up the

place. However, the wide and spacious living area was enough to make Bao Rongxing cry out in amazement.

After resting for the night, it was only until that morning that were they able to finish tidying up the place. At this moment, Bao Rongxing had arrived at Happy Internet Cafe. Last night, it had been too dark to see much and there had also been a huge crowd because of the match broadcast, so he didn't get to have a good look at the Internet Cafe. Now that he had come again, he checked out the whole building from top to bottom. Just like last night, he was crying out in awe all over the place.

His cries clearly made Chen Guo very satisfied. She happily looked at Bao Rongxing, who was currently running down the stairs.

"What a big Internet Cafe!!" After Bao Rongxing had said enough wows, he exclaimed loudly in admiration. Once he gave this compliment, he didn't forget to ask: "For such a big Internet Cafe, how many security guards do you have?"

"That..... There hasn't been a need for any. The public security in this area is pretty good....." Chen Guo wasn't sure how to answer his question. In any case, from what she remembered, she had never seen a situation where she had needed a professional security guard to take care of the matter. Even though there would occasionally be drunk customers or little thieves coming in, she didn't see the need for a professional security guard.

"Public security..... not all problems can be solved by public security! How about you leave those matters to me?" Bao Rongxing confidently said.

"I don't mind." Chen Guo laughed.

"Okay okay. Let me see! Can I move that table over there for me to sit at?" Bao Rongxing gestured at Happy Internet Cafe's entrance. The table he was pointing at would block half the walkway.

"Uh..... I don't think that's necessary!" Chen Guo began to sweat.

"It's necessary! It's necessary! Only if we set it up this way will there not be any holes. If they want to run this way, the table will block them. If they run this way, I'll give them a good punch and a kick. He won't have anywhere to run!" Bao Rongxing explained his plan.

Chen Guo was starting to get anxious, but she didn't know how to communicate with this guy. At the crucial moment, Ye Xiu stood forth: "Bao Rongxing, was this how you did things back at the Internet Cafe you were working at before?"

"Nope." Bao Rongxing denied, "I would only come out when the boss called for me."

"Then let's do it that way too. If there are any problems, we'll call for you to come out!" Ye Xiu said.

"I'm pretty used to doing it that way. I just don't know if boss will think I'm dependable enough!" Bao Rongxing looked over at Chen Guo.

"Yes yes yes! You're more than dependable enough! Here here here, you should spend most of your time on Glory! If something really does come up, I'll definitely ask you to come out." Chen Guo said.

"Okay!" Bao Rongxing replied with reluctance.

Afterwards, Bao Rongxing went to Room 213 on the second floor. Thinking about how more team members would eventually arrive, Chen Guo already knew that they would need a much larger practice room. Recently, she had already discussed with several people about remodeling the second floor. However, she hadn't made any deals yet, so Room 213 would remain their practice room for now.

Bao Rongxing sat inside and once again praised the room. Chen Guo very much liked to hear these words and happily accepted them.

Then, they began to play Glory, but even though the four players were sitting close together, they were all very far in the game. Tang Rou and Bao Rongxing were still in the tenth server, but Tang Rou was a much higher level than Bao Rongxing, so they couldn't play together right now.

Ye Xiu was in the Heavenly Domain and continued to level Lord Grim.

Chen Guo's activities in the game were no longer just for fun. She rarely went on her main account. She usually used her alternate account to check on the guild storage and guild members. Apart from that, she frequently checked the forums for any news, trying to find movements of the going ons in the pro scene.

"Old Wei still isn't here yet?" They had spent most of the morning tidying up the apartment, so Chen Guo told the Internet Cafe to be on the lookout, but when she returned, she didn't hear about anyone looking for her.

"He said he'd come today." Ye Xiu said.

"It's already dark. He's still not here?" Chen Guo muttered, when her QQ suddenly rang. When she checked it, the little sister at the cash register told her that someone was looking for her.

"Hm? Maybe it's Old Wei." Chen Guo said.

"Really?" Ye Xiu put down his game. Tang Rou knew that another member had arrived, so she also got up to meet him. As for Bao Rongxing, he didn't know what was going on, but seeing that everyone else was getting up, he felt like something must have happened and they needed him, so he immediately followed after them.

Chen Guo led the way. She walked down the stairs and saw an unshaven fellow smoking up a cloud. He had two big bags beside him. His cigarette made the little sister at the cash register knit her brows, but held herself back from saying anything, knowing that this was this boss' guest. This guy didn't seem to notice at all. He just looked around carelessly until his gaze reached the stairs. When he saw Chen Guo, his eyes immediately lit up.

"Old Wei!"

At this moment, Chen Guo heard Ye Xiu call out. That guy had already started moving towards them. Chen Guo stepped to the side and let Ye Xiu stand in front. However, when that guy walked over to them, he didn't shake Ye Xiu's hand or anything. He immediately looked at Chen Guo and asked Ye Xiu: "Who's this beauty?"

"She's our boss." Ye Xiu introduced.

"Ah, it's nice to meet you." Wei Chen extended his hands out. He wanted Chen Guo to shake his hand.

Chen Guo instantly felt conflicted! Her initial impression of Wei Chen was nothing good. And seeing how his eyes lit up when he saw a beauty, her impression of him continued to drop. She really didn't want to shake his hand, but thinking about how he would be a part of the team, as the boss, shouldn't she show her goodwill? Helpless, she extended her right hand too. She had already come to a decision. If this guy didn't let go of her hand to take advantage of her, she wouldn't give him any face.

But Wei Chen just shook her hand a few times and said "Hi, I'm Wei Chen" and then let go, but afterwards, Chen Guo discovered that this guy's gaze had landed on Tang Rou's body. His eyes lit up and as soon as he let go of Chen Guo's hands, his hands seemed to be impatiently heading towards Tang Rou's hands. He asked: "And this is?"

"Tang Rou." Ye Xiu used her real name. Tang Rou had never met Wei Chen in-game, so introducing her by her game ID would be confusing.

TL Note: Tang Rou's game ID in Chinese is Han Yan Rou, which sounds like an actual name

"Good name. It's nice to meet you." Wei Chen immediately wanted to shake Tang Rou's hands. Chen Guo wanted to see how Tang Rou would deal with him, but another hand went up to meet his: "Hi! I'm Bao Rongxing! Those who are familiar with me call me Steamed Bun."

"Ah..... hi....." Wei Chen was surprised by the sudden interruption. Then, he looked at this guy with his long hair. After saying hi, he turned his head to Ye Xiu: "These are all the members you've found so far?"

"Yeah, even though they're new to the game, they're quite good." Ye Xiu said.

"Oh, right! Did you see this?" Wei Chen suddenly seemed to have thought of something. He ran back to his bags and fished out a folded newspaper.

Ye Xiu looked. It was the evening paper in City H. Even though it wasn't specifically for reporting on eSports, Excellent Era was a big Club in City H, so it gave a brief report on Excellent Era's press conference in the sports section.

"Of course I've seen it." Ye Xiu only glanced at it. He knew that Wei Chen was certainly referring to this news, so he stuffed it back into the bag.

"What is Excellent Era planning? It seems like they're already prepared to get relegated? If they actually get relegated and participate in the Challenger League next season, wouldn't they bump into us? That could be bad!" Wei Chen seriously said.

Chen Guo was surprised. Wei Chen's previous glances at her and Tang Rou made her think that this person was very dirty, but in an instant, this guy had already begun discussing the biggest issue the team faced.

For these guys, Glory was the most important thing in their life!