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### Chapter 621: Pressure on Team Happy

Hype for the playoffs spread like wildfire. As the most intense competition of every season, this was a huge way to rake in money for the Alliance. The teams that failed to enter the playoffs could only watch the happenings with envy. They wouldn't be receive a piece of the pie for broadcasting the playoffs, ticket revenue, advertising, etc.

These were the concerns of the Club owners and managers. For the pro players, the playoffs was the highest stage obtainable and the place where they could attain the greatest glory.

As for the spectators, the playoffs was a time to enjoy high level competition. Glory wasn't so popular that there would be discussions about it all over the streets, but in the Internet Cafe, Glory forums, Glory global chat, and guild chats, the places where Glory players gathered, the playoffs was undoubtedly the hottest topic. Everyone passionately discussed who they thought would take the championships.

From the online polls, Blue Rain, Samsara, and Tiny Herb were the most favored teams. Tyranny was a bit less favored. As for the four other teams, the meager amount of support they received was due to their zealous fans. After all, no one could give a convincing argument for why any of these four teams would be the winner.

Who would be the champion? The members of Team Happy were calmer in comparison to the public. Ye Xiu and Wei Chen had been a part of the pro scene before. Both of them were experienced players too. They had already adapted to their current circumstances. Since they weren't participating in the playoffs, why would they be excited? The two calmly analyzed the weaknesses and strengths of each participating team.

As for the other three, after Chen Guo turned her back on Excellent Era, she invested her support into Team Happy instead. She didn't really care who became the champion. As for Tang Rou and Steamed Bun, they hadn't played long enough to favor any of the teams. Now that they were a part of a team, they obviously didn't have any favorites.

While people outside were discussing this question fervently, even as an aspiring pro team, Team Happy appeared a bit too calm.

On the other hand, they were much more interested in Excellent Era. After all, they were an approaching reality. However, this reality put a huge amount of pressure on them.

After Excellent Era got relegated, they calmly placated their fans. They had clearly prepared for everything long beforehand. They definitely had detailed plans for how to maintain their competitive state and return to the Alliance. Ye Xiu and the rest of the team knew that Excellent Era would be a fierce boss in the Challenger League, but even Ye Xiu, who had once been the captain of Excellent Era for seven years, didn't know how much they would progress. Because he knew that, ever since his departure, Excellent Era had gone through bold and decisive changes. That team would never be the same team that he had once struggled for, so of course he wouldn't know how it had changed.

“We won’t be so unlucky as to meet Excellent Era in the first round, right? That would be a joke.” In these past two days, Wei Chen often cracked these types of jokes to scare everyone.

“How about you shut your mouth!!” Ye Xiu often replied in this way. Everyone could tell that the usually calm Ye Xiu felt somewhat nervous towards Wei Chen’s jokes. This sort of possibility was theoretically possible. If it actually happened, the Challenger League would no longer be the start of their dreams, but rather the end.

With the team’s current strength, they didn’t need to worry about normal player teams, but in comparison to a professional team like Excellent Era, the difference between them wasn’t small. Tang Rou and Steamed Bun were still far from being a pro player’s match! Their characters didn’t need to be mentioned. Both of their characters were still in the tenth server. Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim had a Silver weapon, but it was only Level 50 right now. Wei Chen’s Death Hand was also only Level 60. Even if they upgraded their two Silver weapons to max level, how could two Silver weapons compare to Excellent Era’s characters? A God-level character like One Autumn Leaf had a full set of Silver equipment!

The disparity between their characters was even larger than the disparity between players.

Both teams would be participating in the Challenger League, but the Challenger League only had one winner. This meant that, as long as neither of the two were eliminated early on, they would inevitably meet. In this case, meeting them early on would be much worse than meeting them later. In fact, the later they met, the better. Happy would have more time to improve, whether that be the players themselves or the characters.

Fortunately, this was a special feature of an eSport competition like Glory. The characters could grow as the season progressed. For example, if the character found a skill book in the game, the character could use it immediately. The character could also switch out his or her old equipment for better equipment.

For Ye Xiu, he wouldn’t be able to return to the pro scene until next year August. This period of time was enough for the team members and characters to grow, because even if they were participating in the Challenger League, they could also run back to the game and obtain more materials and equipment. When they entered the pro scene, their team would have definitely have improved significantly compared to their initial stage. Even after joining the pro scene, they could still grow while competing, because the regular season lasted a long time. A single match wouldn’t determine their team’s fate. Even if they encountered an incredibly difficult team in the beginning of the season, they still had a huge amount of time to improve. Perhaps by the end of the season, they would be able to enter the playoffs, and at that time, their strength might not lose out to any other team.

However, in the Challenger League, a single match could decide your fate. A powerful team like Excellent Era completely messed up Ye Xiu’s current plans. Right now, he needed to hurry and build up the team so that it would be strong enough to contest against such a formidable opponent. If Wei Chen’s joke became a reality and they met Excellent Era in the first round, in accordance with the Challenger League’s schedule, the first match would begin in September. The amount of time that Ye Xiu had originally planned to use to build up the team had now been reduced significantly. How could he not be anxious?

“Do you think Excellent Era has some dirty trick up their sleeves? From the looks of it, they have quite some enmity with you. If they were to play some trick behind our back and sabotage the competition

arrangements with their connections, what would we do if they had our team fight against them in the first match?" The more Wei Chen spoke, the fiercer he became. The probability of this happening used to be infinitesimally small, but now he described a situation where the probability would be 100%.

"If that happens, I'll go across the street and break their glass." Ye Xiu wasn't in a good mood.

"I'm just saying!" Wei Chen knew that he was poking at a sore spot, but he justified himself: "If they did that, they might not entirely be letting their emotions affect their decisions. You definitely make them worry as an opponent. They'll also regard you as a formidable opponent in the Challenger League. They know about your situation and they know that time is of huge importance to our team. In order to ensure their victory, it isn't completely impossible that they would mess with the rules in order to fight your team on the first round, no? You've been a part of Excellent Era for seven years. Does Excellent Era have the power to do that? You should be much more clear on such matters than me."

When Wei Chen finished talking, he looked at Ye Xiu in anticipation, as if he were waiting for Ye Xiu to give him a precise answer. Ye Xiu immediately understood after seeing his expression. Wei Chen wasn't any less worried than him. Wei Chen intentionally said these scary things to irritate him and also to make himself numb to the possibility. That way, his emotions wouldn't be affected as much. He and Ye Xiu were clear that, even if they faced Excellent Era at the very end of the Challenger League, Excellent Era would still be an extremely difficult opponent for them.

Their opponents were a powerful force with eight years of accumulated resources and experiences. As for them? Since Ye Xiu's departure from Excellent Era, it had only been half a year. His second best player was a middle-aged player, who had been retired for almost six years. The characters in his possession couldn't even compare to most in-game experts. And they wanted to challenge Excellent Era? Don't say that it would be a miracle! Even the author is getting tired of using this word!

After understanding Wei Chen's intentions, Ye Xiu felt deeply moved. He didn't answer with a biting remark like he usually did. Instead, he replied in a serious tone: "I don't know."

"You don't know?" Wei Chen didn't want to believe it either.

"Of course I don't know. If they actually did that sort of shady business, of course not many would know about it." Ye Xiu said.

"F\*ck, I just want you to make a prediction. You should understand Excellent Era's owner and manager and the current environment in the pro scene. Just analyze the possibility of it happening." Wei Chen said.

Everyone in the practice room stopped what they were doing and looked at Ye Xiu, but Ye Xiu just stared at the ceiling and didn't say anything for a long time.

"You don't dare be certain, so it's still a possibility, no?" Wei Chen said.

"Fine! I'll help ask for you!" Ye Xiu suddenly straightened his back.

"Ask who?" Wei Chen was puzzled. He saw Ye Xiu open up QQ and in the team category, he clicked on a person's name.

“Who’s this?” Wei Chen walked over. This person’s QQ name was in English. He definitely didn’t know who this person was.

“Excellent Era’s boss.” Ye Xiu said as he typed in a message: “I never thought we would actually be opponents.”

“F\*ck f\*ck f\*ck! You just directly ran over to ask him? What if he hadn’t thought of it and now you reminded of it?” Wei Chen said.

“If he hadn’t thought of it, he still wouldn’t do it even if I reminded him. If he had planned on doing it, whether or not I remind him about it, he would still do it.” Ye Xiu said.

Wei Chen repeated his words and then cursed: “Are you saying a tongue twister?”

The other side on QQ suddenly lit up and replied: “It’s a bitter rivalry too.”

“Do you think we’ll meet in the first round?” Ye Xiu replied.

After a short pause, Wei Chen stared at the screen with wide eyes. After a while, the other side replied: “Ha ha, are you scared?”

## Chapter 622: The Boss’s Support

Tao Xuan, who was sitting in front of his computer, laughed out loud. He could empathize with how Ye Qiu was feeling right now. Anyone could imagine how much pressure a brand new team would face upon encountering a powerhouse like Excellent Era. For Tao Xuan, participating in the Challenger League truly wasn’t anything to be happy about, but he was feeling a bit excited seeing how much worry it was giving Ye Qiu.

Tao Xuan didn’t know when it started, but he had begun becoming more and more annoyed at how serious Ye Qiu dedicated himself to Glory. In the end, wasn’t this just a game? What was more important than having fun? But Ye Qiu was extremely passionate and persistent in winning. Whenever he did something, it would always be with victory in mind. But anything else unrelated would always be treated with indifference.

Having a passion for victory wasn’t a bad thing in itself. From a business perspective, someone with a personality was easier to work with than someone without a personality. However, Ye Qiu refused to cooperate on the business end. Because both sides had signed a long-term contract early on, when they wrote up the contract, they hadn’t thought too far into the future so the contract didn’t have any clauses or terms on cooperating with the business end. It wasn’t his fault for being too careless. How could he have imagined that anyone would refuse a win-win cooperation?

As the Glory Alliance rapidly developed, the ace players of the teams brought numerous benefits to their respective Clubs. The more Tao Xuan saw these benefits pass by him, the more he couldn’t sit still. Even though he had a prolific money tree like Su Mucheng, the more he felt the benefits of having Su Mucheng helping the business end, the more he loathed how Ye Qiu wouldn’t cooperate with him.

Ye Qiu was Excellent Era’s ace. He was the king who founded their dominating dynasty. In his hands, he held the famed Battle God One Autumn Leaf and was awarded Best Partners with the extremely popular

Su Mucheng for several years in a row. Ye Qiu was like an enormous gold mine that couldn't be mined. Year after year, day after day passed. It didn't seem like this gold mine would ever be mined. Tao Xuan finally couldn't bear it anymore. If Ye Qiu wouldn't cooperate, why not throw him away?

Tao Xuan had thought of doing so a long time ago, but he never made the order because no one could succeed him. He didn't need just anyone who could play a Battle Mage. One Autumn Leaf was a top character in Glory and required a top-tier God to play it in order for it to have any business value.

Correct. Tao Xuan always considered things with the business in mind. He also wanted Ye Qiu to see that after cooperating together, the character and the player would push towards new heights. He hoped that Ye Qiu would feel regret towards refusing a cooperation. He hoped that Ye Qiu would admit that he was wrong.

Although there were many Battle Mage players in the Alliance, none of them fit Tao Xuan's requirements. Finding a successor to Ye Qiu was easier said than done. He could only continue waiting until he saw Sun Xiang appear. This youth had talent, a boundless future, mastery over the Battle Mage class, and didn't have a God-level character. Sun Xiang was without a doubt a fitting successor.

The old being replaced by the new was something that teams often had to deal with, but no Club was as impatient as Tao Xuan. He had tolerated Ye Qiu for too many years and a talent like Sun Xiang would quickly be taken away by another team. Excellent Era no longer had complete dominance over the league like in the past. They were just now one of the powerhouses.

Tao Xuan not only wanted Sun Xiang to come, he wanted him to immediately take over. He wished he could instantly kick Ye Qiu out.

These were Tao Xuan's true thoughts. If he could have done so without any terrible consequences, he would have done so immediately. But there was nothing he could do. Ye Qiu's prestige was just too high. He was still bringing his team to the top. If he suddenly had a successor without even deciding to retire yet and was treated so roughly, the Club would be criticized harshly. Tao Xuan placed a great amount of importance on the Club's business. The support of the fans was extremely important. After all, no matter how smoothly a business operated, they needed to be supporters to provide the income. Tao Xuan needed to be careful not to offend fans.

After thinking it over, even if gently transferred Ye Qiu away, he would come across a lot of obstacles. The fans definitely wouldn't be able to accept it and Tao Xuan wouldn't be happy with the transfer either. No one knew better than him how capable Ye Qiu was. If he transferred Ye Qiu away, Ye Qiu would become a powerful enemy. The other teams would be laughing at his decision. Thus, the best result would be if Ye Qiu retired forever.

Tao Xuan understood this point, so he had made plans long ago.

As the owner of a team, he had a lot of work to do. Simply speaking, for a team to run smoothly, the coordination between every department had to be extremely tight. And any cooperation between himself and the team's senior, even if it was just his attitude towards him, could have huge consequences.

For example, it was widely known in Team Tyranny that once, Han Wenqing was lecturing a team member, when he was interrupted by the boss's phone call. Han Wenqing shouted at the boss and hung up.

Did this mean that Han Wenqing had more authority than the boss? Or that the boss was actually scared of Han Wenqing?

Of course not. A part of it was Han Wenqing's personality. Another part of it was that the boss acted according to his personality. Han Wenqing had immediately picked up the phone, even in this special situation. This minute action showed how much trust he gave to the boss.

Many people saw it as a reflection of Han Wenqing's tyranny. But in reality, this was the boss's respect for his team's captain.

Trust and respect.

The boss and players needed this type of relationship. In particular, the team captain required the boss's strong support. A difference in views could harm the team captain's authority over the team because the players knew who the team truly belonged to, who decided their futures, and who gave them their salaries. If the boss didn't support the team captain, the team captain would have difficulty being respected by his team.

After Tao Xuan decided to give up on Ye Qiu, he had quietly weakened Ye Qiu's authority in the team. It would be hard to avoid Excellent Era's records from being affected. Tao Xuan anticipated it would decline. After all, nothing good could come without sacrifice. In order to make a chance, their records would waver. If their records wavered, the fans would also weaken their support for Ye Qiu. It would make things easier for them to accept his leave.

Once Sun Xiang stormed onto the scene, Tao Xuan finally saw the person he needed and finally put his plans into actions starting in the eighth scene. All sorts of issues arose in the team and their record declined drastically. The fans openly complained as Tao Xuan quickly signed an agreement to transfer Sun Xiang over to Excellent Era that winter.

However, Tao Xuan hadn't imagined that the team's record would drop so badly. He had underestimated Ye Qiu's importance to the team, but the more it was like this, the more he despised Ye Qiu. In his eyes, Ye Qiu was not their team's core, but their team's tyrant. He was a tumor that needed to be removed.

Thus, he went along with his original plans. He transferred Sun Xiang over that winter and forced Ye Qiu to retire. Even though the fans were sad, their support for Team Excellent Era didn't change too much just because of a single change.

Tao Xuan relaxed. The worst hadn't happened, making him feel like he had passed a huge block. He was still worried about Su Mucheng though. When he decided to kick out Ye Qiu, Tao Xuan had already accepted that he might need to give up on Su Mucheng as well. After all, his tolerance for Ye Qiu had reached his limits. Su Mucheng would cause him to waver over his decision to kick Ye Qiu out of the team and rebuild the team anew.

Tao Xuan originally thought everything would progress like he had expected, but the team's records actually dropped to the bottom. This was something that truly shocked him. He was at a loss towards the team. As the boss, he knew a lot of things, but there were also a lot of things he didn't know.

His enmity towards Ye Qiu had ended when he kicked Ye Qiu out of the team, but he didn't think that Liu Hao would have an even deeper enmity than him towards Ye Qiu. Liu Hao chasing after Ye Qiu had affected his performance and led to a disastrous loss for Excellent Era. Afterwards, Liu Hao quickly adjusted and the team gradually stabilized. But after Ye Qiu left, he didn't give up. He wanted to try again and created a huge storm in the tenth server. His existence caused no end to trouble for the Clubs. He even caused a commotion amongst the pro players.

If it was just Huang Shaotian or Wang Jiexi running to the game to fight with Ye Qiu, it wouldn't make a difference. But Excellent Era's enmity towards Ye Qiu ran deep! As soon as there was a chance, Liu Hao wanted to fight and even brought Sun Xiang into the mess. Then, he called over the entire main team. The first time, Liu Hao's condition had been affected. The next time, the entire team's condition had been affected. This season, Excellent Era hadn't been doing well in the first place. Now that their condition declined even further, their record plummeted even faster. Sun Xiang had trouble recovering from the blow. He was like a toothless old tiger who couldn't bring about any energy.

At the end of the season, the team directly dropped into relegations and the players panicked. Relegations was a catastrophe for any team. No one wanted to be on a sinking ship, so their morale completely died. Tao Xuan was unable to turn around the situation. In the end, he could only prepare for their relegations and trust that this crisis would pass.

Getting relegated definitely wasn't within Tao Xuan's predictions. He wasn't happy at all about this result. And everything was because of Ye Qiu.

If it wasn't for him, how could things have ended up like this?

Lord Grim? Did you really think you could start over from zero? Tao Xuan sneered, seeing the changed name on QQ. That instant, he suddenly felt like participating in the Challenger League wasn't too bad. Even though their image would certainly take a hit, personally eliminating Ye Qiu would certainly be a sight to see. At this time, Tao Xuan finally saw the other side reply: "Are you scared of me?"

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Are you afraid of me?

Tao Xuan felt the urge to jump out of the window, run across the street, and slap his face until it bled.

"I'm afraid of you???"

Tao Xuan typed it out, but before clicking send, he wondered if his reply seemed too serious. He should be looking down on this question in contempt and express that Ye Qiu didn't even have the qualification to ask him such a thing.

So maybe I shouldn't reply back? His mouse hovered over the send button. Tao Xuan hesitated for a long time. Do I reply or not? He finally realized how painful it must have been for enemies to talk trash

with Ye Qiu. Just this single question made him furious. If he replied, he'd be angry. If he didn't reply, he'd still be angry. He could easily imagine how getting aggravated from this question could affect someone's performance. If a player hesitated like Tao Xuan had right now, the player would be dead.

"Look. He's not replying. He's scared." Across the street at Happy Internet Cafe, Ye Xiu told Wei Chen and the others looking at his chat window. Fortunately, it wasn't a voice chat, so Tao Xuan couldn't hear what he was saying. If not, he really might have run across the street and vented his rage.

"F\*ck off. He's probably shocked by your shamelessness!" Wei Chen countered. Excellent Era being scared of a brand new team? What a joke.

"We should always be confident in ourselves." Ye Xiu advised.

"F\*ck, then why are we being so nervous for? We should just fight with Excellent Era in round one. You can go up alone and wipe them out by yourself! Go ahead!" Wei Chen urged.

They argued back and forth. On the other side, Tao Xuan finally replied. In the end, he erased his "I'm scared of you???" message and typed: "Give me a reason to be scared of you."

"You still need a reason? Everyone in Glory is afraid of me. It's common knowledge." Ye Xiu replied.

"Sh\*t, I can't take it anymore. Everyone look at how despicable this guy is!!!" Wei Chen shouted. Steamed Bun and Tang Rou had been playing Glory, so they hadn't been reading the conversation taking place. Now, Wei Chen called them over. Chen Guo had been watching too. When she saw the reply, she was already bashing her head against the wall.

"Maybe in the past, but now....." Tao Xuan answered back using ellipses.

"Now? You should go to the game and interview people. Both the tenth server and the Heavenly Domain are fine." Ye Xiu replied.

"Showing off your skills in game! Not bad!" Tao Xuan remarked cynically. Honestly, he almost didn't believe he had said this. It wasn't like him, but as the owner of a powerful Club, very few talked to him in this way. Today, Ye Xiu did it! Ye Xiu had brought someone of a higher status down to his level and was talking trash with him on QQ. What an incredible talent for taunting!

"The game is Glory's foundation. Would you dare to close Excellent Dynasty?" Ye Xiu asked back.

"If you'd like, I can arrange a position for you in Excellent Dynasty." Tao Xuan let go of everything. He rolled up his sleeves, ready to fight it out with Ye Qiu.

"No need. I recommend paying attention to Excellent Dynasty. Don't let it close down." Ye Xiu said.

"Because of you?" Tao Xuan asked.

"Why don't you ask Chen Yehui? He'd be scared to death." Ye Xiu said.

This time, Tao Xuan couldn't think of a reply. Ye Xiu looked as if he had definitive proof that what he was saying was correct, but Tao Xuan didn't know if it was the truth or not. He had never personally participated in any of these matters! It's like a debate, where one side raised a strong argument, while the other side couldn't answer and could only emphasize a previous point. Even though Ye Xiu didn't



raise any strong argument, he still gave off that sort of feeling. His words were rooted in reality, while Tao Xuan's words were baseless.

"See, he didn't reply again. I win!" Ye Xiu said.

"F\*ck, what did you come here for then!" Wei Chen was fuming. He had watched them talk trash each other back and forth. Ye Xiu's original goal was to confirm that their team wouldn't encounter Excellent Era in the first round. He directly asked for confirmation, but after going back and forth at it for a long time, he still hadn't gotten an answer to the question. A great God and a great boss were bickering like little kids. It was so childish.

"There's no point talking any further. We'll talk on stage!" Tao Xuan replied.

"Good. It looks like you haven't changed. Prove your words on the battlefield." Ye Xiu replied.

"Ha ha, I'd suggest lighting some incense. You'd better pray you don't meet us in the first round!" Tao Xuan said.

"Mm, I'll be praying." Ye Xiu replied. At the same time, he sent an emoji of a panda burning incense.

Ye Xiu's words suddenly changed from offensive to defensive. Tao Xuan saw the emoji of a panda burning incense and after a short pause, he answered: "I'll see you on stage."

"I'll see you on stage." Ye Xiu replied and closed the chat window.

"Done?" Wei Chen stared with wide eyes.

"Done."

"What's the result."

"We'll see each other on stage." Ye Xiu said.

"F\*ck! Did you get an answer or not." Wei Chen said.

"He won't try to rig anything. Who will win and who will lose will be decided on stage." Ye Xiu said.

"You're sure?" Wei Chen confirmed.

"Mm." Ye Xiu nodded his head.

"Why?" Wei Chen didn't understand. It looked like the two of them had some enmity towards each other.

"I've known him for many years. Even though our goals changed, a few fundamental principles still haven't changed." Ye Xiu said.

"Why did it feel like even if they hadn't changed, he was about to change them out of anger after being mocked by you?" Wei Chen said.

"Only someone as immoral as you would do something like that." Ye Xiu said.

"I really want to throw you out of the window!!" Wei Chen really wanted to bash his head against the wall. Ye Xiu had given him an answer with certainty, but after watching the conversation that had just

taken place, he wasn't convinced that the messages were definitive. Wei Chen was still unsure. Then, Ye Xiu turned around and said to him: "Hurry up and burn some incense!"

"What do you mean?" Wei Chen stared blankly.

"Even if he doesn't rig the matchups, there is still a possibility for us to meet in the first round. If we don't burn incense, what do we do?" Ye Xiu said.

"What's the f\*cking point of burning incense?" Wei Chen cursed.

"Then what will work?" Ye Xiu asked.

Wei Chen was stumped. What else would work? Even if Excellent Era didn't personally rig it, it wasn't possible to completely eliminate the possibility of them meeting in the first round. If they actually won the lottery and got Excellent Era, they couldn't run away from it.

"Okay, let's hurry up and practice!" Wei Chen said and went back to his seat.

The practice room suddenly became quiet again. Wei Chen suddenly asked: "Boss, if we go and rob those elite group leaders, will you still object?"

"That isn't a good reason to do so, is it?" Chen Guo was surprised by the sudden question, but quickly replied back.

"Great. Everyone has their principles. How great." Wei Chen muttered.

"Someone as completely unscrupulous like you must feel deeply touched, right?" Ye Xiu said.

"Tch." Wei Chen clicked his tongue in disdain. He grabbed his headphones and returned to the game.

"It's f\*cking time to start work! Today's the day that the dungeons refresh! Where's your energy?! If you guys can't even stay in your positions and kill yourself like last time, I'll kick you out of the elite group and you'll never come back!!!!" Wei Chen roared. He began leading Samsara's elite group in tackling the dungeon. Wei Chen's work in Eternal Springs had been very fruitful. In reality, even the top elite groups of the Club guilds could pass through the Seven Great Dungeons every time. They often wiped out after several bosses, but under Wei Chen's lead, their elite group's clear rate had improved greatly. Last week, the elite group had performed terribly. The dungeon had ten bosses. On the fourth boss, so many had died that they could no longer continue, making Wei Chen extremely angry.

'Is he..... okay?" Chen Guo walked over to Ye Xiu and whispered to him.

"Relax. Don't worry about it. The good thing about old people is that they can take care of their own problems." Ye Xiu said with confidence.

"Oh, that's good." Chen Guo nodded her head. Then, she pointed to Ye Xiu's screen: "Someone messaged you."

"Hm?" Ye Xiu clicked on the message, "Oh, it's Concealed Light!"

Concealed Light had messaged Ye Xiu on QQ.

"Hey, what's up?" Ye Xiu replied.

"I studied the stuff you sent me. I confirmed that many of things inside are highly likely through the calculations I made. I also corrected a few mistakes through backwards reasoning. There were a few parts of it that I wasn't too sure of. Later, I asked my professor and, based on the data and calculations made, I created a mathematical model for it with his guidance. I'll send it to you so that you can take a look at." Concealed Light messaged.

"Holy sh\*t. Wait a minute. I pretty much don't understand anything that you have said this far. How did your professor get into this?" Ye Xiu was sweating.

"There were a lot of things that I couldn't figure out, so I could only ask for help. Relax. My professor is Professor Zhang Yichun." Concealed Light said.

"How can I relax?!" Ye Xiu replied. Chen Guo felt proud: "Amazing. A university professor is even helping us!"

"University professor?" The others were puzzled when they heard this.

"Yeah, Concealed Light asked Professor Zhang Yichun to help us study the data!" Chen Guo exclaimed.

"Who?" The others didn't have any reaction, but Tang Rou was astonished.

"Professor Zhang Yichun." Chen Guo said the name again, but she clearly didn't know who this person was either.

"You guys don't know who he is?" Tang Rou looked at them helplessly.

"Who is he?" The others asked in unison.

"He's a world famous mathematician and a member of the National Academy of the Sciences. He's made several breakthroughs in several fields of mathematics. What type of student is Concealed Light that he'd be personally taught by such a world class mathematician?" Tang Rou asked as she walked over. She wanted to see their conversation too.

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"Scientist?" Wei Chen sounded as if he were mumbling to himself. It was clear that his brain couldn't digest the fact that he would ever have anything to do with these types of people in his life.

"Are you stupid? He's a mathematician." Ye Xiu looked down on him.

"F\*ck, isn't that the same thing?" Wei Chen yelled.

Apart from Steamed Bun, everyone else found it difficult to breathe after Tang Rou told them about Zhang Yichuan's identity and status.

"Concealed Light, you're actually the student of such a math god? What sort of background do you have?" Ye Xiu asked him Tang Rou's question.

"What's the point in asking him about it? Do you even know anything about universities?" Wei Chen asked Ye Xiu.

“Even if one has never eaten a pig before, that doesn’t mean one has never seen one running around.” Ye Xiu said.

“You’ve seen a pig running around a university?” Wei Chen said.

“It’s impossible to talk with uncultured people like you!” Ye Xiu said.

At this moment, Concealed Light replied back on QQ. He didn’t have any special background, but he was incredible. He had received countless awards from participating in math competitions as a teen. He was a specially enrolled math student who had been accepted into the university without needing to take any of the required examinations at the age of 17. Although he was only a second year, that was just a title. With the knowledge that Concealed Light possessed, he had already learned everything that could be learned in a normal math undergraduate student’s curriculum. He was getting ready to apply as a recommended graduate student next year. He told them that, if possible, he would like to finish his Master’s and PhD at the same time.

“Ambitious!” Ye Xiu didn’t really know what else to say.

However, Concealed Light didn’t think too much of himself. Along the way, he would often hear about people getting their PhDs at the age of 20, people being employed as professors in all kinds of famous universities at the age of 24, people receiving all kinds of medals and achievements before the age of 30, people with IQs over 200. Compared to those inhuman geniuses, Concealed Light lamented in QQ: “No, no, I’m still far off!”

The people before the computer looked at one another with consternation and didn’t know what to say.

“Wouldn’t it be a loss to our country if we let a talent like him get into gaming?” Even Wei Chen felt like a sinner.

“There’s a lot of pressure.” Ye Xiu agreed.

“When you asked your mentor for help, did he say anything?” Ye Xiu asked. According to conventional thinking, instead of studying properly, you play games and even ask your teacher for help with your issues about the game, aren’t you asking to be whipped?

“Professor Zhang? He said the problem was pretty interesting.” Concealed Light replied.

This problem was pretty interesting.....

Ye Xiu and the people wanted to kneel out of respect. Even though they didn’t understand any of what was being talked about with their education levels, they at least knew that it had to do with the logic or rules involved in the game’s data. However, according to a mathematician from the National Academy of Sciences, this was just another problem?

At least he said the problem was pretty interesting. It meant that Glory wasn’t a drag. Glory really had some depth to it.

However, designers, engineers, programmers of Glory: Apologies, but your problem has been solved.

“I’ll send it over for you guys to have a look at!” Concealed Light said as he sent the document over.

Ye Xiu turned serious when he opened the file. It wouldn't be right to categorize what they were about to do as hacking. This really wasn't hacking, it was just exposing the core of Glory.

However, a problem soon came about.

Ye Xiu and Wei Chen were top experts in calculating the consumption of a character's HP or MP, calculating the cooldown of a skill, attack range, positioning, movement speed, jump height, etc. But when the game was unraveled to its roots, the two could only stare at each other blankly.

"Ahem." Ye Xiu coughed.

"This....." Tang Rou also mumbled.

"Hm?" Everyone immediately gazed at her with hope.

"This is definitely not something we can understand." Tang Rou said.

"I agree." Ye Xiu said.

"Why don't we buy some books?" Wei Chen said.

"Math books?" Ye Xiu asked.

"What else? Language books?" Wei Chen was disdainful towards Ye Xiu's stupid question.

"You should go buy some books on morals!" Ye Xiu said while he searched for Concealed Light on QQ: "Concealed Light, do you think that we can interpret this?"

"You don't understand anything?" Concealed Light asked.

"This kid's not laughing at us right now, is he?" Ye Xiu turned around to ask the people behind him.

"Do you think everyone is like you?" Chen Guo refuted. Did he really think that everyone was a natural at taunting like him?

"I don't understand it. Not even a little bit." Ye Xiu replied to Concealed Light.

"Then what should we do?" Concealed Light asked.

"Uh, use the same language that you use for your guides and describe this information to us." Ye Xiu said.

"Oh, I understand what you mean." Concealed Light replied.

"Then you wouldn't need to bother your teacher again with this, right?" Ye Xiu asked.

"No need, he's never played Glory before, so he wouldn't know." Concealed Light replied.

"Sorry for the trouble." Ye Xiu said.

"Okay, wait for my good news!" Concealed Light said.

"Also." Ye Xiu hurriedly called for Concealed Light, "The Pro League for this season is going to be ending soon. As for us, we plan on participating in the Challenger League in September. Would that be alright with you? Would it be too busy for you or distract you from your studies?"

“No, no, I’m not busy. I have plenty of time, September is it? I understand!” Concealed Light said.

“Then off you go!”

Concealed Light’s picture dimmed. Ye Xiu heard sighs of relief sound out from behind him. Concealed Light saw himself as someone ‘far off’, but in the eyes of everyone else, he was an extraordinary person, needless to mention his incredible teacher. Having him play Glory instantly made everyone feel like their burden had become even heavier.

“Go back to your seats! Why are you all still standing around for?” Ye Xiu turned around and shoed away the three dazed people behind him. Look at how calm Steamed Bun was! At first, he joined in to see why there was a crowd, but after opening the things that Concealed Light sent over, everyone felt ashamed for not understanding a thing, except for Steamed Bun, who said “What’s this” and returned to his seat to continue playing.

Everyone returned to their seats. No one spoke in the practice room, and only the tapping of the keyboard and mouse could be heard. Apart from Steamed Bun, everyone else was robotic and stiff. Evidently, everyone was still digesting the news and couldn’t calm down at that moment.

Ye Xiu and the others didn’t understand any of it. On the other hand, the hardest part for Concealed Light had been coming up with a model. However, understanding it and explaining it in simpler words wasn’t a problem for him. Not long afterwards, Concealed Light returned to QQ and messaged Ye Xiu.

Ye Xiu didn’t make it public to prevent everyone else from making a big fuss over nothing. Concealed Light sent some things over while saying: “Does this make more sense?”

Ye Xiu received it and read it. The familiar Concealed Light had returned! It was like one of Concealed Light’s old guides, long-winded and down to the finest detail, but this time, Ye Xiu needed instructions like this, so he immediately gave out a series of loud praises.

“Then I’ll keep going.” Concealed Light spoke as he focused again.

“Come look at this.” Ye Xiu immediately called Wei Chen over. After all, Wei Chen was the researcher for this project. He had a strong impression and understanding of the data he had pulled. When he came over to see Concealed Light’s guide, he couldn’t help but to feel curious about it. It turned out that everything Wei Chen had described in the draft was turned into data by Concealed Light. Most importantly, all the logical relationships between the triggering requirements were listed out clearly.

Wei Chen originally had things like this, but that was through his experience and intuition. After being sorted out by Concealed Light, it had become facts.

“You go try it?” Wei Chen couldn’t wait to know the results.

“Mm, everyone will try it.” Ye Xiu spoke and called Steamed Bun and Tang Rou over. The parts Concealed Light had just sorted were coincidentally contents for quests in the normal servers.

There were a lot of quests in Glory. If it was just for gaining experience to level up, then there were too many quests to finish. Glory wasn’t just a game anymore either. The experienced players had found the most optimal ways to level up. The quests were picked out logically, so almost everyone did the same quests.

The situation in the new servers were better. After all, not everyone would go check a guide before they played the game. Some players liked to find their own way and find their own quests to do because there was plenty of content in the game.

Tang Rou and Steamed Bun weren't enthusiastic about quests. Tang Rou simply had no interest in the quests at all. If not for the rewards from quests such as stat or skill points, she wouldn't have done any quests. As for Steamed Bun, he did whatever he wanted and lacked planning. He might be clearing monsters, but when you call out "Steamed Bun, come for a quest", he would immediately come. Or perhaps, he was on such a quest, and when you called out "Steamed Bun, come join for a dungeon", he would instantly drop his quest for the dungeon.

The data that Wei Chen had obtained was important in creating a character. Skill points decided the level of a skill, which greatly influenced a character's strength in battle. So when Wei Chen investigated on such a thing, Ye Xiu didn't care whether it was useful or not, he first checked what the quests were. The required quests were removed.

After all, these quests weren't daily quests. It couldn't be done again if it had already been completed. Otherwise, Wei Chen didn't need to investigate so much. He could just research one quest and keep on repeating it. Besides, if skill points were awarded just by completing quests repeatedly, then it wouldn't be an issue in the first place. With this many players, there wouldn't be anymore secrets that hadn't been found for repeatable quests.

But now, after passing through the hands of Concealed Light, this material had become more realistic and accurate. They had really reached the pinnacle by investigating the game to this point. To surpass this, one would have to directly alter the game, and that would be hacking.

## Chapter 625: Worry

The three aspiring pro players Tang Rou, Steamed Bun, and Ye Xiu still didn't have max leveled characters.

Tang Rou's Soft Mist was the highest level among them at Level 69. She would be considered a high level player in the tenth server, but she couldn't compare to the Club guilds, who leveled their characters 24/7. The first batch of max leveled characters in the tenth server appeared at the start of April. Usually, it wouldn't be until mid-April when the first max leveled characters appeared in a new server. The reason that the tenth server had their first batch of characters come out before then was because of the huge exp rewards from the Christmas event.

Relying on the advantage gained from the Christmas event, the first batch of characters reached Level 70 ahead of schedule. Afterwards, the Club guilds worked hard at leveling their characters, keeping up the same leveling speed as usual.

Tang Rou played a lot more compared to the vast majority of players, but she could only play two thirds of what the Club guilds could play with their 24/7 leveling. In the end, she was left further and further behind. It was only until today that she made it to the final step before Level 70.

Steamed Bun Invasion was Level 68. He was only one level behind Soft Mist. But in reality, he hadn't been able to close the distance that had been made during the Christmas event. The amount of experience needed for a Level 60 character was very different compared to the amount of experience needed for a Level 30 character. Even though it was only a one level difference, the experience disparity was huge. It would take Steamed Bun Invasion several days more than Soft Mist to reach Level 70.

In comparison, Ye Xiu's Lord Grim had a very difficult time leveling in the Heavenly Domain. The advantage he had established during the Christmas event had quickly been whittled away by Steamed Bun Invasion. But after the short break at Level 55, Lord Grim's leveling speed soared. First of all, Ye Xiu was much more skilled than Steamed Bun Invasion. Secondly, the Heavenly Domain was much more generous with rewarding experience, so leveling there was naturally faster than in the normal servers. Thus, because of the Christmas event Lord Grim had pulled a distance away from Steamed Bun Invasion, who eventually caught up and surpassed him. Later, he started catching up to Steamed Bun Invasion..... Currently, Lord Grim was Level 66, two levels behind Steamed Bun Invasion. Their level difference was mostly because of the time that Ye Xiu had spent on Unrivaled Super Hottie. During that time, Lord Grim hadn't been leveling.

In truth, apart from Lord Grim, the levels of their characters had never been an issue. Lord Grim was an unspecialized and a max leveled unspecialized couldn't be bought. At best, he would be able to get a Level 50 account. As for Tang Rou and Steamed Bun, there were only advantages and no disadvantages to have them personally level their characters to max because they were still new to the game.

At present, things couldn't be better having these clean accounts with Wei Chen's skill book guide. If Chen Guo's Chasing Haze came, she might have already done some of these quests. Even if she knew how to get better rewards from these quests, she would no longer have the chance to get them.

When Ye Xiu gave the small portion that Concealed Light had interpreted so far to Tang Rou and Steamed Bun, Chen Guo was naturally very happy to get a copy of her own too. Afterwards, she got on her Chasing Haze and returned to the normal server to start following the guide.

Ye Xiu wasn't in a hurry though. He logged out of his game and ran over to Steamed Bun's side.

Steamed Bun was staring at the document given to him with his brows furrowed. After awhile, he finally noticed that Ye Xiu was next to him.

"It's so complicated." Steamed Bun said.

"It just has a lot of words. It's really not that complicated." Ye Xiu said.

"Concealed Light talks too much nonsense!" Steamed Bun sighed. He probably didn't care that Concealed Light was a math genius, who would very likely be getting his PhD in math at a very young age. He still regarded him as a little kid.

"Go try it out!" Ye Xiu said.

"I was just about to go." Steamed Bun had his character head to the location of the first quest in the guide.

Ye Xiu didn't walk away. He continued to watch Steamed Bun.



It was very wise for Ye Xiu to stay with Steamed Bun. Not long after accepting the quest, he had begun deviating from the guide.

“Where are you going?” Ye Xiu didn’t realize it at first. He thought that Steamed Bun had gotten lost, so he asked.

“Hm? Aren’t we going to fight Frank?” Steamed Bun said.

“You’re going to duel him already? There’s two steps in between that you haven’t done yet!” Ye Xiu said.

“Really?” Steamed Bun went back to the guide and after reading for a long time: “Oops. I skipped a line.”

“You skipped three lines?” Ye Xiu said.

“There are too many words.....” Steamed Bun’s defense was reasonable. After thinking about it for a bit, Ye Xiu felt that it really was an issue and not just an excuse.

Steamed Bun read those three lines again very carefully and then asked excitedly: “What happens if I don’t do these in order and just go and duel Frank?”

“We can try it next time. For now, let’s follow the guide.” Ye Xiu lied. At this point, he was too afraid to let Steamed Bun do anything on his own right now. Sure enough, having Steamed Bun do such a precise and mechanical task was very suspenseful. Steamed Bun’s thought process far surpassed what an ordinary person could think of.

“Okay!” Steamed Bun listened to Ye Xiu’s suggestion and followed the guide.

“How’s it going?” Wei Chen was clearly very concerned with the results. He put down his work and headed over to watch.

Ye Xiu didn’t say anything. He continued to pay attention to each and every one of Steamed Bun’s movements. Wei Chen went over to Tang Rou’s side to watch.

“Almost there!” It was almost the last step, when there would be a chance for a skill book to drop. Wei Chen started getting anxious.

Even Tang Rou, who had only played Glory for five months, knew the value of skill books. After all, she played on her character every day and understood the importance of skills. She had a good understanding of an extra level in a skill could do.

Now that they had reached the final step, Tang Rou paused for a bit before completing it.

The rewards came out. Tang Rou and Wei Chen were both disappointed. The skill book that they had hoped for didn’t come out.

“Did we make a mistake?” Wei Chen said.

“Be patient. It was never guaranteed that a skill book would drop, right? The guide that Concealed Light had created was based on the framework that you had provided, no? Even if we follow it, luck is still needed. Concealed Light never said it was guaranteed. He said that it was better than your original

method by 17.481%. In the end, the probability of one dropping is still only 34.314%. It's not that high, so it's normal that it didn't drop." Ye Xiu said.

"Are there any guaranteed drops that we can try?" Wei Chen was very anxious. In reality, he was still worried about Excellent Era getting relegated. Wei Chen wasn't like Tang Rou or Steamed Bun. They were still new and didn't understand the vast difference between them and Excellent Era. On the other hand, Wei Chen understood it well and couldn't relax. He was very stressed out right now.

"There aren't any in the guide so far. There might be later. Shh, we're almost there too." Ye Xiu said.

Under Ye Xiu's supervision, Steamed Bun was about to reach the final step too. Here, Steamed Bun showed his cool-headedness. He had his character jog over and turn in the quest. Wei Chen couldn't even look.

"Did it drop?" When Wei Chen turned back, he hastily asked.

"No." Ye Xiu shook his head in disappointment.

"So unlucky!" Wei Chen was gloomy.

"Don't panic. There are more chances, no?" Ye Xiu said.

"But we'll never be able to get this 20 point skill book again." Wei Chen shook his head.

"Old Wei!" Ye Xiu shouted.

"What?" Wei Chen was still depressed.

"It seems like you really need to go across the street and break a few of Excellent Era's windows to calm down." Ye Xiu said. He had told Chen Guo that she didn't need to be worried about Wei Chen because he would be able to adjust himself. But Wei Chen didn't act like he had expected. Wei Chen was constantly stressed and very unlike what an experienced player should be like. These past few years of seclusion had stifled Wei Chen. Suddenly, he had been presented with an ambitious goal and couldn't control his excitement. But the more passionate he was about it, the more worried he became. This type of state of mind would negatively affect his performance.

"Mm, I'll go smoke a cigarette." Wei Chen didn't retort. He took out a cigarette and went outside to smoke. Even he knew that his current behavior was abnormal. However, something like emotions couldn't be controlled so easily.

"Little Tang, keep going! Help me watch Steamed Bun too." Ye Xiu said.

"I'll help!" Chen Guo got up and prepared to be like Steamed Bun's nanny for doing quests. Steamed Bun really needed someone to take care of him for these quests.

Ye Xiu nodded his head and went out the door. He saw Wei Chen standing at the window, smoking and staring blankly out the window.

Ye Xiu walked up and looked outside too. Excellent Era's logo stood out clearly. It was probably incomparably unsightly in Wei Chen's eyes.

"What do I do? I can't help but be nervous." Wei Chen said.

"You're too worried." Ye Xiu said.

"How could I not be worried? That's Excellent Era!" Wei Chen said.

"Yeah. It's just Excellent Era. You've never met them?" Ye Xiu said.

"I've met them. And that was during Excellent Era's golden era. But I'm also much worse compared to the me in the past!" Wei Chen said.

"What about you now? You have strengths now that you didn't have before." Ye Xiu said.

"Age?" Wei Chen laughed mockingly.

"That's just one." Ye Xiu said.

"Oh? There's more?" Wei Chen was surprised. He thought Ye Xiu would console him by telling him about one of his experiences.

"The person who crushed you in the past is now your teammate." Ye Xiu said.

Wei Chen turned his head to look at Ye Xiu and then continued to look out the window: "Tch, that's what I'm worried about!"

"I've never viewed Excellent Era like this before." Ye Xiu looked out the window.

"In what way?"

"Viewed them as opponents that I have to defeat." Ye Xiu said.

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Opponents that must be defeated.

When Ye Xiu said these words, he didn't grind his teeth or give a determined look. He seemed as calm as ever.

"Yes! They must be defeated." Wei Chen followed, but he wasn't calm at all. He said these words fiercely and crushed his cigarette on the window sill.

"It doesn't matter what type of tricks Excellent Era uses. We have to beat them regardless!" Wei Chen might have been talking to himself. He encouraged himself to not be scared of anything anymore.

At that moment, the door to the practice room suddenly opened. Chen Guo rushed out excitedly and yelled: "It dropped! It dropped!!!"

"Oh? That quickly?" Ye Xiu and Wei Chen were pleasantly surprised.

"Yeah, the quest this time wasn't as long. The two of them quickly finished it." Chen Guo said.

"Who got it?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Both of them." Chen Guo said.

“F\*ck, that punk is really amazing!” Wei Chen said as he rushed into the practice room. Ye Xiu looked back at Excellent Era and sucked in a deep breath before gently extinguishing his cigarette.

When he walked back into the practice room, the atmosphere was naturally joyful.

The second quest in the guide was fairly short, so the results soon came out. Both Tang Rou and Steamed Bun had obtained a 25 point skill book.

“Let me see, let me see.” Ye Xiu hastily walked over.

“What’s there to see? They already used them.” Chen Guo said.

“I wonder how many people would be jealous if they knew that they got a skill book this easily!” Ye Xiu sighed. Afterwards, he didn’t forget to ask Chen Guo: “How’s it going on your end?”

Chen Guo’s face turned ugly: “I’ve already completed these quests before.”

“That’s too bad, but it doesn’t matter. There will always be more chances later. There will also be some quests that you haven’t done yet too.” Ye Xiu encouraged her.

“I hope so!” Chen Guo said.

Ye Xiu then asked Wei Chen: “I remember that you said the accounts in your group all had around 4700 skill points, right?”

“Pretty much!” Wei Chen answered.

“The methods that you used weren’t as good as the ones that Concealed Light came up with!” Ye Xiu said.

“But getting drops by chance is never definite.” Wei Chen said.

“That’s true. Have you ever thought of calculating how many possible skill points that could be obtained if everything went your way?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Of course. 1650 skill points.” Wei Chen immediately answered. This number included his many years of work and studying and he was very proud of it.

“Oh, and your friends have around 4700 skill points total. The base number of skill points is 4000, so you got around 700 skill points through these skill books. If that’s the case, then with your original method, your probability of getting a skill book was around 50%.” Ye Xiu said.

“Hey hey, how come everything that comes out of your mouth is so shallow! 4700 points is still an incredible result, okay? Apart from pro player accounts, do you know how many people in the game have over 4700 skill points? With the amount of skill points that our characters have, our characters are worth a lot.” Wei Chen said.

“Then hurry up and sell them. In any case, you guys are blacklisted by the big guilds anyways.” Ye Xiu said.

“Tch, it’s been so long. We fell from their sights a long time ago.” Wei Chen said. This was because of a boss fight. Wei Chen had led his friends and caused chaos amongst the top guilds. Because of this, the

top guilds chased after them like crazy. In the end, Ye Xiu had given them the accounts that he had won in a bet, allowing them to continue playing. A long time had already passed since then. It was more than long enough for guilds to forget about them, let alone the top guilds. These Club guilds were very busy. How could any of them have the time to keep chasing down a small team of players? These Club guilds were massive. Everyday, their main guild and branch guilds had tons of problems to deal with. If every single issue was never let go of, the guilds would go crazy.

As a result, once Wei Chen's group escaped after provoking the top guilds, the top guilds kept one eye open, while keeping the other closed. They might run into each other. If they remember, then they might kill them in the passing, but they definitely wouldn't send a specialized group tasked with hunting them down.

"Are you still planning on using that Warlock?" Ye Xiu asked.

"The account's not bad." Wei Chen said.

"Apart from skill points, what's the difference between accounts." Ye Xiu said.

"Their names are different!" Steamed Bun answered.

"Their appearances are different too." Chen Guo added. She placed a lot of importance on appearances.

"Okay....." Ye Xiu nodded his head. He didn't bother arguing because he knew that Wei Chen didn't care about these areas.

"He he." Wei Chen laughed evilly.

"How many skill points does your account have?" Ye Xiu suddenly seemed to have realized something.

"He he, which character in Glory has the highest number of skill points?" Wei Chen suddenly asked.

"Han Wenqing's Desert Smoke, 4880 skill points." Ye Xiu said. He seemed to know where Wei Chen was heading with his words.

"Correct. Desert Smoke has 40 more points than your One Autumn Leaf, right?" Wei Chen didn't hurry.

"Right, how many skill points does your character have?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Ha ha, not much. It only has 4920 skill points, that's all. It has 40 more points than Desert Smoke, 80 more points than One Autumn Leaf, 90 more points than Swoksaar, so my Windward Formation is, in fact, the character with the most skill points in Glory!" Wei Chen said delightedly.

"Your luck is pretty good." Ye Xiu sighed. Wei Chen's Warlock must have relied on his method to get all of these skill points. After all, as long as he had luck on his side, even if his method wasn't as good, he would still be able to get a lot of extra skill points. As a result, while the other characters had around 4700 skill points, he was lucky and got 4920 skill points. Wei Chen's methods could obtain a total of 1650 points. If one had insane luck, then one could even obtain the maximum amount of skill points in Glory and have extra leftover.

"But there's still 80 points of room to improve. You're willing to give those up?" Ye Xiu asked.

"You guys try first. I'll wait and see before I do anything." Wei Chen calmly said.

Ye Xiu didn't urge him. Tang Rou and Steamed Bun continued to quest. Steamed Bun was being supervised by Chen Guo, so Ye Xiu also ran over to try it out for himself.

Lord Grim's return to the tenth server immediately spread around in Happy. The top guilds were naturally terrified. But after seeing his level and knowing that Lord Grim wasn't Level 70 yet, they relaxed slightly. Last month, the top guilds already had Level 70 guilds, so they currently held the records for the Level 70 dungeons. Even if the records for the dungeons below Level 70 were crushed, the player base was no longer focusing on them, so the top guilds could tolerate it. However, they then thought of how Lord Grim had casually snatched a wild boss last time he came. This loss was even worse than losing a dungeon record. The top guilds didn't dare be negligent and informed all of their players: if you ever see Lord Grim, report his actions to the guild.

After nearly half a year, the Club guilds in the tenth server had expanded greatly. Lord Grim's existence during the initial stages had suppressed them significantly. All of them had suffered at one point. None of them were able to establish their power amongst the new player base until Lord Grim left to the Heavenly Domain. Only then could the Club guilds flip over and start singing. From then on, they could compete without having anyone step all over them.

The more time passed, the weaker the influence Lord Grim had in the tenth server. The top guilds expanded like crazy. As the players played Glory, they began paying attention to the pro scene and had their own favorite team and pro players. Thus, the advantage that the Club guilds possessed finally appeared. They could attract their fans to join. They didn't need any reason other than their name.

But at the same time, because of this reason, the performance of the team in the Pro Alliance would directly affect their respective guild's development, especially among the popular mass. The new players had only just begun paying attention to the pro scene, so they didn't have many feelings for the past glory of the current teams. What they looked at was their current strength at the moment.

Through this reason, Samsara developed rapidly in the tenth server just like their team this season. Many of the new players started watching the Pro Alliance during the later half of the season, which just happened to be when Samsara began dominating the scene after the All Star Competition. Samsara shot up the rankings and their fans increased alongside the team's growth. Samsara's guild growth expanded swiftly, completely suppressing Blue Brook Guild, Herb Garden, and Tyrannical Ambition.

The most tragic Club guilds was naturally Excellent Dynasty. When the new players started paying attention to the Pro Alliance, Excellent Era stayed at the bottom until they were beautifully relegated. If someone new like Excellent Era for getting relegated, then that person would be a very strange person. No one in the tenth server had many feelings for Excellent Dynasty.

Chen Yehui had originally planned on making huge movements this season alongside the Club. He made preparations for the guild to shine in the tenth server. At the very beginning, he had sent more experts to help pioneer in the new server than the other guilds. He had wanted to use the opportunity while the new players didn't know much about Glory to show their guild's strength in order to attract their attention and establish a solid base. How could he have known that at this stage, he would run into Ye Xiu starting over again in the tenth server. It didn't matter that he had more experts. Ye Xiu was a God. Chen Yehui had even pulled over Liu Hao to help, but didn't he also get crushed?

His original plan had been destroyed by Ye Xiu. By the time Ye Xiu stepped into the Heavenly Domain with Lord Grim, the tenth server players now had a certain understanding of Glory and had begun paying attention to the pro scene. With Team Excellent Era's disgusting performances, when Guild Excellent Dynasty was recruiting players to join, they hated how they couldn't hide their guild's name.

Even if the players didn't know that Guild Excellent Dynasty and Team Excellent Era were related, the other Club guilds like Tyrannical Ambition, Blue Brook Guild, Herb Garden would help spread this type of common knowledge to the player base. Excellent Dynasty's start in the tenth server had been an utter disaster from start to finish.

#### Chapter 627: Assembly Line

The top guilds prepared themselves for Lord Grim's return to the tenth server. Who knew what evil this God was planning on committing this time. All of the guilds from top to bottom were assigned to monitoring him. They swore that they wouldn't stop until they figured out what his intentions were for returning this time.

In reality, Ye Xiu was just here to do some quests. Getting involved with the guilds never even crossed his mind. When he arrived back in the tenth server, he still greeted everyone in Guild Happy though.

Without someone as mighty as Ye Xiu watching over them, Happy naturally had no way of contesting the various Club guilds, especially as the influence of the pro teams pervaded their way through the server. In fact, no player guild could compete against these Club guilds. Right now, Happy was developing like a normal guild. People came and left.

Chen Guo still managed the guild. Tang Rou and Steamed Bun could only provide their strength. For the guild affairs, the person who helped Chen Guo the most was the player, Horse Shooter, who had joined because he had been a fan of Su Mucheng. The other player who joined alongside Horse Shooter was Thousand Creations. Even though he was also an experienced player that had been in a top guild before, he was pretty much a lone wolf. He couldn't be relied on for matters regarding the guild. In the end, he was the same as Tang Rou and Steamed Bun, and could provide some strength when needed.

These four players were the highest level players in Happy. They couldn't compare to the crazy power leveling of the Club guilds, but amongst the player guilds, their levels were still considered very high. From this perspective, Happy couldn't compare to the Club guilds, but it was still much more powerful than the other regular player guilds. At the very least, they had a fairly robust guild storage system.

Seeing the guild storage system, Ye Xiu thought of Blue River. He asked Chen Guo about him and found out that Blue River hadn't logged on in a long time. His smurf's level had stopped there. When Ye Xiu checked his friends list, of the people he had interacted with, nearly all of his enemies and none of his friends were online!

Ye Xiu didn't greet them. He just chatted with his guild members in the guild chat while having his Lord Grim head over to the quest locations. Steamed Bun obviously participated in the guild chat. He said even more than Ye Xiu did, boasting wildly about him. Steamed Bun talked about Ye Xiu as if he were an all powerful entity, making Ye Xiu feel embarrassed to say anything in the chat anymore. Steamed Bun didn't stop and began talking about their team. Returning to the pro scene and winning the

championships really was Ye Xiu's goal, but the problem was that Steamed Bun was brainlessly talking without any basis for it.....

Very few players in Happy were noobs who had just started playing Glory. So when the guild heard Steamed Bun's words, who would believe him? However, Steamed Bun was quite popular in Happy and many of them understood his personality, so quite a few of them played along, however, Steamed Bun was being serious! As a result, anyone who saw Happy's guild chat would see it as absolutely ridiculous and that Happy was bragging and exaggerating about their own abilities.

The Club guilds had spies inside Happy. It was just that without Lord Grim, it wasn't any different from a normal player guild, so they didn't make trouble for Happy. The various top guilds were busy competing against each other and didn't have any plans on picking a fight with Happy. After a while, many of the spies stopped logging in, but now that Lord Grim had returned, the circumstances had vastly changed. All sorts of dead accounts suddenly popped up out of nowhere, observing Lord Grim's activities in the guild

At the same time, the players spread out around the leveling areas in the tenth server and constantly reported Lord Grim's movements to their guilds.

Ye Xiu wasn't thinking about any of this. He just went to the quest location, accepted the quest, and then started following the guide.

"He's doing quests!!" The players monitoring Lord Grim reported to their guilds.

"What quest is he running??" The higher ups asked one after another.

"It seems to be Ambitious Frank." The reporting players guessed.

Ambitious Frank?

Some of the guild leaders, who heard this quest's name, knew of it, while some didn't. For them, if the it wasn't a quest in a quest chain that helped them level up quicker, they wouldn't touch it. They might have some impression of this quest, but they didn't know why they had an impression.

As a result, everyone looked up the quest online. They browsed through numerous related pages to see if there was anything special about this quest.

Page after page after page.....

The links on these pages all explained the quest and how to complete it. It was a very normal quest. There weren't any secrets involved.

Impossible! It couldn't be so simple.

The guilds affirmed.

Their analysis wasn't wrong. Ye Xiu obviously had a very good reason for returning to the normal server to do quests. However, this reason wasn't something others could think of.

"Keep monitoring him!" The guilds ordered as they continued to search for any mysteries to this quest.



During this time, Ye Xiu smoothly completed the quests. Fighting was troublesome though because the equipment that he had included in the upgrades of Myriad Manifestations Umbrella had been from the Heavenly Domain, so he couldn't bring it back into the normal server. The naked Lord Grim grabbed some equipment from the guild storage. Ye Xiu was accustomed to using the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella, so now that he had switched to a different weapon, it didn't feel comfortable to use.

The guilds were still trying to figure out this quest's mystery, when Ye Xiu finished the last part of the quest.

The quest rewards dropped. Ye Xiu checked the rewards and laughed out loud: "I got one."

Tang Rou and Steamed Bun hadn't gotten anything from this quest, but Ye Xiu got the 20 point skill book.

This quest had a 34.314% chance of dropping one. For a skill book, this was already an extremely high probability.

It had been ten years since Glory came out and there still hadn't been a single character with a maxed set of 5000 skill points. One could easily imagine how difficult it was to get skill books. After many years of research, Wei Chen was able to get a batch of characters with around 4700 skill points, but with Ye Xiu's understanding of Wei Chen, he knew that when he said around 4700 skill points, there were definitely fewer accounts with more than 4700 skill points than accounts with less than 4700 skill points. It might have just been him having crazy luck to get 4920 skill points, while the others might all be below 4700 skill points.

If those were the results, it wasn't too special in Glory. If someone really wanted an account with 4700 skill points, it could still be bought with money.

But after Concealed Light and his professor cleared up Wei Chen's efforts, the probability of skill books dropping were even higher now. Even though Concealed Light didn't say exactly how much the probability went up, with the part that they have right now, it would definitely be higher than Wei Chen's original method, not lower.

A bunch of characters at that level would truly be the best, even in the pro scene. Let alone the limit of 5000 skill points, anything above 4900 skill points was enough to make all of the God characters kneel. There were quite a few characters in the pro scene with 4800 to 4900 skill points, but there weren't any with over 4900 skill points.

Currently, building characters with high skill points could only be found through luck, but for Ye Xiu's group? Through the years of effort from Wei Chen and analysis from extremely intelligent people like Concealed Light and his professor, they suddenly came up with an assembly line. If they manufactured a ton of high skill point characters, the account market in Glory would take a huge hit.

The value of an account was mainly based on its class, equipment, and skill points. The difference between different classes wasn't much and equipment could always be bought, but skill points were different. If you had them, you had them. If you didn't have them, you didn't have them. If these high skill point characters were poured into the market, they would be of the utmost priority amongst buyers. As for other accounts, if they didn't have equipment that added skill points, they wouldn't be

able to sell. Even if they had the right equipment, they might as well take off the equipment and buy a more powerful account.

Wei Chen's efforts weren't just for fun, nor were they just to strengthen his character. He had thought of all of these issues before. However, his results weren't too stable. Accounts with 4700 skill points weren't bad for accounts that had been accumulating skill points for ten years, but it wasn't anything too amazing.

As a result, he didn't immediately sell those accounts to make money. He wanted to find a more steady assembly line to increase the amount of skill points.

And now it had become a reality. The original goal was to solve the problem of their team's weak characters, but now couldn't they also make some money in the passing?

Seeing how Tang Rou, Steamed Bun, and Ye Xiu continued to easily get skill books, Wei Chen offered this suggestion.

Chen Guo was startled. She had been excited at how their team would have a bunch of powerful characters. She hadn't thought of making money by using such a method, but she was an experienced player after all. When Wei Chen made the suggestion, Chen Guo immediately understood the opportunity.

"Not only are they extremely valuable, have you ever seen such an account on the market? If one actually came out, there would definitely be a huge bidding war. Of course, as the number of these accounts increase, the price will certainly lower, but don't forget that we have a complete monopoly over them! The market would be completely controlled by us." Wei Chen had clearly thought of doing this before and said a whole bunch of stuff.

"In your dreams. The game company wouldn't let that happen. I feel like they'll quickly figure out how these characters came about. Then, all they need to do is make some revisions to the code and our method will become useless." Ye Xiu said.

"You're right! That's why I haven't done it yet. I was waiting until this method worked well, so our profits would be maximized. That day has finally arrived!" Wei Chen grasped his fists.

"Then let me ask you, are you planning on creating a team or creating accounts to sell?" Ye Xiu asked.

Chapter 628: Correct Line of Thinking

"Mm, that's a difficult question." Wei Chen felt a bit awkward. In truth, selling accounts with high skill points had been his plan all along. Joining a team and returning to the pro scene was something that he had never expected to do, so when Ye Xiu suddenly asked him this question, Wei Chen had a hard time answering it.

"What I'm saying is that we should do both." Wei Chen expressed.

"You're so old already. Are you sure you can do it?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Earning money is never easy." Wei Chen said.

“But right now, we’re at a very important preparation stage. With an opponent like Excellent Era facing us in the near future, are you sure you have time to do both?” Ye Xiu asked.

Wei Chen didn’t say anything for awhile: “How about we…… let it go for now?”

“It seems like to me that you need to be clear about this. Your account business would require a certain amount of time to start up. First, you’d need to find a batch of suitable accounts. If you directly buy a max leveled account, you don’t know which quests they’ve done completed. You would need to ask the sellers for more details and filter out the unsuitable characters. That would be too time-consuming and you don’t even know if you can find characters that suit your needs.”

“If it’s finding suitable accounts, let’s say we look for a studio to power level new accounts for us. In the old servers, it would only take three months or so to level them from 0 to 70 at the fastest. For a studio, the speed and price are dependent. If you require the fastest leveling speed, the initial cost would be much higher……”

“There’s no need to be in such a rush!” Wei Chen said.

“You’re not in a rush? Don’t forget that the Challenger League starts in September. Even though skill points can’t directly be checked through a character’s profile page, by analyzing the equipment and strength of the skills, it isn’t difficult to estimate the number of skill points that a character has. The greater the attention our team receives, the more likely the fact that our characters have high skill points will be revealed. When the secret gets exposed, there will certainly be a huge reaction to it. All the company needs to do is look up our characters and they’ll know that we’ve completely figured out how to earn skill books by following a certain sequence of steps. If that happened, wouldn’t it be too late?” Ye Xiu said.

“This.” Wei Chen paused. Only now did he realize that his account business would conflict with the team’s priorities.

Three months was the shortest amount of time possible to get suitable accounts.

Even after they got the accounts, they would still need to do a bunch of quests to earn those skill points. These quests required a person to run them. The way to do these quests also had to stay a secret too, so they obviously couldn’t have someone else farm for them.

“One more thing. If you want to buy suitable accounts, you can search for a studio and ask for however many you’d like. However, these accounts have special requirements and need to be leveled up at the time of the order. How many accounts are you planning on selling? 1000? There isn’t a studio out there that has the type of manpower to level a thousand accounts in three months. Leveling in Glory requires manually doing it. Leveling an account to 70 in 3 months requires 24/7 non-stop playing. One character would need at least two players. How many studios do you know that have 2000 workers?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Oh right. Three months is the time it takes to level up an account from 0 to 70 using the fastest method. With your special requirements, the quests need to be left blank. Whether or not they can be leveled to 70 in three months is also another issue in and of itself.” Ye Xiu said.

“And……”

“And your sister! Can you shut up for a moment?” Wei Chen interrupted Ye Xiu. He clearly realized that this was an issue and only one choice could be made. Doing both things at once clearly wouldn’t work out.

Ye Xiu didn’t continue speaking. Everyone understood Wei Chen’s emotions right now.

Earning money by selling high skill point accounts had been his goal that he had been striving for all these years. Now they were telling him to make a choice. There was no way he would feel good right now.

“So.....”

“Stop being so noisy. Give me some to think.” Wei Chen interrupted Ye Xiu.

Ye Xiu still wanted to say something, but Chen Guo grabbed him. If this guy made a caustic remark right now, it would be too infuriating to see, so Chen Guo didn’t care what he planned on saying and stopped him.

The practice room was very quiet. Even Steamed Bun, who didn’t know what was going on, felt that the atmosphere was heavy, so he stayed silent like everyone else and stared solemnly at Wei Chen.

Wei Chen didn’t stop playing as he contemplated. He continued to tap his keyboard and click his mouse. He looked to be grinding his teeth before finally saying: “Okay! F\*ck. This senior has decided not to go into the account business. To hell with it!!”

In the end, Wei Chen still chose the pro scene!

Wei Chen had only been a pro for two years, while these skill points had taken him nearly five years of his life.

For those two years, Wei Chen had carried his dreams with him, while in those other five years, he had carried his livelihood.

Looking at the options in front of him, Wei Chen quickly and decisively came to a decision. In the end, he chose the two short years despite knowing that this attempt might end up in failure again.

“Good, Old Wei is wise! We really can’t afford to go into the account business right now!” Ye Xiu applauded.

“Go to hell! If we don’t win the championships, you’d better compensate this senior for his losses!” Wei Chen cursed.

“Losses? What losses?” Ye Xiu asked.

“I gave up on such a big business opportunity. If it’s not a loss, then what is it?” Wei Chen was furious.

“This business would require a lot of time regardless. It also has high initial costs and isn’t something that can go on for a long time. The company just needs to come out with an update and it will undermine everything you worked so hard for. It really isn’t worth that much.” Ye Xiu said.

“You talk quite deftly!” Wei Chen wasn’t happy.

"I feel like the correct choice is to directly sell the guide." Ye Xiu said.

"What did you say?" Wei Chen was surprised.

"Sell the guide." Ye Xiu said.

"F\*ck!" Wei Chen suddenly awoke with a start. He suddenly jumped up, walked around in a circle, and then suddenly turned towards Ye Xiu: "You beast!!"

"Generally speaking, monopolizing the method is the way towards a long term lifeline, but like I said before, this business won't last very long. The company will break that lifeline, so you might as well just sell the method." Ye Xiu said.

"You're right! Why didn't I think of it before!" Wei Chen yelled.

"If we do it like that, shouldn't we tell Concealed Light?" Chen Guo asked.

"Oh, of course." Ye Xiu had a rare expression of seriousness. This incident made him realize the power of intellectuals and naturally made him respectful towards them.

"How do we go about selling it? You've probably already thought of how, right?" Wei Chen said.

"The higher the demand, the higher the price." Ye Xiu said plainly.

"Sell it to the Clubs?" Wei Chen thought.

The Clubs would gain the most benefits from strengthening their characters and would be willing to pay a high price to do so.

For a normal player, a max skilled character would only be able to make that player a bit stronger, but for a pro team, more skill points meant stronger skills, which could be the deciding factor in a match. In addition to that, the amount of profits from winning a match was on a completely different level than a normal player winning a match in the Arena.

"If that happens, everyone will have high skill characters." Chen Guo sighed.

Originally, their team would have a bunch of 5000 skill point characters, while the highest amount for the other teams would be Tyranny's Desert Smoke at 4880 points. Wouldn't that be amazing? However, if everyone had 5000 skill point characters, then their advantage would be lost.

"Making other opponents stronger really doesn't leave a good taste in my mouth!" Wei Chen sighed as well.

However, his greedy gaze betrayed him. Even though it didn't leave a good taste in his mouth, he wouldn't feel bad about taking their money. He soon continued: "But it wouldn't make them much stronger. Their characters aren't far from the limit anyways, so it wouldn't make too big of a difference."

These words were to console himself. 100 to 200 skill points definitely wasn't as insignificant as Wei Chen had said it was.

"They might not even be able to use the method. Look how famous the names of those famous characters are? With how valuable those names are, they might not replace those characters."

Chen Guo said.

These words were also to console herself. God level accounts were famous and they might actually not be replaced just for this reason, but the other characters could be replaced, no? In any case, the strengths of the teams would increase greatly. It would definitely happen.

“Mm, you guys want money, but don’t want others to benefit. You guys are really demanding.” Ye Xiu said.

“Hey, having such desires is a beautiful thing, but we have to accept reality.” Wei Chen expressed.

“But I feel like this won’t be as beautiful as you imagine it will be.” Ye Xiu said.

“Why?”

“If we sell the method to the Clubs right now, my guess is that the Clubs will quickly group together and buy it once for the entire alliance.” Ye Xiu said.

“If that happens, the price will go down.” Wei Chen said.

“That’s why I feel that it’d be better to find one Club and then agree that they directly buy it out. If that happens, the advantage won’t spread to the entire Alliance. The money that we earn might not be lower than if everyone bought it together.” Ye Xiu said.

“You demon. I have to admit you’re a demon. Such an evil idea is something only a demon could come up with.” Wei Chen seemed like he was praising Ye Xiu.

“Then which Club do you plan on selling it to? Blue Rain? Tyranny? Samsara? I think Samsara is a good choice. They’re very ambitious and would probably buy it for the highest price.” Wei Chen said.

“Samsara is a good choice, but I feel like they might not be the ones who need it the most.” Ye Xiu said.

“Then who?” Wei Chen was puzzled.

At this moment, Chen Guo suddenly jumped up and guessed Ye Xiu’s intentions: “Loulan Slash!!”

Chapter 629: Why Should I?

“Loulan Slash? The rich guy who formed Team Heavenly Swords and is preparing to enter the Pro Alliance next season?” Wei Chen had kept up with the news, so he obviously knew someone as famous as Loulan Slash.

Last time, Guild Heavenly Justice had a duel of words with the other guilds in the forums and managed to win the support of many players. It was an incident that made even Wei Chen feel jealous.

“Yeah, he’s the perfect target.” Wei Chen thought about Loulan Slash’s background and immediately felt like Ye Xiu’s suggestion was very good.

Loulan Slash had money, but because his team was new, there were still huge differences between his team and the other pro teams that were difficult to make up for with money. Of course, if you insisted on it and recklessly threw money at the problem, then it could still be done. For example, those God

level accounts might not necessarily be something that Club owners wouldn't sell if the price was high enough, but the problem was that if you threw your money without any regard for the costs, it showed that you were planning on using money to solve everything. Outsiders wouldn't know whether or not Loulan Slash had any plans on doing this sort of move, but no matter the case, Ye Xiu believed that a skill point guide was enough to make his heart thump. This was something that, no matter how much money you had, it wouldn't be possible to obtain from anywhere else. Ye Xiu would be giving him an opportunity to buy it.

"Hurry up and contact him!" Wei Chen was already impatient.

"More like contact Concealed Light first." Chen Guo reminded.

"Of course." Ye Xiu calmly opened chat windows for Loulan Slash and Concealed Light on QQ.

Ye Xiu didn't ask "are you here?" and left them a direct message saying what he needed to say. For Concealed Light, Ye Xiu told him that they were planning on selling this skill points guide and asked if he had any opinion on them doing so.

Concealed Light had been on the entire time. He had just been invisible. When he saw the message, he immediately replied in bewilderment: "Do what you want! What opinions would I have?"

"Hurry up and do what you want!" Wei Chen impatiently urged.

After Ye Xiu and Chen Guo gave him a disdainful look, Ye Xiu replied: "This guide is very valuable. After all, without your assistance, it wouldn't have been possible to get it. You have the power to decide what we do with it!"

After Concealed Light read the message, he collapsed in shame: "I actually only did a bit of the work. Without Professor Zhang, it really wouldn't have been possible."

"Then shouldn't we ask him? This has never been sold before, so I don't really know the price, but seven figures shouldn't be a problem." Ye Xiu was worried that someone like Concealed Light, who stayed at home studying math wouldn't know the value of this guide, so he gave this future mathematician a number.

But Concealed Light replied: "Are you asking me to get reprimanded!"

"What?" Ye Xiu and everyone else was startled.

"Professor Zhang is a world renowned mathematician. He's never cared about money! Telling him about this would just bother him. Isn't that just going to make him angry?" Concealed Light replied.

"Then what's important to him?" Ye Xiu asked.

But the answer made everyone want to cry.

"Scientific development, advancement of humanity." Concealed Light replied.

"How shameful!" Wei Chen looked up at the sky and let out a deep sigh.

"And we still want to talk about money with him?" Chen Guo was also ashamed.

If you said this to a normal person, that person would definitely think you were joking, but the situation was different. For a scholar like Zhang Yichun, any results that he came out with could be something that advanced mankind, so it really wasn't a joke. It was a fact that made Ye Xiu and the others crazy.

"Then we'll deal with it." Ye Xiu replied.

"Sure." Concealed Light replied.

"Ai ai ai!" Wei Chen sighed repeatedly at this reply: "Famous scholars truly think differently from normal people! Their minds aren't something that little people like us can understand. It's best if we didn't make trouble for that senior. We'll just go at it blindly!"

It was a classic example of someone gaining a favor and calling it a disfavor. Everyone gave him a disdainful look, but didn't say anything because Loulan Slash had replied.

Ye Xiu and Loulan Slash didn't immediately start negotiating the price. Instead, Ye Xiu asked Loulan Slash how things were going for him.

"We're busy improving ourselves so we don't lose face when the time comes." Loulan Slash replied honestly. Don't look at how Team Heavenly Swords seemed incomparably confident, laughing at all the Clubs to build up fans. In terms of actual strength, Loulan Slash and his team clearly knew where they were at after several interactions and exchanges with Ye Xiu.

If they hadn't met Ye Xiu, they might really have taken their arrogant words to the public as the truth.

Fortunately, they met Ye Xiu. They still built their fanbase through their arrogant words, but Loulan Slash didn't dare to be arrogant over their actual strength. Their team was practicing hard and had lowered their goal by a lot. Before they had met Ye Xiu, they thought that they would be a very competitive team. Now, their goal had been changed to not lose too much face. Others who heard their actual goal might think they were being modest, but Ye Xiu knew that Loulan Slash was being sincere. "How are your accounts?" Ye Xiu asked.

"They're okay!" Loulan Slash replied vaguely.

"How many skill points do each of your characters have?" Ye Xiu began to move towards the main subject.

Loulan Slash saw the question and was surprised. He took some time to reflect on it. He clearly knew that this God wasn't chatting with him because he was bored, but because he had a purpose in mind. This sudden question must have something to do with this purpose. Skill points truly was something that Loulan Slash couldn't do much about. Did Ye Xiu have some way of resolving this problem?

After thinking for a bit, Loulan Slash became excited, but still calmly replied: "Skill points hm? Not bad I'd say. Our characters have been pretty lucky, so we have a lot of skill points."

"Ha ha, don't tell me your accounts all have maxed skill points!" Ye Xiu said.

"How could that be! Are there are any characters in the entire game with maxed skill points?" Loulan Slash was probing Ye Xiu, but he was starting to become amazed because he had a feeling as to what Ye Xiu's intentions were.



“There haven’t been any, but now maybe not!” Ye Xiu said.

“You have such an account?” Loulan Slash questioned.

“It’s very likely.” Ye Xiu said.

“Likely?”

“Mm, because it still depends on luck, so it isn’t completely guaranteed.” Ye Xiu replied.

“What do you mean luck?” Loulan Slash couldn’t pretend any longer. Let alone a character with maxed skill points, there weren’t even any with over 4900 skill points. Characters with 4800 skill points were usually famous stars in the pro scene. It wasn’t by chance that these characters became famous. Having such a high number of skill points was an important deciding factor in these pro games.

The characters used by Loulan Slash’s team didn’t have a low number of skill points. They had between 4700-4800 skill points, which was quite decent in the pro scene, but there was still a gap between their characters and the top characters, let alone a character with maxed skill points.

If you had that many skill points, then that was how much you had. What did it have to do with luck? Loulan Slash couldn’t understand, so he asked this question.

“To tell you the truth, I have a method of getting skill points. The very first thing I thought of was that you might need it. Isn’t that kind of me?” Ye Xiu replied.

“Very kind.” Loulan Slash replied, but he was bitterly laughing in his heart. He wasn’t stupid. He understood what Ye Xiu was getting at. The very first thing Ye Xiu thought of was him. That wasn’t kindness. Ye Xiu clearly wanted his money. However, Loulan Slash didn’t care because he needed it. If someone could provide him with a solution, he would happily take them up on that offer.

After replying “Very kind”, Loulan Slash didn’t say anything else. He wanted to wait until the other side came out with his offer.

But after waiting and waiting, there was no reply. Loulan Slash was sad! He wanted to know the other side’s price and start negotiating from there, but the other side was truly fierce. Ye Xiu pretended like he was dead, putting on a do-you-want-it-or-not appearance.

Loulan Slash wanted to cry. Ye Xiu was telling him that he couldn’t be like this.

Helpless, Loulan Slash could only start the conversation: “What type of method is it?”

“It’s a certain way of completing quests. I can guarantee that there’s a high chance of obtaining skill books as a reward.” Ye Xiu replied quickly. He had clearly been sitting in front of his computer the entire time! He had purposely pretended to be dead, but Loulan Slash didn’t have a choice!

“How new? I’ve never heard of it before.” Loulan Slash had ambitions to flourish in the pro scene and had obviously put a lot of effort into researching skill points, but he had never heard of this method before.

“Of course you haven’t. An old comrade of mine sacrificed much of his youth bitterly researching it before getting these results.” Ye Xiu said.

"I see. What are your plans?" Loulan Slash asked.

"My plan is to see if you have any plans." Ye Xiu replied.

"Okay!" Loulan Slash said weakly, "Let's get to the point. If you really can get characters with maxed skill points, then I obviously need them very much."

"I thought so too."

"Give me a price. I'll need nine." Loulan Slash said.

"Nine?"

"If I need more, I'll look for you!" Loulan Slash said.

"Why not just directly buy the guide itself?" Ye Xiu replied.

"You're willing to sell it?" Loulan Slash was surprised.

"Why not?" Ye Xiu asked back.

Loulan Slash replied: "But why should I buy the whole guide? I only need enough characters for my team."

Chapter 630: New Goal

Why should I?

When Loulan Slash asked this question, it was Ye Xiu's turn to become dazed.

Why should I? Ye Xiu had helped Loulan Slash think of a reason, but his reasoning hadn't matched Loulan Slash's.

"You're too polite....." Ye Xiu replied.

Indeed, Ye Xiu's side felt like Loulan Slash was being too polite. Why would you not just straight up buy the guide, and instead settle for the next best thing and only buy a batch of accounts?

"How am I being polite?" Loulan Slash didn't understand. His line of thinking was clearly different from what Ye Xiu had analyzed his thinking to be.

"If you have the guide, you can make however many accounts you'd like." Ye Xiu explained.

"Ha ha, wouldn't buying the guide be much more expensive though? I don't need that many accounts, just ten is enough." Loulan Slash answered back.

"It would actually be more difficult for us to get those accounts to you rather than give you the guide itself." Ye Xiu said.

"So you're saying that if I want to buy it, I have to buy the guide at a high price?" Loulan Slash asked.

"Pretty much." Ye Xiu said.

“If that’s the case, you’ll need to give me some time to think about it.” Loulan Slash replied.

If he had to think about it, then it meant that he was leaning towards rejecting the offer and only had a bit of leeway remaining. If he was seriously considering it, he would have at least asked for the price. However, Loulan Slash didn’t even ask about the price and had jumped straight to considering it. This wasn’t a good sign for Ye Xiu’s side.

“If this had been us previously, we would have bought it without any hesitation. We would have bought it out too, so that no one else would be able to get it and guarantee our advantage over the other teams.” Loulan Slash didn’t hide his reasons and started discussing with Ye Xiu.

“Then what about now?”

“Luckily we bumped into you! You helped us realize that our original ideas had been careless. With just our skill level alone, we thought we would be able to immediately compete with those powerhouses. We were too ignorant and narrow-minded, so we decided to do things realistically. We’ll first establish a solid position in the pro scene before doing anything. Of course we need characters with high skill points, but any player would want a character like that. The current us isn’t thinking of expending all of our efforts to weaken our opponents. Even if we do weaken them a bit, it wouldn’t change our overall situation too much. Improving our actual skill is the most stable way of improve our chances. We aren’t thinking of doing anything else at the moment.” Loulan Slash was very honest and showed his gratefulness towards Ye Xiu.

Ye Xiu read the message and could only force a smile: “Then good luck!”

“Thank you. If you can provide accounts with high skill points, contact me at any time. The price won’t be a problem.” Loulan Slash said.

“Understood.” Ye Xiu replied. He turned around and forced a smile at Wei Chen and Chen Guo. Their first plan had failed. It turned into selling accounts. The price for accounts would still be considerable, but compared to their original plan, it was still a huge difference.

“Then we’re going to give up just like this?” Wei Chen wasn’t willing.

“There’s nothing we can do. His line of thinking is completely different from ours.” Ye Xiu said.

“I can see that. I could also tell that the reason his line of thinking is different is all because of you!” Wei Chen accused him.

“Life is full of twists as you can see.” Ye Xiu said.

“What do we do now?” Wei Chen said.

“It looks like we can only look for another pro team to sell it to.” Ye Xiu said.

“Samsara?” Wei Chen asked.

“The ambitious Samsara is a very suitable target.” Ye Xiu said.

“Samsara will be in the playoffs. We have to hurry up and sell them our guide beforehand. Their price will definitely be a lot higher.” Wei Chen said.

“There are still two weeks. I don’t know if Concealed Light will be able to arrange everything by then.” Ye Xiu thought and looked for Concealed Light on QQ to check how long it would take.

“Hm? Are we in a rush?” Concealed Light asked.

“Yeah!”

“I’ll try to finish it in a week.” Concealed Light estimated.

“Good luck!”

“Time isn’t an issue.” Ye Xiu turned around and spoke, “As long as we can get the guide ready, Samsara can easily upgrade their characters in two days.”

“Then let’s contact Samsara?” Wei Chen asked.

“There’s no hurry! Wait for Concealed Light to finish first and we’ll personally take a trip to City C!” Ye Xiu said.

“Wait, did you not think about an issue!” Chen Guo suddenly interrupted.

“What?” Ye Xiu looked at her.

“If Samsara suddenly won the championships with a bunch of max skilled characters, wouldn’t that attract more eyes towards this method? The game company would definitely notice it. If they saw through the process and came out with an update getting rid of it, wouldn’t that be trouble for us too? The characters that we have now will be upgraded in time, but what about the others? Our team won’t just have these four characters, right?” Chen Guo said.

“Oh, don’t worry about that. Samsara is a pro team and their characters are already quite good. I’m guessing that all of them have at least 4700 skill points. If we give them the guide, we’ll only be helping them push towards that final hurdle. As long as they don’t run too many quests, the game company won’t find out so easily.” Ye Xiu said.

“But what if they’ve already done the quests and have to create new accounts?” Chen Guo had a lot of thoughts.

“New accounts? If it’s a new account, it will take at least three months. Even pro teams won’t be able to go any faster than that. By that time, we’ll have a batch of characters too, so we won’t lose out.” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo heard Ye Xiu’s explanation before finally relaxing. In the end, she only sighed: “But that means in the future, they’ll be stronger opponents!”

“Aren’t you looking down on Loulan Slash too much. Won’t they be getting stronger too?”

Ye Xiu said.

“It’s the difference between  $1+1 = 2$  and  $9+1 = 10$ .” Chen Guo said.

“That’s the reason why Loulan Slash isn’t willing to buy it.” Ye Xiu sighed.

“Isn’t it because of you?” Wei Chen gave him a disdainful look.

“In any case, that’s our plan for now! Once Concealed Light arranges everything, we’ll make a trip to visit Samsara.” Ye Xiu said.

“This time, if you don’t sell it, don’t come back.” Wei Chen said.

Concealed Light’s diligence didn’t need to be said. He said one week, but on the fifth day, he had already completed the guide. He wrote it in a word doc and sent it over.

After receiving the guide, Ye Xiu skimmed through it and checked it every time Concealed Light sent a doc over.

As Concealed Light sent over parts of the guide, Ye Xiu, Steamed Bun, and Tang Rou continued to follow them. The skill points on Lord Grim, Soft Mist, and Steamed Bun Invasion continually shot up. The highest was Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim because Soft Mist and Steamed Bun Invasion couldn’t enter the Heavenly Domain yet, so there were a lot of quests that they couldn’t complete yet. Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim ran between the two servers and cleared out all the quests. His skill points rose like a rocket. His level wasn’t max yet, so he couldn’t do some of the high leveled quests yet. However, he already had maximized his potential skill points.

The guide increased the drop chances and Ye Xiu’s luck was quite good. Once he got 5000 skill points, Wei Chen became conflicted. His Windward Formation had done all these quests before, so he had no way of improving his character anymore. He didn’t think that Ye Xiu would really be able to get all 5000 skill points.

If he didn’t switch accounts, he would have less skill points. If he switched accounts, his Windward Formation wouldn’t have the chance of rising to the top! It made Wei Chen very depressed.

“I feel like we don’t need to give Samsara everything.”

Ye Xiu inspected the guide and got rid of a portion of it. In the end, he left enough for an additional 1000 skill points.

“Right now, they just need a way to have their characters increase by a level. If I just give them these, it’ll be enough. There’s no need to give them everything.” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo supported this idea very much. Chen Guo’s biggest hope was that they would keep the guide to themselves and no one else would have it. There was no other choice though, but if they could give less of the guide to the other side, that was worthy of being happy about too.

“Then it’ll just be these!” Ye Xiu looked at the remaining content, “I just hope that Samsara won’t have done too many of these quests already! If so, this will be more than enough.”

“Since their base is already so high, if they haven’t already completed these quests, just a little bump should be enough.”

Chen Guo said.

“Listening to you, we should get rid of another 500 points?” Ye Xiu said.

“Good good!” Chen Guo agreed.

'Okay, you've been doing these quests too. How many points does your character have?' Ye Xiu asked.

"280 points." Chen Guo said sadly.

"280 points and you're saying it so sadly. I reckon that something like this has only happened in our room." Ye Xiu sighed and then added: "Out of the 1600 skill points, you seriously only managed to get 280 points? The issue of them having already completed the quests is a serious problem. We should leave them some room for hope!"

Chen Guo listened and didn't say anything more: "Then when will you be going?"

"The sooner the better!"

"I'll take a look at the tickets there." Chen Guo said. These sorts of expenses were naturally paid for by the boss.

"Do you know who to look for in Samsara? You'd better not get kicked out of the place immediately." Wei Chen said.

"If you went, you would definitely get kicked out. How could I be like you?" Ye Xiu retorted.

"Will the plane tomorrow morning be okay?" Chen Guo checked the ticket and called out.

"Sure." Ye Xiu nodded his head.

"What's your ID number?"

Ye Xiu sent over his ID number on QQ to Chen Guo, who quickly finished up the rest of the preparations.