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Chapter 721: Hi

"Team Tiny Herb!" Tao Xuan's expression darkened. Just this name alone was enough for him to take things more seriously.

Team Tiny Herb had a somewhat strong start, but weak finish in this past season. They were the season seven champions and entered the new season at a high. In the beginning, Team Tiny Herb didn't let down their fans and led the regular season in first place. Unfortunately, in the second half of the regular season, they were passed by Team Blue Rain and Team Samsara, ending the season with third place.

A team's placing in the regular season didn't determine who would be the championship winners. Once a team reached the playoffs, no team would slack off. As the defending champions, many thought Team Tiny Herb's chances at winning were quite high, but although Team Tiny Herb smoothly entered the semifinals, they ended up under Team Samsara's feet as their stepping stone. Team Samsara beating top teams like Team Tiny Herb and Team Blue Rain one after the other only made their championship victory that much more glorious.

"Tiny Herb? Who is this Qiao Yifan?" Tao Xuan turned to ask Xiao Shiqin.

"That..." Xiao Shiqin felt a bit embarrassed. Qiao Yifan was truly too invisible. How could an outsider know such information on someone who had never played in an official match? Xiao Shiqin could only say what he knew: "He has never participated in an official match before, so there isn't much information on him. From what I know, he uses an Assassin, but the only time he's ever appeared on stage was in the All Star Rookie Challenge. However, at that time, he used a Ghostblade. He challenged Li Xuan and the outcome....."

The outcome was a tragic sight, but Xiao Shiqin was kind person. Even though Qiao Yifan wasn't in front of him listening, he still tried to find the appropriate words to soften the harsh truth.

Tao Xuan had some impression of this year's All Stars. It was a once a year event after all.

That Ghostblade who lost to Li Xuan? Tao Xuan hadn't bothered to remember that kid's name because there was nothing noteworthy about that kid's performance. How many remember the loser?

Xiao Shiqin's words still let Tao Xuan know that this Qiao Yifan's official class was an Assassin, but in the Challenger League, he played a Ghostblade. Could he have been hiding his strength and simply playing in the Rookie Challenge for fun?

Tao Xuan started to become a bit uneasy. He paced about the room and even opened the door to look outside, but he didn't see Ye Qiu's group returning. If they planned on welcoming Qiao Yifan here, they should have come up by now. The first floor wasn't that far away? It seems like they don't want us to see him?

"Let's go." As a result, Tao Xuan quickly made his decision. Just like how they barged in, he decided to go down and see what they were up to.

"Ah? You're going to leave? You're not going to wait for my boss to come back? Are you sure you don't want any water?" Little Li saw that the three were getting ready to leave, so he quickly called after them.

"No thanks. We have something we need to do, so we'll get going." Tao Xuan didn't need to go so far as to take his anger out on an Internet Cafe employee. After politely responding, he and the other two left the practice room. When they exited the room, the three quickly put their sunglasses on and started walking quickly and carefully.

It didn't matter much for Tao Xuan, but Sun Xiang and Xiao Shiqin were like sheep in a tiger's den coming to an Internet Cafe. If they didn't disguise themselves a bit, the fans would quickly nab them like wolves.

Happy Internet Cafe. This is the right place.....

Qiao Yifan came directly to their door. Of course, he had told Ye Xiu beforehand. If not, he wouldn't have known the Internet Cafe's location or name. After knowing that he wouldn't be staying with Team Tiny Herb and that he didn't have any offers from any other Club teams, Qiao Yifan decided to seek shelter under Ye Qiu's wing, who had been of great assistance to him. He would be fine even if Ye Qiu only wanted him as an apprentice. Coming from a championship team, he had been quite proud in the beginning, but after a year, there wasn't much left of it.

Ye Xiu obviously didn't reject Qiao Yifan and also told him their plans for the future. After listening to it, Qiao Yifan happily accepted. He wanted to learn and improve, and it couldn't be any better if he could also have the chance at becoming a pro player again.

While Qiao Yifan waited in front of the Happy Internet Cafe's reception desk, he was still feeling uneasy. However, he soon heard the employee go upstairs to send the message. A bunch of footsteps soon followed. It seemed like quite a few people were coming down.

"Is it them?" Qiao Yifan thought to himself. His gaze had already shifted to look in that direction. He soon saw one, two, three, four, five people come over. Qiao Yifan recognized Ye Qiu among them.

"Senior." Qiao Yifan immediately went up to meet them and gave a respectful greeting.

"Ha ha, not bad, little kid! You're very polite!" One of them reached out his hands and gave his shoulders a heavy pat. This person was seemingly a middle-aged guy with a gruff face. Qiao Yifan leapt up in fright. Did I get the wrong person? I don't think I did?

Qiao Yifan wasn't sure what to say, when he heard the person who he thought was senior: "Ha, he can be considered your senior too. Wei Chen. Have you heard of him?"

Qiao Yifan had never heard of him.

If he were a Warlock player or someone from Team Blue Rain and understood the team's history, perhaps he would have heard of the name Wei Chen before, but his current knowledge was the same as Sun Xiang's. He didn't recognize this name at all. However, Sun Xiang dared to say "Who's that?" Qiao Yifan didn't have that sort of arrogance and hastily said a "Hi senior" to Wei Chen.

"Ha ha ha, good, good. You've got a good future ahead of you, little kid!" Wei Chen patted Qiao Yifan again. He didn't seem to mind that Qiao Yifan had no idea who he was.

"Steamed Bun, Soft Mist. You've played in the game together." Ye Xiu introduced Steamed Bun and Tang Rou. Steamed Bun laughed loudly as his greeting. Tang Rou didn't lack manners and greeted him politely. She had a good impression of Qiao Yifan.

"This is our boss." Ye Xiu introduced Chen Guo last. Chen Guo was actually at a loss of what to do facing such a proper introduction. In the end, she treated him like they were family and said: "So you've arrived? I've already arranged living quarters for you. Later, Old Wei and Steamed Bun can bring you over."

"Thank you, thank you." Qiao Yifan hastily replied.

Just when they were getting acquainted with each other, noise could be heard from the stairs again. Tao Xuan's group grew impatient from waiting and went downstairs. The three wore big sunglasses as if they were from the Matrix.

Even though everyone recognized the famous pro players, they mostly saw them on the screen, so it wasn't as easy to identify them in real life. Thus, sunglasses were usually good enough as a disguise. However, Qiao Yifan was different. Although he might be just a "water dispenser", he still went around with the team everywhere and would encounter anyone Team Tiny Herb encountered. These three walked directly towards their group, giving Qiao Yifan plenty of time to recognize them. At first, he felt that these three faces looked quite familiar. At a second glance, he began to identify them. At a third glance, he cried out all of a sudden: "Senior Xiao Shiqin? Senior Sun Xiang? Hi....."

Qiao Yifan was so polite! Sun Xiang had only registered a year before him and Qiao Yifan already considered him a senior. After crying out their names, he walked forward weakly and greeted them.

He may not have spoken very loudly, but he hadn't spoken very quietly either. Quite a few people nearby had heard it. Numerous customers lifted up their heads to check. Now that they were deliberately looking for these two pro players, the sunglass facade collapsed like paper. Sun Xiang and Xiao Shiqin were quickly recognized by Glory fans.

"HOLY SH*T! IT'S SUN XIANG! IT'S XIAO SHIQIN!!" Someone shouted loudly. Many had already leapt up from their chairs and dashed over. Such a large commotion immediately startled even more people. It was as if a brick had been thrown into a pond. Waves of people began crashing around inside the Internet Cafe.

Not everyone at an Internet Cafe played Glory, and not everyone who played Glory was so passionate about chasing after stars. Happy Internet Cafe existed before Glory existed. When the Glory Alliance was established, it just happened to be located across the street from Club Excellent Era. Chen Guo paid a lot of attention in caring for Glory and Excellent Era fans. Happy Internet Cafe could be considered a gathering place for Excellent Era's fans.

With Sun Xiang and Xiao Shiqin having been exposed, the passion from the surrounding fans was practically the same as when Excellent Era played in their home stadium. A huge number of customers left their seats and quickly walked over to watch.

"Not good!"

Tao Xuan, Xiao Shiqin, and Sun Xiang weren't the only ones crying this out in their hearts. Ye Xiu's group also felt the same! Fortunately, they were still at the front desk. The door was very close, so they rapidly scurried away. Tao Xuan's group reacted too slowly. Then again, the fans weren't going to hurt them. If they ran away, it might hurt their feelings too much and result in a bad reaction. During their short moment of hesitation, the three were surrounded in an instant. Not long afterwards, a pair of sunglasses flew off and was kicked around by the crowd. One of the lenses even fell off. In the end, it was thrown at Ye Xiu's feet.

"What a pity." Tang Rou picked up the sunglasses, "They're Ray Bans too. They're ruined now."

"It's okay if the sunglasses are ruined. They're not going to get ruined, right?" Steamed Bun asked.

"Should we go over to Club Excellent Era and call their security over?" Ye Xiu wondered.

"I..... I....." Qiao Yifan was nervous. He felt like he had invited disaster onto them.

"I knew you had a bright future ahead of you!" Wei Chen praised.

"It's such a mess. No one's going to try and use this chance to not pay their bill, right?" Chen Guo was also worried.

Chapter 722: Previously Invisible

After the sunglasses flew out, one person frantically struggled out of the crowd. His clothes were crooked now and his hair had become disheveled. Once he stumbled his way through, he got up and heard a concerned voice from in front of him: "Boss Xuan, you okay?"

Tao Xuan looked up. The person asking was his competitor, Happy Internet Cafe's owner and Ye Qiu's supporter, Chen Guo. It was a pity that Chen Guo couldn't keep up her act. She wasn't a natural at taunting people like Ye Xiu was. When she asked if he was alright, her eyebrows were raised in delight, letting Tao Xuan know: she wasn't really concerned about him, but rather laughing at him.

Even though Tao Xuan was the owner of Excellent Era and the senior, who provided the wages for his pro players, the fans didn't care much about him. After Sun Xiang and Xiao Shiqin were recognized, they were immediately swarmed. Tao Xuan wasn't as well known, so despite wearing sunglasses as well, the fans took a few glances at him and acted like he didn't exist after determining that he wasn't a pro player. The two pro players were being asked left and right with requests for signatures and photos. As for Tao Xuan, he had been squeezed out as if he were an obstacle.

Tao Xuan didn't have the physique fitting for a security guard. He couldn't protect those two. In the end, he was forced out like that pair of sunglasses.

Tao Xuan felt gloomy! The pro players receiving love and respect from their fans shouldn't be a bad thing, right? However, his opponents were laughing at them. Tao Xuan really wanted to shout that Ye Qiu was here too. He was certain that there would be a similar effect, but why should he split Excellent Era's fans? In truth, Tao Xuan didn't want to regard Ye Qiu as his opponent. He knew how much Excellent Era fans cared for Ye Qiu. If the two became enemies, the fans would be split, so Ye Qiu quietly

retiring was for the best, but Ye Qiu refused to go out quietly and started creating his own team. Tao Xuan wanted to minimize the damage the other side could bring to Excellent Era. How could he push Ye Qiu towards the fans?

Tao Xuan didn't bother arguing with them. With a dark expression on his face, he tidied up his clothing and ran back to the Club. Not long afterwards, helpers arrived at Happy Internet Cafe. They weren't going to force the two away. It would be too disrespectful to the fans. The fans should at least surround the pro players in an orderly fashion though. What if an accident happened and the crowd started to run amok?

When the helpers came, they brought a megaphone. After a few shouts, the crowd calmed down a bit and the scene gradually turned into a fan meet and greet for the pro players. Chen Guo walked over, laughing: "Boss Xuan, Happy Internet Cafe is my place. Don't you think you should be paying to host an event here?"

"Is that so? It seems to me that bringing my pro players over here will help your business quite a bit. I think you should be the one paying me fees for their appearance." Tao Xuan said.

"Did I ask for them to come over?" Chen Guo asked back.

"Then if you don't want us to use your venue, then disperse the crowd!" Tao Xuan said.

In truth, neither of them cared about paying fees! The two were simply venting their anger on each other. In any case, the one to lose out today was Tao Xuan's side. What he just said wasn't false. Sun Xiang and Xiao Shiqin appearing at Happy Internet Cafe would certainly be a boon to Happy Internet Cafe's business.

Ordinarily, with the status of these two pro players, Happy Internet Cafe didn't have enough influence to invite them over. In business, it wasn't all about earning profits from advertising fees! While celebrities made the advertised products more popular through their own fame, celebrities also relied on the product to make themselves more well known. Happy Internet Cafe wasn't a chain brand that everyone in the country recognized. Its fame couldn't compare to an All Star player. The two sides weren't on the same playing field. For today's events, if news spread, Excellent Era would explain it as the two pro players coming out for their own private matters and then inadvertently being recognized. If it became described as a business move, Happy Internet Cafe would profit greatly from it. It would lower the value of these two pro players as well.

In any case, Happy Internet Cafe could only gain from this occurrence. When Chen Guo bickered with Tao Xuan, she didn't care about who won or lost in the end. Ye Xiu and Wei Chen chatted on the side, not caring about the situation. Tang Rou and Steamed Bun had joined the crowd. Qiao Yifan was still terrified after letting a storm loose from a slip of the tongue.

Excellent Era's helpers arrived and organized the crowd into a more orderly fashion. After the fans calmed down, they would try and get the pro players out. If not, once the news started to spread, more and more fans would show up. If things went badly, the media would even come over and so on.

As a result, after satisfying all of the requests for signatures and pictures, the Excellent Era employees explained the situation to the fans, while slowly evacuating Sun Xiang and Xiao Shiqin.

Although the fans were sad, the pro players had indeed stayed for some time, showing their sincerity and interacting with them. When Excellent Era's group left Happy Internet Cafe, they quickly escaped to Club Excellent Era. Tao Xuan didn't come over and say a few departing words to them.

That Qiao Yifan left him an impression though.

His "Senior Xiao Shiqin? Senior Sun Xiang? Hi" had caused them quite the trouble. In addition, it even helped advertise for Happy Internet Cafe. That guy wasn't a good person!

Tao Xuan didn't think that he had been prompted to do so because it wasn't necessary! Those other five could have shouted their names at any time and caused them trouble, but they didn't do so. It was only that newcomer Qiao Yifan who said their names when he saw them. His actions were too despicable and shameless.

This person was still just a child too! They had to be wary of him!

Tao Xuan took his time to investigate his enemies. Qiao Yifan had been noticed by him. While they were under pressure, that guy set off a calamity with a nervous appearance. His acting skills were truly superb.

Qiao Yifan. I'll remember you!

After Tao Xuan returned to the Club, the first thing he did was make a phone call. Finding out information about a player, who was part of a team in the Alliance, wasn't difficult at all. He directly called Team Tiny Herb's owner.

As owners, their relationship with each other was very subtle. This type of situation was similar to the politics between in-game guilds. When they needed to fight, they would be at each other's throats. When they were sitting idle, they would chat with each other.

"Qiao Yifan?" Tiny Herb's owner was very surprised at hearing Tao Xuan ask for this name in particular.

He knew this name because even though Qiao Yifan was a nobody, deciding not to renew his contract required his approval. It had only been three or four days since, so he still hadn't forgotten about Qiao Yifan. When he saw that Excellent Era's Tao Xuan was personally calling to ask about him, he immediately began to wonder whether their team had let some sort of talent go.

What was Team Excellent Era? Despite having been relegated, Team Excellent Era could still attract an All Star player like Xiao Shiqin. They weren't some team that could be shopped around like a supermarket after being relegated. They didn't need some free agent player that had been abandoned by another team.

"Qiao Yifan..... Ah, that player..." Tiny Herb's boss wanted to act as if he wasn't sure, but he discovered that he really didn't know much about this player. A few days ago, Tiny Herb's manager came over to talk about this matter a bit, but he hadn't cared too much. An unfamiliar player meant that the player wasn't very important one. As a result, he didn't ask too much about him. If every decision had to be personally made by the boss, the Club wouldn't need so many different departments!

It was just that when he heard Excellent Era's boss unexpectedly ask for this particular player, he started to have some thoughts.

"Boss Xuan, I actually don't know much about this Qiao Yifan. I'll go ask around and when I find some more information on him, I'll tell you." Tiny Herb's boss finally replied.

After hanging up the phone, Tiny Herb's boss immediately called Tiny Herb's manager. When the manager heard the question, he was also very surprised. His decision for Qiao Yifan hadn't been made on the spur of the moment though. He had even asked for captain Wang Jiexi's opinion. For a championship team like Team Tiny Herb, a player like Qiao Yifan wouldn't be of much use. Whether it was signing a stronger player or raising a new rookie, it would be more worth it than funnelling resources into Qiao Yifan.

Since his boss was asking him, the manager didn't dare to delay and naturally informed of what he knew. He didn't forget to say that the decision hadn't been made solely by him. He had also asked for Wang Jiexi's opinion.

The team captain didn't have any decision-making authority, but his opinions were of great importance. When the manager made these kinds of decisions, he mostly did what the team captain recommended. In some sense, it was the team captain who decided whether a player should stay and whether the team needed a new player. Tiny Herb's manager shifted the responsibility to Wang Jiexi to explain to his boss: this was a decision that the team captain had proposed!

This was a matter that he had talked about with the boss just a few days ago. After being suddenly asked to explain, the boss must have some doubts! The manager was certain. As he explained, he thought of what Qiao Yifan might have done to make the boss suddenly ask about him.

No matter how hard Tiny Herb's manager tried, he wouldn't be able to think of Qiao Yifan seeing Sun Xiang and Xiao Shiqin and giving them a polite greeting. It was because of what that resulted in, which caused such a huge misunderstanding.

Tiny Herb didn't have a clue about any of this. Tao Xuan didn't know it was a misunderstanding. He thought that Qiao Yifan was a threat and immediately called Tiny Herb to ask, but in the eyes of Tiny Herb, a powerful owner like Tao Xuan had personally come to ask about a nobody. Could they have made a mistake?

Qiao Yifan.

An hour earlier, Qiao Yifan had been a nobody, but because of this small accident, he had suddenly drawn the attention of two strong teams. If Qiao Yifan knew about it, he probably wouldn't know whether to laugh or cry. When all is said and done though, this mess stemmed from the pressure that Ye Xiu had put on Excellent Era.

Chapter 723 - Upgrades in the Later Stages

At Excellent Era, Tao Xuan pondered over the "threat" that Qiao Yifan posed.

At Tiny Herb, because of Tao Xuan's phone call, Tiny Herb's boss gave a call to Wang Jiexi after asking the manager. Wang Jiexi had gone home during the season's break. He was also very surprised to suddenly get a call from his boss, urgently asking about Qiao Yifan.

After hearing Wang Jiexi's explanation for his decision, Tiny Herb's boss finally felt at ease. Wang Jiexi didn't deny Qiao Yifan's potential. It was more of an issue with how he fit into the team. Team Tiny Herb

aimed for the championships. Every single player on the team needed to do their bit to reach this goal. However, it didn't require Qiao Yifan's addition. Team Tiny Herb didn't need someone who wouldn't make a difference whether he was there or not. It was impossible to say how much he would grow in the future, but Team Tiny Herb couldn't give him the necessary time to grow. Leaving him on the team wouldn't benefit either side.

When their conversation ended, Tiny Herb's boss immediately called Tao Xuan back, telling him that Qiao Yifan was not a bad player. Team Excellent Era should consider him.

These were more or less just polite words. Usually, teams would say that about the players, who left the team, were very good, or very skilled. In return, the players would usually say that they felt it was too bad that they had to leave the team, but if that were the case, why did they even split in the first place? It indicated that despite being good players, there was an even better replacement or option. Just because the player felt regretful for leaving the team didn't mean that the player wouldn't feel regret for joining another.

How could Tao Xuan not hear the implications from these words? That was all Tiny Herb's boss said though. After all, they were still competitors. It wasn't like Tiny Herb's boss would be so devoted as to conduct thorough research on whether Excellent Era needed such a player.

"Thank you, Boss Yu. We should grab lunch sometime." After saying some polite words, Tao Xuan hung up. The call hadn't given him as much information as he had wanted. He had already realized that he had been somewhat impulsive. If he really wanted to know information on a player, it would be more appropriate to have the other employees deal with it. A powerful owner like him ran over to ask Tiny Herb about a tossed-out player. It was as if..... he was picking up another person's trash?

As for what exactly was up with Qiao Yifan, he would have his employees under him find other channels to find out. This was the decision that Tao Xuan made in the end.

At Happy Internet Cafe, Ye Xiu wouldn't know that Qiao Yifan's words would cause such a ruckus between the owners of the two teams. Even after the crowd had been dispersed, Qiao Yifan was still somewhat in a panicked state! Then, he was dragged away for a welcoming dinner. Afterwards, he followed Wei Chen and Steamed Bun to his living place as if nothing unusual had happened today.

The next morning, when everyone came together at the practice room, Ye Xiu told Qiao Yifan the details of their team's situation, as well as their current work. Needing to face Excellent Era in the Challenger League didn't scare Qiao Yifan though because he already knew! He knew Ye Xiu would be participating in the Challenger League. Excellent Era had been relegated too, so Qiao Yifan had already put two and two together long ago.

"I'll definitely try my best." Qiao Yifan had a cautious personality. He didn't say anything like "We must beat Excellent Era!" He only dared to guarantee that he would do his best.

"Okay, as long as you understand. Let's start playing! Old Wei is currently a spy and is Samsara's second elite group leader." Ye Xiu said.

"Wow!" Qiao Yifan gasped in astonishment. He obviously understood how guilds operated. The second elite group leader was certainly a core member position, no? It was extremely difficult for a spy to get to such a high position.

Wei Chen wasn't about to explain that he was just being used for labor because of his skill. He waved his hands and said: "You flatter me."

"Little Qiao, you'll mainly be playing with us. When you have nothing to do, you'll practice on your own. When I call for you, we'll gather together and snatch wild bosses." Ye Xiu said.

"Understood."

Soon afterwards, Ye Xiu threw a bomb at Wei Chen: "Old Wei, when I was organizing our materials, I discovered that there are enough materials for you to upgrade your Death's Hand."

"Is that so..." Wei Chen replied. He was somewhat puzzled for a moment. In today's game environment, creating a Silver equipment on one's own was extremely difficult. Silver equipment required uncommon materials, but uncommon materials were monopolized by the Club guilds. It had taken Wei Chen a year to upgrade Death's Hand to Level 60. Who knew how many coincidences and lucky encounters he had been given in order to achieve that. After becoming one of the competitors for wild bosses and getting good results, they were able to gather enough materials to upgrade his Silver weapon in just a few days.

"Are you sure there aren't any issues with your blueprint to upgrade it to Level 65?" Ye Xiu asked.

"I... can't guarantee it." For someone as shameless as Wei Chen to hesitate, it could be seen just how difficult of a step this was. Not having an accurate blueprint was the main reason for the waste of materials. During the process of adjusting the blueprint, batch after batch of uncommon materials would be used. It was a bottomless pit.

"I looked over your blueprint and it didn't seem like there were any big issues." Ye Xiu said. The value of a talent in this area could be seen here. A talent would be able to ascertain an accurate and reliable blueprint with minimal experimentation by relying on his or her own experience and understanding of the game. In comparison to someone who didn't have a clue, how many materials would be wasted by praying on luck alone? No matter how much money or materials you had, it wouldn't be enough.

"I also can't find anything wrong with it." Wei Chen said. He had been by himself before and didn't have the resources to afford such a loss, so who knew how many he had gone over the blueprint. He wouldn't ignore any little thing he thought of. This was the best he could do in theory. If there were any problems, the issues would need to be discovered through experimentation. In other words, they had to find the problems through failure. Thinking of this, Wei Chen couldn't help but hesitate.

"How about we give it a try?" Ye Xiu said.

"Let's try?" Wei Chen also said.

"You do it or I do it?" Ye Xiu asked.

"F*ck, I'm doing it myself!" Wei Chen ground his teeth, "Give me the materials."

"Alright." Ye Xiu prepared the materials needed. Upgrading Death's Hand to Level 65 didn't completely require only uncommon materials. The rest could be found from the two million yuan worth of materials from Samsara. If there weren't any problems with a Silver equipment blueprint, there wasn't much pressure. For example, for teams like Samsara or Excellent Era, if Cloud Piercer's Wildfire or One Autumn Leaf's Evil Annihilation broke, the respective teams could easily create another one in a matter

of minutes. It was because there were no errors in their blueprint. The losses in material didn't need to be considered at all.

After Ye Xiu prepared the necessary materials, Wei Chen logged onto his Windward Formation. Death's Hand was in his inventory. He didn't dare to bring it with him for his spy account. Firstly, it was too eye-catching. Secondly, what if it dropped when he died? Even if his Level 60 blueprint was perfect, he would still care about such a loss. Materials weren't easy to get, after all.

The two met up in game and completed the trade. On Wei Chen's side, Death's Hand and the materials were put into the equipment editor. Windward Formation went to the Arena, a safe zone, before opening it up.

When he turned his head to look around, Ye Xiu, Chen Guo, Tang Rou, Steamed Bun, and Qiao Yifan had all gathered around him to watch. Everyone knew that this was an important matter. How could they not want to see the result?

"Ptui!" Wei Chen spat in his hands and rubbed them around to pray for good luck. He clicked on Death's Hand and started to slowly disassemble it.

Next, he needed to replace the old parts with the newly crafted parts and assemble it back together. Some of the parts could be directly formed through the equipment editor, while others needed to be hand-crafted by Wei Chen. Ye Xiu had seen his blueprint, so he knew of the details. Wei Chen noticed the differences between the materials used in the new one and the original and adjusted the parts accordingly. The new parts wouldn't have a mold already, so Wei Chen would need to create his own. He had to cut, slice, and grind away. The equipment editor was like a virtual lathe.

Ye Xiu hadn't used any of these functions yet for his Thousand Chance Umbrella, but he would need to sooner or later. When Su Muqiu designed the weapon, Glory's level cap was 50. Now it was level 70. The biggest change wasn't the level difference, but the new high-end realm: the Heavenly Domain.

Starting from Level 55, the materials from the Heavenly Domain dominated everything else. Even though normal servers also had Level 55 to Level 70 wild bosses, no less rare than those in the Heavenly Domain, those bosses weren't on the same level as those in the Heavenly Domain. It was like the difference between Level 70 equipment from a normal server and one from the Heavenly Domain. How could Silver equipment created from materials from the normal servers compare with one created from materials from the Heavenly Domain?

Top-tier Silver equipment required uncommon materials from the Heavenly Domain. Normal server uncommon materials could be used, but from Level 55 onwards, they could only be considered inferior substitutes.

Until Level 50, Silver equipment followed the same path, but the road afterwards was an entirely different matter. The materials from the Heavenly Domain were even more rare and complicated. The same mold couldn't continuously be used for Heavenly Domain materials. As a result, a lot of parts required slight adjustments according to the materials used. Wei Chen's blueprint for Death's Hand considered this aspect. Ye Xiu's Thousand Chance Umbrella would face the same issue to continue and upgrade it. Ye Xiu was currently in the middle of researching how to do it. It was impossible for Su

Muqiu to leave any resources behind for him. When Su Muqiu passed away, the Heavenly Domain hadn't even existed yet.....

Chapter 724 - Perfect Upgrade

Apart from Wei Chen, everyone else had left their computers. They stood behind Wei Chen, quietly watching.

The practice room just looked like a room on the second floor that had been created by linking several private rooms together. In reality, Chen Guo had put a lot of effort into its renovation. The practice room was well-soundproofed. After closing the door and the windows, practically no noise could be heard from outside. Surrounded by people watching him, Wei Chen carefully worked on his Death's Hand in silence.

The first part was finished!

Wei Chen wiped his forehead. He wasn't actually so nervous that there was sweat, but he wiped it subconsciously as a way to loosen up. Only then did he notice the people standing behind him. It could be seen just how focused he had been before.

"Not bad. You're off to a good start." Ye Xiu praised, after Wei Chen completed one part of the weapon.

"Shut up. Who needs you to say that? I say you guys go and do whatever you were doing before. Don't watch." Wei Chen yelled.

"This is to give you an excuse if you make a mistake. When you mess up, you can say that it was because we were bothering you." Ye Xiu said.

"Pah! Can't you ever say anything nice? Hurry up and go outside to smoke or something. The air in this room is bad with you here." Wei Chen cursed.

Ye Xiu laughed, but he didn't go outside and smoke. He just told everyone to go back to their seats. Wei Chen didn't insist on getting Ye Xiu to leave. After seeing everyone leave, he immediately began working on the next part. Even though everyone else returned to their seats, they would occasionally glance at Wei Chen from time to time.

Four parts.

Ye Xiu had looked at Wei Chen's blueprint for Death's Hand. The upgrade from level 60 to 65 had four parts, which all required materials from the Heavenly Domain. Three level 65 materials and one level 60 material. Because he knew about the blueprint, when they split wild boss drops, he had naturally prioritized these materials.

After Wei Chen finished one part, he would immediately work on the next part. Finally, Wei Chen wiped his forehead for the fourth time. Ye Xiu knew that he must have been able to successfully complete all four parts. Wei Chen wasn't the type of person, who wouldn't utter a peep if he were to fail. He was the type of person, who would curse out loud for at least five minutes!

"You're done?" Ye Xiu asked.

"The crucial ones are done." Wei Chen nodded his head.

The crucial ones were those four parts, which required Heavenly Domain materials. The rest of the materials weren't nearly as precious and didn't require him to hand-craft them. He could simply use his original template and have the equipment editor craft it for him, so there was no pressure after he completed the important parts. Soon afterwards, the rest of the parts were created and now he just needed to reassemble the weapon again. He couldn't make any mistakes in this step, but it didn't require as much precision as creating those four parts. As a pro player with good microing, he shouldn't be making any mistakes on this step either way.

As a result, under Ye Xiu's lead, everyone went over to watch again. This time, Wei Chen didn't stop them. He shouldn't be making any mistakes in this step.

The individual parts were quickly pieced together by Wei Chen.

"Done!" After Wei Chen put the last part in place, he heaved a sigh of relief and clicked "Confirm". While the equipment editor saved the changes, the new form of Death's Hand appeared on the screen. It was a black magic staff around 1.3 meters tall. The tip of the staff was a skeleton hand with its palm open. As it revolved on the screen, it looked like it was about to grab something. The entire staff looked like two skeleton arms linked together.

After the changes were saved, Wei Chen immediately closed the equipment editor and returned to the game. He clicked on Windward Formation's inventory and saw Death's Hand quietly sitting there. Wei Chen sucked in a breath of air and turned to look at Ye Xiu. He had done thorough research on the blueprint beforehand, so he didn't think that the weapon would fail to form after putting the pieces together. Whether or not the weapon was finished would depend on the stats!

If the stats were all around better than the stats at level 60, it would be considered a success. If only a portion of the stats increased, or if some of the stats changed, he would need to see which stats failed to increase, or which stats changed and figure out how to fix those problems. If the stats didn't change at all or even decreased, it would be a complete failure.

The research teams of the Clubs conducted research with a strong foundation of related knowledge. They would never create equipment by blindly testing their luck. As a result, they would never fail or create trash. It just depended on whether the piece of equipment had been upgraded to its maximum potential. If it did not, they would continuously adjust and test it until it did. Materials would rapidly be consumed in this process.

Team Happy didn't have the resources to achieve perfect results yet. In truth, if Death's Hand only had a few flaws, it would still be used. They would perfect it in the future if their circumstances permitted it.

"How is it?" Chen Guo was starting to get anxious. Wei Chen decisively exited the equipment editor and opened his character's inventory, but his mouse still hadn't clicked on the weapon yet. Chen Guo didn't know how to create her own equipment, but she would still know if it had failed or not. It wasn't like she had never tried to make her own before.

Wei Chen finally clicked on Death's Hand and the stat window immediately appeared.

Death's Hand - Level 65.

Weight: 3 kg

Durability: 30

Attack Speed: 2

Physical Attack: 591

Magic Attack: 837

Intelligence +55

Darkness Affinity + 25

Darkness Resistance +25

Critical Strike Chance + 12%

Cast Speed + 12

Cast Range +3

“SUCCESS!!” Wei Chen roared. He slammed his fists on the table. The monitor trembled. All of the stats had increased. It was a huge success. The only numbers that didn’t change were the ones for weight, durability, and attack speed. However, none of those affected a Warlock’s fighting ability. The upgrade wouldn’t focus on those aspects at all. Everything else had improved and all of them reached Wei Chen’s expectations. There were unexpected improvements too. At Level 60, the cast range increase had only been +2. Originally, it shouldn’t have increased until its Level 70 form, but now, it had reached this step ahead of time. Wei Chen couldn’t be any happier.

“F*ck. It’s a success on the first try! On the first try!!!” Wei Chen laughed. He looked so excited that he might try and grab the weapon from the screen to play with it.

While everyone was excited, Chen Guo was somewhat disappointed: “That’s it?”

“What else did you expect?” Wei Chen asked.

“You’re not going to give it a try and see if it won’t break?” Chen Guo said.

Ye Xiu laughed: “That’s indeed the case for the Thousand Chance Umbrella because some of the transformations might not have been successful. In that case, the Thousand Chance Umbrella wouldn’t be complete yet, but for his staff, what else is there to see besides the stats?”

“Oh, that’s what you were talking about. You scared me to death.....” Wei Chen wiped away some sweat this time. Chen Guo’s sudden words made him think that his Death’s Hand might have some flaws that he hadn’t noticed in his excitement.

“Then it really is a success! That’s great!” Chen Guo became excited too.

“I’ll go find someone to test it out on.” Wei Chen wanted to hurry and try out his new weapon. His Windward Formation just happened to be in the Arena, so he clicked on 1v1 and automatically entered a room with an opponent.

The two sides began fighting. Everyone was still there watching. They wanted to see the might of the newly upgraded Silver weapon, but in reality, with Wei Chen’s skill, he didn’t need a Silver weapon to

beat a normal player. Even if his opponent had the Silver weapon, he would still easily beat him into the ground. He was really just showing off. The poor opponent became Wei Chen's test dummy. He kited around utilizing the +3 cast range, got closer to show his 12% increase in cast speed, and checked the effects of the +25 to Darkness Affinity. Then, he checked his critical strike chance.

Unfortunately, his opponent didn't have any darkness attribute skills, otherwise, Wei Chen would have let his Windward Formation take some damage to see the effects of the +25 to Darkness Resistance.

"Ha, another critical strike. Awesome!"

"Haha, this senior's cast range is longer than you think, you weak chicken."

Wei Chen chattered on excitedly. Ye Xiu had gone back to his seat long ago. Ye Xiu couldn't help but sigh: "So shameless! You really are shameless....."

Although it's said that the Heavenly Domain had no noobs, all normal players were noobs to them. Wei Chen bullied his opponent happily with his Silver weapon. Ye Xiu couldn't watch any further. He was busy organizing the materials too. The noise from Wei Chen was headache-inducing.

"Can you quiet down! It's not like you've never used a Silver weapon in your life. How disgraceful!" Ye Xiu couldn't help but say.

"One more time. It'll be my last one, okay?" Wei Chen replied, while choosing another room.

"AH! He's the same class as me! Hurry up and come watch me bully him!" Wei Chen didn't find it shameful to bully a normal player. He was even proud of it and wanted others to share the joy with him!

Ye Xiu gave up and turned his head to ask Qiao Yifan: "Little Qiao, how's that account?"

"My account has practically never touched a quest before!" Qiao Yifan was excited. Ye Xiu had given the skill point guide to him for One Inch Ash to use. His One Inch Ash had pretty much been power leveled by someone else. Power levelers sought efficiency. When leeching off of a higher-leveled account, it was much faster to kill monsters than run quests. It was very dull and repetitive though. That didn't matter for power levelers though. When killing monsters, the character would also get gold, materials, and equipment. For them, it was much more worth it than completing quests. As a result, Qiao Yifan's One Inch Ash was lucky to be power leveled most of the time. Nearly all of the quests in the skill point guide hadn't been cleared yet. Thus, with this guide on hand, his skill points soared.

Chapter 725 - Two Bosses Spawned Simultaneously

Once Qiao Yifan's One Inch Ash entered the Heavenly Domain, power leveling became even faster. Speaking of which, in the Heavenly Domain, "power leveling" didn't really exist because players usually always beat the Heavenly Domain Challenge at Level 70. The only exception was when the level cap was raised.

When Qiao Yifan left Tiny Herb, he took his One Inch Ash back from the power leveler. One Inch Ash was now a Level 70 Ghostblade. Of course, the power leveler only cared about leveling. Clearing stat point and skill point quests required additional fees. Qiao Yifan paid those fees, so his One Inch Ash had the stats and skill points of an average character.

“So there’s a guide like that!” Qiao Yifan couldn’t help but be surprised, because he had come from a championship team. The things he had witnessed were on the higher end. Yet, even in Team Tiny Herb, their most powerful character, Vaccaria, only had 4855 skill points.

“It’s just so-so.” Qiao Yifan even dared to use these words to describe the God-level character Vaccaria. Because he could already predict that his little Ghostblade One Inch Ash, which had been sent over by an invisible player to be power leveled, would certainly have over 4900 skill points once he finished all of these quests.

My One Inch Ash will be better than Vaccaria?

It was just one aspect, but Qiao Yifan had never imagined it could ever happen. However, it was about to right in front of his eyes. Qiao Yifan couldn’t control his excitement. Vaccaria had always been a peak existence in Team Tiny Herb. To think he would be able to surpass it.....

Qiao Yifan suddenly stopped the current quest at hand. The next part had fairly strict requirements. Qiao Yifan didn’t want to mess up.

Ye Xiu continued to organize the materials. At the same time, he also pondered over how he would continue upgrading the Thousand Chance Umbrella. The foundation had already been established. The following steps required an even greater understanding of Glory. Ye Xiu had accumulated eight more years of experience than Su Muqiu. For this work, even Su Muqiu wouldn’t be able to do better than Ye Xiu.

For the Level 55 Thousand Chance Umbrella, Ye Xiu was currently planning on using six uncommon materials. It required even more resources than the Level 65 Death’s Hand, which only required four uncommon materials. Although uncommon materials were important, the choice of materials couldn’t be ignored either. The end result depended on how well each part worked with each other. From this perspective, the importance of dungeon materials and uncommon materials was the same. However, dungeon materials were a lot easier to get, while uncommon materials were extremely difficult. As a result, uncommon materials seemed much more important. It was because of uncommon materials that kept Silver equipment from flooding the market.

“How are things? Can the Thousand Chance Umbrella also be upgraded?” Chen Guo saw Ye Xiu looking through the Thousand Chance Umbrella’s blueprints and went over to ask.

“I still want to take a closer look at the Thousand Chance Umbrella’s blueprint.” Ye Xiu said. After all, he hadn’t spent years researching his weapon like Wei Chen had. It had only been seven months since he had left Excellent Era and started using Lord Grim and the Thousand Chance Umbrella. He had constantly been thinking about how to upgrade the umbrella past Level 50, but he had only started to take action starting from when he reached Level 50. Ye Xiu hoped things could turn out like Wei Chen’s weapon, where the theory was bulletproof, but required actual implementation to discover any issues.

“Are there enough materials?” Chen Guo asked.

“Normal materials aren’t a problem. We’re still lacking in uncommon materials though.” Ye Xiu said.

The blueprint might not be finished, but Ye Xiu would still take a look at what materials he might need when splitting loot dropped by wild bosses. The six materials required for the upgrade would all be Level

55. These types of low-leveled bosses weren't valued as much by the top guilds, so the alliance's success rate would be a lot higher. Their alliance was formed midway through last week though and they couldn't stay on 24/7. It was hard to avoid missing a wild boss that Ye Xiu needed and he really did miss one.

Ye Xiu really wanted this wild boss and it still hadn't spawned yet this week. However, from the looks of how things were going, Tyranny's Zhang Xinjie was very determined. He even showed up for Level 55 wild boss fights. If their team's vice-captain personally took the lead, Tyrannical Ambition didn't dare to hold back. Did Tyranny urgently require materials for some sort of Silver weapon? Ye Xiu guessed.

The morning passed. Ye Xiu still hadn't received any messages from Loulan Slash or the other guild leaders. No news of any bosses spawning came that entire Tuesday morning.

"God....." The four guild leaders said to him, "Not a single boss has showed up this entire morning. Shouldn't we all go to sleep now? And then when we wake up at night, we'll play while Zhang Xinjie isn't on?"

Ye Xiu was the one who had told them this plan, but he never said when they should start it. Weren't they still on right now? They had waited all morning, but no boss had spawned. They were still thinking about wild bosses, so they went over to ask Ye Xiu.

"Don't be in such a hurry, you guys." Ye Xiu didn't know whether to laugh or cry. "It's only been a day. Zhang Xinjie's been with us from start to finish, but who knows if he'll come today? Let's confirm it before calling it quits! After all, it's more convenient for us to work during the day, no? We have more people to work with during the day too."

"That's true." The guild leaders nodded their heads. Even though the guild had a bunch of players, who played as if it were their jobs, relying on these players all the time wasn't realistic. They often required the assistance of more players, especially for large-scale battles like wild boss hunts. They could look for these full-time like players, but it wasn't like these kinds of players covered every corner of the Heavenly Domain! In particular, when looking for bosses, they needed to rely on every player in the guild. The guild wasn't asking much. While you're playing, if you see a wild boss around or if there are any unusual movements from other guilds, just notify us. Thus, it was much easier if there were more people online. More people also meant more competition, but everything had their pros and cons.

"Then let's keep going into the afternoon?" Radiant's White Stream suggested.

"Let's keep going." The others agreed.

They had opened up a QQ group. It was convenient to talk about things there. In the game, they each had their own guilds, so it wasn't easy to get together in the same chat. Ye Xiu often switched accounts too.

In the afternoon, when everyone returned to the game, it was as if the wild bosses couldn't endure it anymore and suddenly spawned. Two of them spawned too. Both Heavenly Justice and Parade received the news.

Level 55 wild boss, Red Ribbon Janna.

Level 65 wild boss, Green Magic Disciple Amofu.

It wasn't impossible for two or even three bosses to spawn at the same time. If the two bosses were Level 70, then it would be difficult for them to choose because both were of equal importance. The current situation was more welcome though. The Level 55 boss didn't require any elite troops. The boss could be given to their other groups, while the elite groups competed for the higher level boss. Fighting two at once also saved time.

However, the situation wasn't so good for the alliance. They didn't have the strength to fight on two fronts. God Ye Qiu couldn't be at two places simultaneously. Making a decision was easier though: choose the more important one. The four guild leaders prepared to head over, when Ye Xiu suddenly said: "Let's go to Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite?"

"Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite?" The four guild leaders stopped for a second, when they heard the name because that was the name of the Level 55 area. It was the location of Red Ribbon Janna. They were going to give up on the big fish and go for the smaller one?

"That's fine too." Conquering Cloud's Yue Ziqin felt like he understood Ye Xiu's intentions and said: "We didn't really get any bosses yesterday, so we should start off the day well." He thought Ye Xiu wanted to boost their morale, so he spoke up.

"Oh oh." The other three immediately understood.

When Ye Xiu said: "Everyone, let's work hard! Red Ribbon Janna has something I need!"

"What?" The four guild leaders felt dizzy. Was that the real reason why he was giving up on the Level 65 Magic Disciple for the Level 55 Red Ribbon? It was just because he needed something from it and not because of something deeper like boosting their morale?

There was no point arguing at this point. The four guild leaders grabbed their troops and led their troops over to Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite.

Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite was a Taoist location and an ostentatious little place. The symbol of a red cloud hung above the main entrance. In the middle, a black "武" looked as if it were about to fly out like a dragon. Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite was a Level 55 leveling area. The dungeon, Scarlet Cloud Ancient Altar, ended the lives of who knew how many heroes. However, the level cap was now level 70. Scarlet Cloud Ancient Altar had long since become empty. The occasional players that came were here for the Level 55-57 NPCs. The former most difficult boss, Red Ribbon Janna, was now a boss the big guilds were too lazy to send their elite groups to.

A group of players passed underneath Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite. Above their names was the guild tag: Blue Brook Guild.

At the very front of the group were two Blade Masters. One was one of the famous Five Great Experts of Blue Brook Guild: Blue Bridge Spring Snow. The other was someone that others wouldn't recognize. However, everyone in the group knew that he was a kid, who Team Blue Rain had told to come over. It seemed like he had just come out from Team Blue Rain's recent training camp. His name was Lu Hanwen. His character: Blade Master Flowing Clouds.

Chapter 726 - Team Blue Rain's New Talent

“Ah! So this is Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite?” Lu Hanwen’s voice revealed his youth. He was definitely a kid. pitch of his voice still possessed the innocence of childhood. He was even younger than Gao Yingjie and Qiao Yifan.

“Yeah, this is Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite.” Blue River said as he controlled Blue Bridge Spring Snow. He wasn’t surprised at Lu Yuwen’s amazement. Lu Yuwen was only fourteen years old. How long could he have been playing Glory for? Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite’s era of splendor took place when the Heavenly Domain had just been released. Even Blue River hadn’t been a part of the first wave. By the time Lu Yuwen started playing Glory, Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite had already become an outdated leveling area. No one came to the Heavenly Domain at Level 50 to level up, except for that guy, of course.

Thinking of that God, Blue River couldn’t help but look at the Blade Master, Flowing Cloud, next to him. This character was the kid’s, not the guild’s. Lu Yuwen came running over, saying that the team had told him to come over and that he was from the training camp. Blue River obviously understood the implications. Lu Yuwen was probably someone who Team Blue Rain considered as their future star. A Blade Master..... Could the team be raising the successor to Huang Shaotian’s Troubling Rain?

But Huang Shaotian was still at his peak, right now. Wasn’t it too early to look for a successor? Then again, Lu Yuwen was still very young. Maybe the team planned on raising him for a few years? Team Blue Rain indeed had this kind of tradition. If there was someone with talent from the training camp, they wouldn’t hesitate to add him to the team.

“Wow! It’s so beautiful! Every single room has a symbol of a red cloud!” Lu Yuwen clearly didn’t have as many thoughts as Blue River did. As soon as they stepped into Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite, he ran around all of a sudden like he was here to tour around the place.

“Hey, slow down!” Blue River shouted. He and the troops chased after him. After just a few steps, they alarmed quite a few monsters. Even though Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite looked like a small city, it was still a leveling area and not an actual city. Every NPC was hostile and would actively seek to attack players. These were only level 50 or so monsters though, so they were easily beaten. Alarming a few monsters wouldn’t be an issue.

At this moment, Blue River suddenly noticed that no matter where Lu Yuwen’s Flowing Cloud went, not even a single monster would be alarmed.

“Is it coincidence? Or is it.....” Blue River thought. He naturally began paying more attention to Flowing Cloud’s movements. Soon afterwards, he saw Flowing Cloud zig zag left and right swiftly and then continue running forward as if nothing had happened.

This is.....

Blue River looked around. Sure enough, there was a monster on either side, wandering about. When Flowing Cloud zig zagged, he threaded his way through the gap between their aggro radii.

Yes, that should be what he did.....

Blue River could only guess because he couldn’t clearly distinguish the aggro ranges of those two monsters.

But from looking at Flowing Cloud, Blue River could ascertain that Lu Yuwen had purposely avoided their aggro range.

Avoiding the aggro range of a monster wasn't difficult, but Lu Yuwen did it so swiftly. Only someone with a good eye to judge the situation and precise control over one's character could take the path that Flowing Cloud had just taken. For example, if Blue River wanted to avoid those two monsters, he would have needed to wait for the two monsters to be a little farther apart before rushing through the gap between their aggro radius.

But Lu Yuwen? He accurately managed to determine the gap between their aggro radii and moved through the tiny gap. It was definitely a move that surpassed a normal player's capabilities.

It was unnecessary to dodge these monsters though. With their strength, these monsters could be killed with just a few hits. There was no need to waste so much effort with such precise microing, but what about for Lu Yuwen? It looked like the kid didn't think of it as anything troublesome. He continued to use this sort of excessively high-end technique to avoid all the weak monsters.

"This kid really is skilled!" Blue River couldn't help but say his thoughts to a teammate.

"What do you mean?" As expected, the others didn't even notice because of their difference in skill level. Those who came to kill a Level 55 wild boss were just hastily gathered troops. The elites had gone over to fight the Level 65 one.

"Just watch him more carefully and you'll know." Blue River said.

"D*mn!"

Just when Blue River finished speaking, several players cried out in astonishment. Blue River turned around to look, but didn't see anything unusual, so he asked: "What is it? What is it?"

"So fast!" Someone next to Blue River said.

"Who?"

"That kid. He killed off that monster in an instant. How many skills did he use?" The person replying asked himself.

Who knew when Lu Yuwen had suddenly become excited, but he suddenly found a monster to kill, causing the Blue Brook Guild players to cry out in surprise. Blue River knew that although these players weren't elites, they were still sent out to compete for a wild boss. They wouldn't be much worse than the elite players and could still be considered as top players within the Heavenly Domain. For them to be so astonished, Lu Yuwen must have showed some terrifying skill.

"How incredible!"

"Will he be a part of Team Blue Rain next season?"

"He's a Blade Master. Could it be....."

They guessed all sorts of things. Blue River was filled with curiosity and expectations for this kid.

“Let’s hurry! We can watch more carefully when we fight the boss.” Blue River urged everyone to hasten their pace. He was also impatient to see this scene.

In the end, they failed to catch up to Lu Yuwen’s Flowing Cloud. That guy charged forward without stopping to take a break. Blue River checked his coordinates. He wasn’t running around randomly. He was heading towards where the boss had spawned. It was just that he quickly lost them. Soon afterwards, they saw a message from Flowing Cloud: “Everyone, hurry up! I’m already here!”

“We’re coming.” Blue River replied. Everyone advanced forward hastily until they arrived inside the flower garden of Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite. Flowing Cloud was hopping around the rock garden.

“This kid just can’t stay still, can he?” Blue River had accompanied him the entire way, so he had a small grasp of Lu Yuwen’s personality now. Lu Yuwen was the type of person, who just couldn’t sit still.

“Ah! You’re here! Hurry, he’s here! I saw her!” Flowing Cloud jumped and shouted, when he saw Blue Brook Guild.

“Careful!” Blue River saw a figure hidden in the rock garden. A bright light flashed and a bullet headed towards Flowing Cloud.

Bang!”

Everyone saw the bullet fly out from the gun, drawing an arc through the air.

It missed!

Flowing Cloud was able to dodge the sudden attack at such a close range. Blue River didn’t dare to say it was because of his warning. He felt like he had yelled it out right as the gunshot rang. He reckoned that the sound from the gunshot was louder than his warning from Lu Yuwen’s perspective. Typing out a warning didn’t need to be said. Blue River couldn’t type that fast.

Lu Yuwen dodged it on his own.

The bullet whizzed by. While in mid-air, Flowing Cloud slashed down at the half hidden figure.

Falling Phoenix Slash!

Too many people could throw out this skill, but Lu Yuwen performed the move as he was doing a 180 degree spin in midair. It looked the same as a Berserker doing a reverse Collapsing Mountain. The advantages of doing it in such a way could clearly be seen: the angle was lower, so the attack would be more thorough.

A sword light flashed and Flowing Cloud descended. He was soon together with that figure behind the rock garden. Blue River and everyone else hurried over. It hadn’t even been ten seconds yet, when Flowing Cloud hopped back onto the rock garden and shouted at them: “Hurry up! I already killed him.....”

It had only been ten seconds.....

Even though Blue River knew Flowing Cloud had an exceptional set of equipment, the guild had provided him with a full set of Orange equipment, killing a same-level opponent in ten seconds couldn't be done just through advantage in equipment though. His hand speed must be extremely fast too.

'I got a gun. Does anyone want it?' Seeing that everyone had arrived, Flowing Cloud waved his hand and threw the weapon on the ground. It was the gun that had just dropped from the gunner.

Blue River had Blue Bridge Spring Snow walk over. He picked up the gun to take a look. It was a Level 70 Purple weapon Shining Rifle. The slow attack speed was the gun's flaw, but it was a Purple weapon from a hundred player dungeon raid. Just from this gun alone, the person shouldn't have been too weak. Even so, he had been destroyed by Lu Yuwen in just ten seconds.

This kid was terrifyingly talented!

Thinking of how Lu Yuwen was only fourteen years old and would be raised by the team for several more years, Blue River couldn't help but feel excited for Team Blue Rain's future.

"What guild was that player from?" Blue River didn't forget to ask who attacked them.

"Parade." Lu Yuwen replied.

"No way?" Blue River was astonished. Everyone knew which guilds comprised of the four guild alliance. Parade was one of them. If someone from Parade had hidden himself here, didn't it mean that the alliance was going to come fight for the level 55 wild boss? Did they not receive news of the Level 65 boss spawning? Blue River felt like since the alliance depended on Ye Qiu, they had no way of fighting two fronts at once. If they had to choose between a Level 55 and a Level 65 boss, of course they would go for the Level 65 one. So why did they choose the Level 55 one?

"I'm sure that he was from Parade. What is it?" Lu Yuwen could the surprise from Blue River.

"If it's them, then we have a very troublesome opponent." Blue River said.

"Who?" Lu Yuwen asked.

"Ye Qiu!" Blue River said.

"Ah! He really is troublesome!" Lu Yuwen suddenly gasped.

"Oh, you also know about him?"

"Yeah! The Captain and Huang Shaotian said Ye Qiu was the most troublesome opponent they've ever faced." Lu Yuwen said.

Chapter 727 - Ambushed

Ye Xiu's group was almost at Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite, but midway through, Parade's guild leader, Martial Awareness, received a report that the player ahead, who had discovered the boss, had been killed.

The scouts in the Level 55 areas were actually oftentimes the more trustworthy part-time players, because Level 55 areas usually didn't have any players, so they naturally wouldn't receive any kind of information. The dead player at Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite was someone Martial Awareness knew of. This

player's skill and equipment weren't bad. He was just one person though. If the other guilds noticed him, of course he would die. As a result, Martial Awareness didn't think too much of his death. The sacrificed player knew the risks involved, so Martial Awareness didn't say any consoling words. Instead, he immediately asked: "Which guild arrived first?"

"Blue Brook Guild."

"Oh, Blue Brook Guild. That's fine." Martial Awareness let out a sigh of relief. They were only worried about Tyrannical Ambition. If it was just Blue Brook Guild, they shouldn't run into much trouble with God Ye Qiu leading the group.

The other side soon replied: "Blue Brook Guild has an expert on their side!!"

"Expert? How skilled is he?" Martial Awareness snorted disdainfully. With God Ye Qiu watching over their battle, let alone an in-game expert, even a normal pro player wouldn't be an issue. Last week, Team Howling Heights had the Best Rookie, but didn't he get swept away by God Ye Qiu?

"In any case, I was still trying to figure out what was going on when I died. It probably took him around ten seconds to kill me. He made his move so quickly." The scout replied in an instant, as if he wanted to show that his hand speed was nothing to scoff at.

"Ten seconds!" Martial Awareness immediately refocused when he heard that number. For a normal player, let alone an actual human opponent, most probably wouldn't be able to even beat a sandbag in ten seconds. This "expert" truly wasn't simple.

Martial Awareness immediately told Ye Xiu and the other three guild leaders.

"Ten seconds!" Sure enough, everyone was shocked by this number.

"What class?" Ye Xiu finally asked.

"Uh....." Martial Awareness didn't know, so he hastily asked the scout.

"Blade Master." Martial Awareness soon replied.

"Could it be Huang Shaotian?" White Stream blurted out. A Blue Brook Guild Blade Master killing someone in ten seconds. It would be strange if they didn't think of Huang Shaotian.

"He says it probably isn't." Martial Awareness had clearly asked the scout beforehand.

"How does he know?" White Stream asked.

"Because when that guy attacked, he was silent the entire time." Martial Awareness said.

"Oh....." Everyone reacted instantly. White Stream nodded his head: "Then it probably wasn't him."

"Was it an ambush?" Ye Xiu asked.

"No....." Martial Awareness replied, "It was my guy who ambushed the Blade Master, but the Blade Master dodged it and fought back....."

"The Blade Master's name?" Loulan Slash asked.

“Flowing Cloud.” Martial Awareness said.

Loulan Slash immediately flipped through his archives. Online documents were very convenient. He CTRL-F’ed Flowing Cloud and returned to the game in five seconds: “I don’t have any information on him. What about you guys?”

The other guild leaders did the same thing. They all replied in the same manner: “No idea. Never heard of him.”

“He was able to kill an expert from the Heavenly Domain within ten seconds. He must be a pro-level player, but if it’s Blue Rain, who else could it be but Huang Shaotian?” Ye Xiu couldn’t think of anything.

“Let’s hurry. We can’t lose the boss.” Yue Ziqin said. They only had one scout at Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite, and he just died. If Blue Brook Guild started attacking the boss without any other guilds interfering, they could lure the boss to who knows where.

“We should hurry.” Ye Xiu said. During this discussion, they were still moving forward. They soon reached the entrance to Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite. After passing through the gate with the word “武” on top of the scarlet cloud insignia, they ran to the boss’s last known location. It would take time for Blue Brook Guild to lure the boss away. In the best case scenario, another guild will have started fighting with Blue Brook Guild.

“It’s just up ahead. Everyone, hurry!” Martial Awareness called out. The information came from his guild, so he remembered the coordinates the best. As they approached, a wooden on their group’s right side suddenly splintered. A person, bent like a small shrimp, flew out the window. While in the air, he straightened his body and a sword light slashed towards them.

The group suddenly went into an uproar. None of them expected an ambush. Speaking of which, they were usually the ones who did the ambushing.

The sword light came swiftly. It could be seen just how fast this ambusher was. The players directly in the path of it were in a fluster, stumbling to the left and right. The sword light passed by them and a small gap now appeared in the formerly compact troop formation.

The ambusher dropped down from the small window. He wasn’t done attacking yet. He raised his sword and countless shadows suddenly leaped out.

Formless Phantom Blade!

This ambusher was able to complete such a complicated high-level move in such a short amount of time. He executed the skill as soon as he touched the ground. Sword light covered the ground. This high-level skill didn’t wasn’t targeting a specific person, but rather the small gap in their troop formation. The troops still hadn’t recovered from seeing the ambusher immediately use a high-level skill, when the sword light struck them. A spurt of blood flew out from everyone. Formless Phantom Blade’s final attack was sent out. The strong blow away effect knocked back one player, who sent the entire line of players behind him crashing to the ground.

Fast. Too fast. It was so fast that they weren’t able to keep up.

Using Formless Phantom Blade in a group of enemies wasn't a wise move. The high-level skill had little starting lag and was a fierce attack, but the long ending lag was an issue. After the Blow Away effect ended, the Blade Master sheathed his sword. He looked quite cool, actually. But to the players right now, it made them feel disgusted.

Because they were stunned by the sudden ambush, Formless Phantom Blade was a success. By the time everyone recovered, the Blade Master could move again. The Blade Master jumped lightly. He just barely left the ground before immediately landing with a Falling Silver Blade. The shockwave dispersed outwards and the circle of players nearby crashed to the ground. The Blade Master then utilized a Triple Slash to chase after the players who had been sent flying by Formless Phantom Blade's final attack. Those players were just about to get up, when they were knocked to the ground again with a light tap.

The four guild alliance troops were split in two by just a single person. Many of them suddenly felt like they woke up from a dream. When they looked around left and right, they saw that apart from that attack, it was completely silent. The ambush had been done by just one person?

Flowing Cloud.

This Blade Master was Lu Yuwen's Flowing Cloud. Ye Xiu and the others, who were at the very front of the troops, looked back and immediately identified him. They also saw how he had split apart their troops. This person was very frightening.

"Ignore him. Keep advancing. Clerics, keep up the healing." Ye Xiu ordered.

"Ah?" The four guild leaders were surprised. This little guy was brave enough to ambush all of them by himself. No matter how skilled he was, he wouldn't survive if they all attacked. They thought that they should teach this arrogant guy a lesson, but God Ye Qiu unexpectedly gave a different order. Was even God Ye Qiu scared of him?

The four guild leaders may have a lot of thoughts, but they still followed Ye Xiu's instructions. The troops were in an uproar, when they heard the order, but they also complied. Ye Xiu said to the four guild leaders: "You guys keep going. I'll go provide support to the rear."

"Oh?"

"Little Hands, come with me." Ye Xiu didn't explain himself to the four guild leaders. He called for Little Cold Hands.

Little Cold Hands didn't say anything and followed behind Ye Xiu's Enlightened Lord to the rear. After Lu Yuwen's Flowing Cloud split apart the troops, he didn't stop to take a break and attacked the left side. But it was as if the troops couldn't see him and just continued forward. Only the Clerics were doing something by healing the injured players.

Lu Yuwen was also surprised. He attacked once, twice, thrice, but everyone just ignored him. These troops seemed to only care about running forward. It was as if his attacks were like scratches from low level monsters. However, Flowing Cloud wasn't lacking in damage. He had a full set of Orange equipment. In the game, he was most definitely at the top. Every single one of his attacks made the Clerics suck in a cold breath. Even so, everyone was able to endure the attacks without any signs of fighting back.

Because the four guild leaders had given them clear orders: "Ignore him and continue forward. Clerics, heal the injured."

"Why aren't you guys fighting back?" Lu Yuwen finally asked in bewilderment. Everyone was astonished by his voice. This person was clearly still a little kid!

At this moment, someone replied to him: "Because we have more important things to attend to."

Lu Yuwen located the source of the words. Two Clerics were walking towards him. Blue River had informed him that Enlightened Lord was one of God Ye Qiu's alternate accounts.

"Senior Ye Qiu?" Lu Yuwen asked.

"That's me. Who are you?" Ye Xiu asked.

"My name is Lu Yuwen." Lu Yuwen introduced himself rather loudly.

"Lu Yuwen?" Ye Xiu was sure that he had never heard of this name before. He was clearly a new player that Team Blue Rain was raising. He was probably from the training camp, so the public wouldn't know of him.

Team Blue Rain has found quite a talented player! Ye Xiu sighed. Lu Yuwen's Flowing Cloud suddenly charged towards him.

"Eight shadows!!!"

Chapter 728 - Really Troublesome

Shadow Steps. Eight shadows!

In the finals, Huang Shaotian used seven shadows and that already made the crowd go wild. In the entire alliance, the only Blade Master, who could use more than seven shadows, was Team Tiny Herb's Blade Master, Liu Xiaobie. But even though Liu Xiaobie could reach the required hand speed, his control over the shadows wasn't too good. He could never find a balance between his hand speed and control. It was a huge problem that prevented him from improving it even further. If he tried more shadows, the other side would instantly be able to distinguish between the real from the fake, rendering the skill meaningless.

Lu Yuwen could reach eight shadows. Just this number alone was enough to scare everyone foolish because this was the highest number of Shadow Steps that anyone had accomplished in Glory. No one had ever achieved eight complete shadows.

Ye Xiu was also surprised at first, but after looking at it more carefully, he could tell that although Lu Yuwen could produce eight shadows, his control wasn't very good, just like Liu Xiaobie. Of those eight shadows, Ye Xiu could identify four of them as fake with just a glance. Compared to Huang Shaotian's seven perfect shadows, Lu Yuwen's eight shadows was far from being as effective.

However, this was from the perspective of an experienced expert like Ye Xiu. Let alone normal players, even pro players, those who weren't familiar with Shadow Steps would be frightened by Lu Yuwen's eight shadows. More importantly, Lu Yuwen was still young. His high-pitched childish voice stuck out

loud and clear. How old was he? 13? 14? After a few years of practice, once he better control, he might just be able to produce eight perfect shadows.

Although this level of Shadow Steps might make the others cry out in fear, for Ye Xiu, it was far from being anything noteworthy. Ye Xiu could instantly see through four out of the eight shadows. It would have been more effective for Lu Yuwen to produce five perfect shadows!

Ye Xiu's Enlightened Lord stepped to the side. The onlookers watched as he crashed into a shadow. If that was a real one, wouldn't he just be killing himself?

Ye Xiu ignored everyone's bewilderment. He had naturally devised a plan already. While Enlightened Lord stepped to the side, the cross in his hands lit up. Cleric skills would come out whenever the cross flashed with light. Clerics were mainly healers, but Clerics had better offensive capabilities than Paladins. They had a few attacking moves that could be used.

Hypnosis, Sacred Fire, Holy Commandment Light.

Three skills used consecutively.

Hypnosis inflicted Sleep onto the target.

Sacred Fire was a 5 second DoT and a 3 second silence.

Holy Commandment Light immersed the target in light, causing the target to take 30% more damage from all attacks. It lasted six seconds.

These three skills were naturally used on those four indistinguishable shadows. The shadows of Shadow Steps were virtual images. Anything tangible would pierce through one on contact. However, Enlightened Lord's equipment wasn't very good, meaning his stats were on the low side. All three skills required cast times. Without any casting speed buffs from equipment, using all three skills before Flowing Cloud reached him wasn't possible. Fortunately, Ye Xiu wasn't alone. He brought Little Cold Hands with him.

Little Cold Hands had good perception. Distinguishing between real and fake was his forte. He couldn't compare to Ye Xiu though and instantly see through four shadows, but during the time it took Ye Xiu's Enlightened Lord to step sideways, Little Cold Hands identified three as fake. He was still lacking in comparison to Ye Xiu. Ye Xiu could instantly see through four, while Little Cold Hands only saw through three after taking some time.

He didn't need anyone to tell him what to do next though. Little Cold Hand immediately raised his cross and began casting. However, he took more time than Ye Xiu to find the fake shadows. His control over his character wasn't as good as Ye Xiu either. By the time he was about to do something, he was only able to cast a single spell. Little Cold Hands also had better equipment than Enlightened Lord. Although he might not be able to move his hands as fast, his character casted faster. In the end, Little Cold Hands cast a Sacred Fire, while Ye Xiu's Enlightened Lord cast a Hypnosis and a Holy Commandment Light.

Lu Yuwen had been too hurried, which meant that retreating was more difficult. After the enemy skills arrived, he wasn't able to switch out of the shadow in time. The enemies targeted their skills at troublesome locations. Ye Xiu didn't need to be said. As for Little Cold Hands, this was his strength.

Of the three shadows, Hypnosis passed right through one of the shadows. Another shadow wasn't set on fire after stepping on Sacred Fire. The third one began to glow brightly under Holy Commandment Light.

That one was without a doubt the real body. Little Cold Hands hastily retreated, but he was still nicked by the enemy sword. Ye Xiu's Enlightened Lord crashed into one of the shadow under the cries of the surrounding onlookers. When Holy Commandment Light glowed around Flowing Cloud's real body, Flowing Cloud was able to cut Little Cold Hands, but by the time his sword reached Enlightened Lord, it was too late. Lu Yuwen's intentions of directly killing Enlightened Lord had been seen through. There were even players jumping out to protect Enlightened Lord now.

Holy Commandment Light was a persistent effect spell. The light produced by the spell still covered his body from head to toe. There might be real or fake shadows in Shadow Steps, but the fake shadows wouldn't disappear. Thus, when facing Shadow Steps, if the shadows criss crossed with each other and switched places, the opponent might lose track. This was the true value behind Shadow Steps. The real body might have been identified, but as long as you weren't caught, you could rely on other methods to cover it up.

This was exactly what Lu Yuwen did. His eight shadows suddenly gathered together and then scattered. He thought he would be able to cause the enemies to lose track of his real body, but when he looked at his screen, light surrounded his body. Ye Xiu had accounted for Lu Yuwen trying to confuse them.

"To think you could even see through that. You really are amazing!!" Lu Yuwen exclaimed. He wasn't dispirited though. Shadow Steps may have been seen through, but he didn't cancel the skill. The eight shadows still headed towards Enlightened Lord.

Two Knights protected him. With Holy Commandment Light as a guide, the two Knights knew very well which shadow was the real one. One of the Knights charged forward. Flowing Cloud stepped to the side and that Knight passed right by him like a train. The second Knight learned from the other Knight's mistake. He didn't leave his spot and attack. Then, he heard Ye Xiu shout: "Provoke!"

The Knight wasn't going to ignore God Ye Qiu's instruction. He used Provoke, and Flowing Clouds immediately headed towards him. Lu Yuwen saw the Knight lift his hands and predicted that he would be Provoked. The eight shadows suddenly gathered together, providing cover for him. The Knight swiped his mouse back and forth, but the other shadows were making it difficult for him to click on the real one!

Provoke didn't have any special requirements. The user just had to click on the target and it would hit 100% of the time. But against a pro player, this sort of disgusting problem came up: he couldn't click on the target. In Glory, whether it was attacks or skills, the player had to point in the desired direction and then click to release the skill. It wasn't like other games, where the game did the aiming for you and all you had to do was press the right key.

Glory was widely known for its complex game mechanics. Every attack required the player to guide. As a result, just clicking on a target to use the skill might not be easy as it sounded. Using the other fake shadows to block the real one from being clicked on was one way. Moving around like a fly also made it difficult for the opponent to predict his movements. An experienced player could figure out when you were about to use your skill based on your movements. If you knew when the opponent would click, if

you moved at the same time, wouldn't you cause the opponent to miss? If the opponent missed, the skill would go on cooldown. In this case, the Knight's Provoke would miss.

The Knight was facing a bunch of shadows. Provoke being used on a fake shadow was no different from it being used on the air.

At this moment, he heard God Ye Qiu remind him: "Roar!"

Right, Roar!

The Knight hastily clicked randomly to release Provoke. Even if he canceled it, it would go on cooldown, so it didn't matter either way. When he clicked, it missed Flowing Cloud's real body, but the Knight quickly followed with Roar.

This skill was even easier. As long as the target was in its range, it would hit. Tricks couldn't be used to dodge it. The instant the Knight roared, Flowing Cloud immediately turned around and his sword headed towards the Knight.

But Knights specialized in defense. Even more so, he had many Clerics healing him. Of course he wouldn't be afraid of a single sword. He lifted his shield and blocked it.

The moment the sword struck the Knight, a heal was also cast on the Knight. After the attack, Flowing Cloud removed the taunt on him. When he turned around, Enlightened Lord had already retreated a good distance away.

"You really are troublesome!" Lu Yuwen pulled himself together and got ready to chase, but before he could even move two steps, another Roar came. That Knight was a self-made genius. He didn't need Ye Xiu to remind him. He activated Knight's Spirit and all his skills went off cooldown. He used a Sacrificial Roar. The range was even larger. Flowing Cloud had no way of avoiding it and could only go back to attack. That Knight was waiting for the attack though.

The other players looked at the scene. Isn't he under our control now? Should we go over and kill him off? But Ye Xiu directly reminded everyone: "Ignore him. We need to hurry." Enlightened Lord was already prepared to cast Heal on that Knight.

Chapter 729: High Level Confrontation

Lu Hanwen was helpless. It wasn't like there was no counterplay to Knight taunting skills, but Blade Masters had no such method. Lu Hanwen could only quietly watch as his Flowing Cloud dashed towards that Knight. The Knight couldn't avoid the attack, but he was able to disrupt the enemy's rhythm. Taunt skills were quite useful in PvP.

Roar wasn't a skill limited by time. The target had to hit the target once to dispel Roar's effects. This Knight was quite smart. After roaring, he immediately ran in the other direction. He clearly wanted to delay Lu Hanwen from doing anything for as much time as possible. Lu Hanwen obviously knew what Roar did. Since he had no ways of dispelling the effects on his own, he actively chased after the Knight. He used Triple Slash to close the distance and his sword flew towards the fleeing Knight.

The Knight ran, while turning his head back from time to time. But when he turned around, how come Flowing Cloud wasn't heading towards him?

The onlookers saw things more clearly. Flowing Cloud closed the distance with Triple Slash and the tip of his sword slashed upwards. No one could tell if the attack hit or not, but Flowing Cloud had already turned around and left.

If he turned his head to leave, then his attack clearly hit. But the Knight, who had been hit by the attack, didn't even notice it. He was still looking back foolishly. How light was that attack? That kid really didn't want to waste any time.

Flowing Cloud headed towards Enlightened Lord again, but before he could even take three steps, Flowing Cloud turned around again and went back.

"Ah ah ah ah ah, who is it this time!!" Lu Hanwen cried. This time, Flowing Cloud had been Provoked. That Knight from before didn't have any taunt skills off cooldown yet, but there were plenty of Knights among the alliance troops to take his place.....

Provoke's duration was based on time and not by an attack. This time, Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud didn't charge towards the provoker as decisively. Instead, he made sure Flowing Cloud didn't rush out too much. As he moved around, he hacked wildly at the hurrying players, but they all ignored him.

A lone individual's strength compared to a group of players could be seen here. No matter how skilled Lu Hanwen might be or how powerful his equipment was, facing such a huge army, if the army chose to ignore you, there was nothing you could do about it.

The troops finally realized why Ye Xiu ordered them to completely ignore Lu Hanwen.

If they tried to kill Flowing Cloud, they might have more numbers, but they might not be able to catch him. Instead, they might even be lead around by the nose. But if they completely ignored him and treated him as a pesty fly who constantly tickled them, the fly would never be able to kill them, so they could still endure it. They practically played the game for a living, yet they didn't have as much in-game experience as a pro God? But they soon felt at ease. They might be familiar with the game, but they had never encountered such a high level expert before, so they obviously had no idea how to deal with one. For this type of battle, someone who was familiar with both the game and the pro scene like God Ye Qiu was more suited to lead.

Lu Hanwen was certainly in a pitiful position. The alliance troops continued to hurry over, but Flowing Cloud? The Knights were all lined up to deal with him. After one Provoke ended, another Provoke would come. After one Roar ended, another Roar came. Once their skills went on cooldown, boom, Knight's Spirit activated and their skills would refresh. And the cycle continued..... Every Knight could taunt him four times. And how many Knights were there in the four guild alliance's troops? Lu Hanwen was stuck in an infinite loop. Flowing Cloud ran around and jumped about left and right, hacking and slashing, but all it led to was the other side laughing out loud.

After understanding the reason why, the players no longer thought of him as annoying, rather they found it hilarious messing around with him.

Lu Hanwen constantly shouted " Ah ah ah!!" in anger, but what could he do? It had nothing to do with him not being good enough. Blade Masters just didn't have any way of dealing with taunt skills. Ye Xiu and Little Cold Hands were personally supporting everyone too. Every time Lu Hanwen happened to grasp an opportunity, Ye Xiu and Little Cold Hands always found some way to take it away.

Lu Hanwen was tossed about back and forth. In the end, he failed to delay them for very long. The alliance troops soon reached the battlefield. Blue Brook Guild hadn't been able to move the boss anywhere because they had enemies!

Samsara and Seaside had arrived as well. The three sides were fighting with each other and for the boss. Blue Brook Guild arrived first though. Their guild was stronger too, so the boss was currently in their grasp. However, trying to move the boss away, while facing two enemy guilds wasn't very likely. In addition, most guilds wouldn't think of moving a level 55 boss anyways. They killed the boss quickly. The hardest part was the PvP. If they could just hurry and kill the boss off, there wouldn't be any problems. There was no need to go into a you live or I die situation with the other guilds.

The battle for the boss was fairly normal. Blue River was very worried about Ye Qiu's group though. After Lu Hanwen heard about his worries, he volunteered to delay them and win Blue Brook Guild some time. Blue River thought about it. Lu Hanwen was very skilled. Even though he was alone, he should be able to give them some trouble. Even if the other side killed him, it should take them quite a bit of time to do so. If they could be delayed, they had a much higher chance of snatching the boss!

As a result, Lu Hanwen was sent out. His ambush was indeed sharp and incisive, but he failed to accomplish his goal. The enemy troops completely ignored him and continued to hurry over. Lu Hanwen knew why he had come here, but he couldn't do anything! Being controlled by such a disgusting method was quite sad.

Blue River immediately noticed the alliance troops arriving. His heart thumped.

That was quick! Did Lu Hanwen fail? Blue River thought to himself. He soon saw Lu Hanwen Flowing Cloud though. He was in the middle of the enemy troops being tossed around by a bunch of Knights like a dog.

Blue River immediately understood. Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud was being completely controlled through this method! Thinking of how the little kid had been played around with like a toy, Blue River wanted to apologize.

I was too careless! How could I underestimate Ye Xiu! Lu Hanwen is still just a child and I pushed him into a bunch of bullies. I sent a sheep to a tiger's den!

Seeing how pitiful of a situation Flowing Cloud was in, Blue River hastily dispatched people to rescue him.

A few classes had skills, which could negate the effects of Provoke and Roar. For example, Knights had Immoveable Mountain, Qi Masters had Calm and Composed, which nullified taunts.

Blue River was about to go personally rescue him, but when the alliance troops arrived at the battlefield, they suddenly scattered. He no longer knew Flowing Cloud's location. Before he could find him again, another guild had arrived: Tyrannical Ambition.

No guild would ever give up on a wild boss, but Ye Xiu was left speechless, when he saw the Cleric leading Tyrannical Ambition's troops.

"Are you serious, Zhang Xinjie? You're leading the troops for the Level 55 wild boss? Can't you give us poor people a way out?" Ye Xiu shouted at them.

Misty Mountains.

This Cleric on Tyrannical Ambition's side wore a full set of top in-game equipment too. After fighting all day yesterday, all of the guild learned of the news. This Cleric was Team Tyranny's Zhang Xinjie. How else could Tyrannical Ambition have been so dominant yesterday?

When Ye Xiu shouted at Tyrannical Ambition, Blue River also noticed them. He immediately wanted to run away. F*cking hell. Two bosses spawn at the same time and both Gods run over for the level 55 one. Are you serious? Both of you want the easy pickings? Instead of going for the harder level 65 boss, you all ran to fight with our reserve troops??

Blue River turned his head to look at his troops. Their side only consisted of reserve troops. Not just Blue Brook Guild. Samsara and Seaside weren't using their elite troops either. Blue River was an elite player. He often met with the other guild elites, so he was very familiar with them.

Zhang Xinjie's Misty Mountains led the way. When he looked at the enemy troops, he saw Enlightened Lord. He was also surprised, when Ye Xiu shouted at him.

"There's something I need from here." Zhang Xinjie's reason was the same as Ye Xiu's.

"Hm? You need something from here? Is Old Han switching equipment?" Ye Xiu guessed. Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite's Red Ribbon Janna mainly used Grappler skills, but the boss also knew a few Striker skills. Although the materials that dropped from a boss didn't necessarily depend on the boss's class, they often were. Just because Zhang Xinjie needed something from Red Ribbon Janna, it didn't mean that Team Tyranny wanted to create new Striker equipment, but since Zhang Xinjie was personally leading the troops, Ye Xiu was obviously thinking higher. Team Tyranny's Striker, Desert Dust, was their most powerful character.

"Team secret." Zhang Xinjie didn't tell Ye Xiu. As he spoke, he already gave orders to his troops. Tyrannical Ambition didn't bring their elite troops either. Zhang Xinjie clearly thought that they wouldn't encounter anyone too troublesome for a level 55 boss, so it should be more than enough if he led the troops. But when he saw Ye Xiu unexpectedly there, he felt his head ache a bit.

Yesterday, the alliance wasn't able to beat Tyrannical Ambition in any of the fights. But that wasn't because of Zhang Xinjie alone. Ye Xiu wasn't any worse than him in leading. As a result, the deciding factor was Tyrannical Ambition's overall greater strength. However, he didn't bring Tyrannical Ambition's elite troops with him, while the other side brought their core forces. Tyrannical Ambition had no advantage right now.

Blue Brook Guild, Samsara, and Seaside were in an even more awkward situation... they were still attacking the boss, while Tyrannical Ambition and the alliance argued with each other as if they didn't exist. But with Ye Qiu and Zhang Xinjie there, so what if they were being ignored? How could they

object? They were currently fighting the boss though. Wouldn't it be a bit too shameful to suddenly flee?

Chapter 730: Blue River's Suicide Squad

Blue Brook Guild, Samsara, and Seaside were in an awkward situation. It seemed pointless to fight. One of the two Gods was going to take the boss, but retreating felt shameful! Even though you could say, oh, we came across two Gods, just fleeing at the sight of them was too cowardly, no? If word spread around, it could easily turn into one team being afraid of the other team. That wasn't acceptable.

As a result, although the three guilds felt uneasy, they had no choice but to continue fighting foolishly. Even if they knew that they had no chance, they still had to follow the proper steps. Being a Club guild came with its own problems!

Meanwhile, Tyrannical Ambition and the alliance stood opposite from each other. The atmosphere was quite heavy, but neither side moved. The respective group chats on both sides were filled with messages though. Ye Xiu and Zhang Xinjie were currently arranging their troops. From a communication perspective, Tyrannical Ambition had the clear advantage. Zhang Xinjie could use the guild chat to give everyone orders.

It was more troublesome for Ye Xiu's side though. The four guilds each had their own troops. He had to type his instructions into the QQ chat group and then have the guild leaders pass down the orders to their respective troops.

The first to move was Tyrannical Ambition.

The Tyrannical Ambition troops split into two. One half moved into a defensive formation like a wall, blocking off Ye Xiu's side from the battlefield. The other half directly joined the chaotic boss fight and started contesting with the other three guilds.

The first to make a move may have the initiative, but it also revealed their strategy. The last to make a move could come up with a more direct countermeasure. Of course, as one of the four Master Tacticians, Zhang Xinjie accounted for it. Tyrannical Ambition acted swiftly, not wanting to give the other side enough time to respond. Although the defensive side formed a wall, they didn't just stand there and wait. They pressed towards Ye Xiu's side as if wanting to push them out of the battle.

The other side had to respond to an attack from the front. Zhang Xinjie hoped Ye Xiu would directly contend with them and crash into the wall. Zhang Xinjie didn't think that they would be able to completely block the enemy troops, but he only needed time. It was only a Level 55 boss. With their level advantage, they would kill it very fast.

It had to be said that Blue River's initial plan was no different from Zhang Xinjie's. However, he overestimated the influence an individual could make on the battlefield and tried to let Lu Hanwen stall the enemy troops. However, the following events proved that in front of a well-organized group, an individual's strength was too insignificant to matter.

How were things going for Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud? Not many were paying attention to him at this moment. Even Blue River, who had originally been leading the rescue team, ran back dejectedly to fight the boss after seeing those two forces collide.

"How is it going, Little Lu?" Blue River could only message Lu Hanwen to let the other know that he hadn't been forgotten.

"Ye Qiu really is a difficult opponent. Not only did he see through the flaw in my Shadow Steps, he even used Knight taunt skills to put a collar on me!!!" Lu Hanwen liked to use exclamation marks, making it sound like he was always excited.

The words "put a collar on me" made Blue River sweat. This little kid really had a way with words. What kind of person are you regarding yourself as?

"Can you still hold on?" Blue River asked.

"They don't seem to want to spend the time to kill me!" Lu Hanwen replied.

"Yeah, they've got a formidable opponent." Blue River said.

"Who?" Lu Hanwen asked.

"Zhang Xinjie. Tyrannical Ambition's vice-captain." Blue River replied.

"Ah! The one who's a Master Tactician like Ye Qiu and Xiao Shiqin! That Zhang Xinjie!!!" Lu Hanwen exclaimed.

"That's him."

"I should go watch and learn from them!!"

"What are you doing right now?" Blue River was a bit depressed. Lu Hanwen didn't seem very busy. He was chatting quite happily.

"There's no point doing anything. It depends on what they want to do!" Lu Hanwen finally expressed his helplessness. He clearly felt powerless in his current situation.

"Don't worry. I'll think of some way to rescue you." Blue River said. He circled around with his small rescue squad. With those two Gods competing, was there any point trying to fight for the boss? None at all! Blue River felt like if he could stop those two Gods with his troops, he would be qualified to take over Yu Wenzhou's shotcalling position in Team Blue Rain.

Blue River clearly knew his own capabilities. Although he didn't say it out loud, he had already given up on the boss. But he wasn't the type to do things half-heartedly. If Lu Hanwen wasn't deep within enemy ranks, he would still definitely be trying his hardest leading his troops. But that wasn't the case, so Blue River just send a suicide squad into the the enemy ranks. As for the fight with the other guilds, he had someone else take over.

When that someone else heard about the arrangement, he nearly pissed himself. If he didn't know about Blue Bridge Spring Snow's kindly reputation, he would have thought that Blue Bridge was leaving

everyone here to sacrifice themselves, so he could run away safely. Facing Zhang Xinjie and Ye Qiu was too heavy of a responsibility!

"Try your best." Blue River was quite serious, "We're going to go rescue Little Lu."

Blue River led his suicide squad away. Meanwhile, the two forces were already clashing with each other. All sorts of skills and players being blown away flew around everywhere. The two Master Tacticians lived up to their name. Blue River doubted that he could grasp the mind games being played, so he simply watched as if it were a movie. At the same time, he circled around to the back with his suicide squad and found a rooftop to jump onto. The squad leaped up and then lay on their bellies, crawling until they got to the edges of the rooftop to look down covertly.

How terrible!

Lu Hanwen was having a hard time. Ye Xiu's group as fighting against Tyrannical Ambition. The Knights were the defensive core of the troops. How could they not be used? As a result, they didn't have the manpower to keep Lu Hanwen under control. But leaving a skilled expert like Lu Hanwen alone was the same as lighting their own home's backyard on fire. They had to kill him off.

Being restricted by taunts, Lu Hanwen was truly struggling to survive. It was only because his skill level was much higher than a normal player's that he was still alive. A normal player would have died many times over by now. Even so, Flowing Cloud was just barely hanging on by a thread.

"Buff him!!" Blue River hastily ordered. A Knight and a Qi Master rushed forward immediately.

"Protect!" Blue River ordered. He led the way and jumped down from the rooftop with a Falling Light Blade. The other squad members occupied the high ground and released their long-ranged attacks. The Knight and Qi Master also leaped down. The Knight used a Heroic Leap, while the Qi Master used Slipstream. Along with Blue River and the other squad members, they began fighting fiercely.

These ten players came out of nowhere. They really did surprise the alliance players. However, over here, hundred player groups were the unit of measurement. Ten players weren't anything to be frightened of, unless these ten were all pro players. That wasn't possible though. The entire Team Blue Rain being dispatched for a Level 55 wild boss? A commemoration for the level 55 era would be more believable!

"Ah! Leader!!!" The kid had good eyes. The sudden ambush surprised everyone, including Lu Hanwen. But once he looked at them, he noticed Blue Bridge Sprint Snow among them, who descended with a Falling Light Blade. Unfortunately, the Falling Light Blade didn't hit anyone. The surrounding players had all scattered away to avoid it.

"Leader, you used your Falling Light Blade waaayy too early!!" Lu Hanwen criticized Blue River.

"Shut up!" Blue River blushed. He had to admit though. He really had used his skill too early. But that was to show off their strength, right?

"Buff!" Blue River roared.

"Understood!" The Knight and the Qi Master had been brought over by Blue River to get Lu Hanwen out of his predicament. Just one was enough actually. If their buffs overlapped, it wouldn't extend the duration or anything. Blue River still brought two over for insurance.

Heroic Leap and Slipstream both had slight AoE effects, so the surrounding enemies dodged the attacks, giving the two players time to cast their buffs onto Flowing Cloud.

Immovable Mountain.

Calm and Composed.

When these two skills were used, a Knight from the four guild alliance used a Roar, affecting the entire suicide squad, except for Flowing Cloud.

Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud had one of the two buffs, so he wouldn't be affected by taunts.

"You go first!" Blue River shouted.

"Then what about you guys!" Lu Hanwen said.

"We'll come back from the revival point!" Blue River said the truth and expressed how they might not be able to escape. But at the same time, he reminded Lu Hanwen: this is a game. If we die, we can just come back. Don't be like a hero from a drama and insist on dying with everyone else. We're too old for that sort of thing.

"Don't jump to conclusions. Buff me and I'll bring you guys out! Why'd you bring so few people!" Lu Hanwen didn't leave Blue River and the others. His words sounded quite heroic, making Blue River feel a bit ashamed. He came here thinking he would die. Had he been thinking too negatively?

Headwind Strike!

Flowing Cloud's sword began to glow to open a path for these ten players. The ten players were affected by Roar, so they all pounced on that Knight. Before reaching the Knight, they were already attacking. If their attacks hit, Roar would disappear. These ten were experienced players. They had already reached this step. How could they let the Knight go so easily? The ten surrounded him. He brought it upon himself. Even if they couldn't kill him, they could put more pressure on the healers and waste their healing skills.

"Go!"

Blue River and the other nine players were still beating up that Knight, when they heard Lu Hanwen's shout. They turned their heads. D*mn! In such a short amount of time, there were already quite a few players in front of Flowing Cloud, who were swaying unsteadily. How many skills had he used?

Afterwards, he used Shadow Steps. This was the suicide squad's first time seeing it. They gasped in shock: "Eight shadows?"

There was no Ye Xiu here. These eight shadows were like eight real shadows to those normal players. The enemies were in a panic. One of the enemy Knights was about to use Roar, but the Knight in the suicide squad activated Knight's Spirit and re-applied Immovable Mountain on Lu Hanwen. Roar wasn't

going to work. Flowing Cloud forced open a path. The ten players followed behind him. The Knights, who still wanted to taunt them, didn't have any methods left. There weren't many Knights remaining here.

"We got out! Ha ha!" Lu Hanwen quickly rushed out. Blue River was ecstatic as well. But at this moment, he received a message from the substitute group leader: "We can't hold on! The boss has been snatched away!"

Their enemies weren't any slower.....