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Chapter 731: The Intention Isn't to Break Through

Blue Brook Guild's second group leader was in a state of agony. He didn't know who he should express it to. Blue River told him that it was good enough if he tried his best, and he had resolved to do as he had been told. In the end, he felt like before he could even try his best, Tyrannical Ambition swarmed Scarlet Ribbon Janna and snatched her away. That sort of feeling, where he had the power yet couldn't use it, made him feel miserable.

Tyrannical Ambition had split into numerous small teams to carry away the boss. They forced their way into the battlefield, instantly cutting apart Blue Brook Guild's troops into several sections. The second group leader hastily gave an order, but before the message could even be passed down, the players fighting the boss reported: the main tank has been killed. The boss is being forcefully pushed away.

Being forcefully pushed away meant that the boss's aggro wasn't actually on anyone in Tyrannical Ambition. Rather, Tyrannical Ambition blocked the boss from moving towards its target. The boss couldn't just only lock in on a target and refuse to attack anyone else. In order to close in on its target, the boss would try to get rid of any obstructions. In this case, the obstruction was Tyrannical Ambition, who had wedged their way between the boss and its target.

Obstructing the boss in this way could generate aggro as well. In addition, Tyrannical Ambition was attacking, while Blue Brook Guild was unable to reach the boss, slowly swaying the boss's aggro from Blue Brook Guild to Tyrannical Ambition. If this situation continued, Tyrannical Ambition would successfully steal away the boss.

The second group leader obviously understood the situation. He immediately ordered his troops to clash with Tyrannical Ambition. However, Tyrannical Ambition's layer up layer defense prevented them from closing in on the boss. What made the second group leader even angrier was that Samsara and Seaside seemed to have given up on the boss. They fought half-heartedly, not at all with the same energy as Blue Brook Guild.

All in all, their situation was different from Blue Brook Guild's. Blue Brook Guild had the advantage up until now. The more Blue Brook Guild fought Tyrannical Ambition to a deadlock, the better of a chance they would have to steal the boss. After all, Tyrannical Ambition couldn't focus all of their attention on the boss. They split their forces into two to deal with another powerful enemy on the other side.

As for Samsara and Seaside? They had been on the disadvantage against Blue Brook Guild previously. Rushing over and burning up all of their energy wouldn't improve their situation much. Their efforts might even help Blue Brook Guild, who was in the lead. A deadlock would obviously be advantageous to the one in the lead. They wouldn't gain much from helping.

If there was no thing to gain, why bother? Why not just keep faking it? If Blue Brook Guild and Tyrannical Ambition continued to injure each other, who knew if an opportunity would appear. However, after seeing Tyrannical Ambition swiftly take the initiative, the two guilds no longer had any hope for Blue Brook Guild. But what if the alliance broke through Tyrannical Ambition's defense and threw the battlefield into disorder?

"Fourth group charge! Everyone else, look for an opening!"

"2 o'clock! Gather towards the 2 o'clock direction!"

"Ai, too slow..."

Ye Xiu observed the field and adjusted accordingly, but passing down orders through twists and turns illustrated a problem: by the time the troops started carrying out the orders, the other side already finished fixing it. The alliance was unable to break through the opening in one go. They still slowly nibbled away at the enemy defenses, but it was progressing too slowly. At this rate, by the time they broke through, Tyrannical Ambition would have gained enough of an insurmountable lead. With Zhang Xinjie commanding Tyrannical Ambition, forcefully pushing the boss away or annihilating Tyrannical Ambition along with the boss was too difficult.

"Steamed Bun, Little Tang, Little Qiao, Little Hands, Loulan Slash, Little Bei, Ocean, Night Tide, Thousand Leaves, come with me!" Ye Xiu saw that this wasn't an issue that could be solved in a short amount of time, so he picked out an elite team and prepared to breakthrough the enemy defenses using a small but powerful team. Of the nine people picked out, four were from Happy, while five were the main core of Heavenly Justice's team.

"What about me!" Chen Guo had come with them to the boss. Ye Xiu had picked out a bunch of people, but she wasn't one of them. It made her angry.

"Uh..... a team can only have ten people maximum....." Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo wanted to cry. She was the boss, yet no face was given to her.

"Don't you have too many Clerics!" Chen Guo noticed. Of the ten, Ye Xiu, Little Cold Hands, and Heavenly Justice's Thousand Falling Leaves were all clerics. There were times when three healers when needed, albeit rare. Chen Guo didn't care though. She wanted a spot.

"You can just come along with us." Ye Xiu said.

Ye Xiu's Enlightened Lord quickly formed a team with the other nine players. After gathering together, Chen Guo pitifully followed along like an outsider. She waited for instructions, but she didn't hear Ye Xiu say anything. When she turned to look, he was actually typing.

"How am I supposed to see it if you type!" Chen Guo got angry. Ye Xiu was giving instructions to the team through the team chat. Chen Guo wasn't a part of the team though, so she couldn't see any of the messages.

"Okay, so it's like that. Everyone, get ready. Chasing Haze, follow us." Ye Xiu immediately shouted. Chen Guo wanted to cry again. Ye Xiu said a few words to appease her anger. How could that be considered as giving her any face?

"Everyone else, pay attention to our movements and coordinate with us." Ye Xiu said in the QQ group chat and then began leading the team.

"Chasing Haze, Satellite Beam!" Ye Xiu gave Chen Guo a task. Chen Guo didn't know whether this was a consolation prize or not. In any case, she carried out her given task. A brilliant Satellite Beam descended from the skies, directly towards Tyrannical Ambition. Tyrannical Ambition refused to budge though. The

healers simply had more work to do. The sacred light matched the strength of the Satellite Beam, quickly rendering it null. The other side had more players. Clerics were also one of Tyrannical Ambition's two best classes. A single Satellite Beam wouldn't do much.

"Forward!" But the team charged forward nonetheless. The one at the front was Tang Rou's Battle Mage. Her Dragon Breaks the Ranks sent three flying. Tyrant's Destruction and Falling Flower Palm sent several more away as well. However, soon afterwards, three Sacred Fires surrounded Tang Rou's Battle Mage in a triangle, trapping her inside. The long-ranged mages fired a barrage of spells. The gunners focused their fire. They made every effort to kill this reckless lone wolf.

Heavenly Lightning Earthen Fire!

Crimson Storm!

Ocean Ahead and Loulan Slash timed their attacks perfectly alongside Tang Rou's attacks. Lightning and fire covered the ground. Blood aura boiled about. Yet Tyrannical Ambition stood strong. They just couldn't see Tang Rou's Battle Mage anymore.

"Keep up her health!!!"

Ye Xiu personally led the healing. The three Clerics focused their heals onto Tang Rou's Battle Mage. At the same time, everyone rushed into the enemy ranks. From the very beginning, every one of them carried an automatic heal over time buff.

"Holy Commandment!" Ye Xiu shouted again. The three cast Holy Commandment. Ye Xiu had told them where to cast the spell beforehand. Their Holy Commandments landed on the enemy troops ahead. Despite being inside Heavenly Lightning Earthen Fire's spell range, the three players immersed in the sacred light glowed brightly.

After being hit by the skill, the three became the focus of everyone's attacks. The three obviously understood this reasoning and hastily retreated, but a Dragon Breaks the Ranks welcomed them. Tang Rou wasn't the only Battle Mage in the team. Little Bei was there too.

Dragon Breaks the Ranks, Tyrant's Destruction, Falling Flower Palm swept the field clean. A common combo like this was something an aspiring pro player like Little Bei could easily do. His usage was even better than Tang Rou's too. Many Tyrannical Ambition players were once again sent tumbling. Night Tide and Steamed Bun rushed out. They didn't attack towards a specific direction, but rather revolved around the team, protecting them. The team was now deep in enemy territory. The next person to attack was Qiao Yifan. One Inch Ash set up an Ice Formation, instantly freezing several Tyrannical Ambition players. The team quickly wiped the frozen blocks away. The ten players along with Chen Guo's Chasing Haze stood together, fending off enemy attacks around them, while slowly advancing forward using Qiao Yifan's ghost formations.

The assault began with Tang Rou's initial attack, but the one to lead the way was Qiao Yifan's Ghostblade. The pressure was huge for the three Clerics though. Deep in enemy territory, the melee attacks weren't too difficult to deal with, but the long-range attacks, especially the AoE ones, were difficult to avoid. They all depended on the healing from the three Clerics to survive. The mana costs for the Clerics were immense, but support soon came from behind. The alliance troops attacked the two

sides along the path set by the team. If Tyrannical Ambition was only concerned with Ye Xiu's small team, Ye Xiu would be happy. Tyrannical Ambition's defenses would fall even faster in that case.

Unfortunately, Zhang Xinjie wouldn't make such a low leveled mistake. His troops continued to prioritize the large-scale assault, which reduced the pressure on the ten-man team, allowing them to quickly advance. Zhang Xinjie's defensive formation had a fair amount of depth to it, but by not prioritizing the small team, the small team easily broke through.

"D*mn, we've been ignored!" Ye Xiu wasn't happy about breaking through the defensive lines. He sighed instead because he knew they were let through. Getting the team through wasn't his intent. He hoped that their team would put pressure on Tyrannical Ambition and disrupt the enemy's flow. Zhang Xinjie saw through it though. He still focused on the overall situation. A ten-man team? Letting them through was fine. A ten-man team stealing away the boss under Zhang Xinjie's eyes was at all possible.

Chapter 732: A God's Way of Fighting

After breaking through the blockade, Ye Xiu had Enlightened Lord look back. Tyrannical Ambition's defense was just as complete as before. Zhang Xinjie handled their ten-man team the same way he had dealt with Blue Brook Guild's Lu Hanwen. Ignoring the threat was the best way to deal with it. Trying to deal with it only made it worse.

Ye Xiu was helpless. Had he made the decision too hastily?

When Ye Xiu looked ahead, the boss had been trapped by Tyrannical Ambition. The aggro still wasn't stable, but seeing Blue Brook Guild's helplessness, Tyrannical Ambition thoroughly stabilizing the boss's aggro was simply a matter of time.

"Let's go!" Ye Xiu called out to his teammates. Enlightened Lord rushed towards the boss.

"To steal the boss?" Loulan Slash and the others asked.

"That's a bit too difficult, but we can at least give them some trouble." Ye Xiu said.

"Alright. We'll just do as you say!" Loulan Slash said.

"Where's Zhang Xinjie?" Ye Xiu surveyed the surroundings, but he didn't see any signs of Zhang Xinjie's current character, Misty Mountains. Although the value he brought to the table was more than just what a character could bring, being too conspicuous would still certainly make him a target. It was better to stay low. It was something Ye Xiu also did.

"Let's go from here!" Unable to find Zhang Xinjie, Ye Xiu found an opening.

"Forward!"

For this charge, they directly flocked over without the same sort of coordination as before. One Inch Ash threw down a ghost formation. The eleven gathered inside, sending out their skills or coordinating or acting at opportunities. They fought as they pleased. Ye Xiu's only instruction was to attack whoever was attacking the boss.

For example, when they fought against Howling Heights for the boss, eliminating the Knight, who had the boss's aggro, was obviously the best way to disrupt the enemy. However, facing Zhang Xinjie, Ye Xiu couldn't find a big enough opening to do so. They could only keep working at it.

The eleven naturally closed in on the long-ranged classes surrounding the boss first. They were the most convenient targets for them. Tyrannical Ambition quickly formed countermeasures. The long-ranged classes shrunk away and switched places with the melee classes, who fended them off.

"Stick closely!" Ye Xiu instructed.

Qiao Yifan placed his ghost formations tightly. The eleven chased after the long-ranged classes and continued bullying them. However, the enemy gunners threw grenades together and the enemy mages erected Fire Walls. They were clearly being directed by someone. In an instant, Ye Xiu's team was separated from Tyrannical Ambition.

"Turn right!" Ye Xiu ordered again.

A shotcaller needed to make swift decisions and quickly adjust depending on the situations.

They continued to follow their original strategy of attacking anyone who was fighting the boss. Strategy gave a general direction. Tactics were the details. Tactics needed to be constantly adjusted. This was where the value of a shotcaller could be displayed. Having a shotcaller who couldn't adapt was the same as having none at all.

"Second group leader, break through there!"

The person telling the second group leader where to go wasn't his own ally, but the name of an enemy player. Ye Xiu had targeted a Tyrannical Ambition player called Second Group Leader. This player wasn't actually a priority target. Ye Xiu was using him as an indicator for the general direction. A Holy Commandment soon fell. Steamed Bun's Brawler rushed over the fastest and initiated with a Strangle. Holy Commandment increased damage from all sources by 30%. Strangle dealt 150% of his physical attack. With another wave of attacks following, how could this Second Group Leader survive?

Even worse, the people who killed him didn't care about him. He was just an indicator for where Ye Xiu's team would move to. Killing him was simply because he was a convenient target for tactical purposes.

Tyrannical Ambition switched out their melee classes to defend. The enemies quickly moved.

"Cut off their rear. Have four teams gather at the 10 o'clock direction to confront them. Long-ranged classes cover the field. Push them towards Blue Brook Guild's side." Zhang Xinjie was watching Ye Xiu's team closely! He gave command after command. It was his main work right now.

"Long-ranged classes, attack. Hurry! Rush forward and break through!"

Zhang Xinjie ordered four teams to meet Ye Xiu's team, but such a gathering couldn't be done in an instant. Ye Xiu also gave a command swiftly. Seeing the other side's intentions, he decided to forcefully break through while the other side's formation wasn't complete yet. In this confrontation, Ye Xiu's team had fewer people, so it was more agile. Their battle strength could be displayed without restraint.

Before Tyrannical Ambition's four teams could reach 60% of what Zhang Xinjie hoped, the eleven charged over. Chasing Haze began firing a barrage of bullets. Ocean Ahead covered the team with spells.

One Inch Ash paved a path with his ghost formations. The two Battle Mages once again became the spearpoint. Loulan Slash rampaged. Steamed Bun's Brawler and Night Tide's Grappler didn't have good AoE attacks, so they specifically looked for any openings. If they saw a player, who was at a loss for what to do, they immediately went over to bully him.

With this sudden and violent attack, how could the four teams finish assembling? The eleven instantly broke through. The four teams were at a loss for a moment. They obviously knew why Zhang Xinjie wanted them to gather together, but they failed to do so, so should still continue gathering together?

"Two teams move left and converge. Long-ranged classes go in and cover the gap. Chase after them with your long-ranged attacks." Zhang Xinjie felt sorry that it didn't work, but it was never realistic to expect something to happen for sure. His troops were temporary ones, so their ability to carry out his orders was limited. If he had Tyrannical Ambition's elite troops, perhaps it might have worked.

It was just a maybe though.

No one could guarantee something would happen in a battle.

"Knights, chain three Provokes and lead the boss in the 7 o'clock direction. Everyone else follow after the boss." Zhang Xinjie said.

When the boss moved, the entire battlefield slowly shifted. Ye Xiu's team stayed in the same place, but their relative location to the boss was changing. Ye Xiu turned around to check the overall situation. Zhang Xinjie wanted to throw them into Blue Brook Guild. Along with the long-ranged classes pressuring them, he wanted them to clash with Blue Brook Guild.

Ye Xiu wasn't going to fall for it.

"Charge! Continue charging forward!"

It was a simple order. He was banking on their team's far superior strength. Tyrannical Ambition had to guard the boss and block Blue Brook Guild. There was no way for them to concentrate their forces onto them. In this situation, Zhang Xinjie being able to distance the boss from Ye Xiu's team was worthy of being called a God.

"This isn't good!" Ye Xiu surmised. Even though their team was unstoppable, they were still unable to close in on the boss. Zhang Xinjie utilized his numbers advantage, minimizing the damage their team could bring.

"We have to break in." Ye Xiu decided. He knew Tyrannical Ambition's core defense would be like an iron wall, but they had no choice. They needed to tear through the iron wall. If they didn't, there would be no more opportunities.

"Tofu Pudding Cake, kill!"

Tofu Pudding Cake was another unfortunate player to be named. Ye Xiu saw him and picked him. The eleven charged. Tofu Pudding Cake died and his corpse marked the team's new path.

"This time, we'll be relying on you and Little Bei." Ye Xiu told Loulan Slash. Opening up a path fit Tang Rou the best, but Tang Rou's current equipment wasn't doing enough. Poor equipment meant low

damage. No matter how hard she tried, there were things she couldn't do. Their following plan required power and force.

If it were One Autumn Leaf.....

Ye Xiu couldn't help but think. If he had One Autumn Leaf, he might have been able to open a path earlier.

"Relax. Leave it to me!" Loulan Slash replied. As a guild leader and team captain, Loulan Slash knew when to take responsibility. It wouldn't be right to have Ye Xiu give him a task only for him to say "I can't do it. Let someone else do it."

"Little Tang, you follow after them. Steamed Bun and Night Tide act as support. Chasing Haze and Ocean Ahead protect them. Everyone else knows what to do, right? Okay, let's go!" Ye Xiu arranged their formation and they put their plan into motion. He wanted to make an abrupt move to fluster Zhang Xinjie.

"So he really did decide to charge, huh."

Ye Xiu's tactics truly made it difficult for Zhang Xinjie to contend against. His troops were constantly rushing about, but he had figured out Ye Xiu's general intent long ago. Someone as cautious as him had already made preparations for this stage before it was necessary.

"Too bad! His team's DPS isn't high enough!" Zhang Xinjie had noticed their team's brave charge and had noticed this unfortunate problem. Heavenly Justice's five players had top-tier equipment, but the others were underwhelming.

"If your equipment is lacking, you can make up for it with your skill. If you were a damage dealer, even with poor equipment, it might have been enough. But too bad! You're using a Cleric. Despite your support, it isn't enough!" Zhang Xinjie was completely calm now. No one was more familiar with Clerics than him. The support skills weren't enough to be a deciding factor. According to the enemy team's coordination, Zhang Xinjie had made adjustments to their defense. He believed that there were no holes. The ten-man team wouldn't be able to break through. After a while, the team might even be surrounded and eventually be killed alongside the boss.

"Not good....." Their initial assault went well, but Ye Xiu soon noticed the enemy's swift response. The enemy defense soon became difficult to penetrate. Seeing the enemies ahead, none of the ideas that Ye Xiu thought up of would work. They couldn't tear through the iron wall. The reason was heartbreaking: their DPS wasn't high enough.

"Prepare to retreat."

"Prepare to surround them."

The two Gods gave their respective orders simultaneously. Who knew at this moment, someone from outside rushed over: "Ah! There's an opening here! I'm in!!!!"

Chapter 733: More Damage

Not everyone recognized this voice, but everyone immediately realized who it had come from because the pitch it had was very particular.

Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud, with Blue Brook Guild's tag above his name, shouted while slaughtering his way through the crowd like a whirlwind. He was following the very path that Ye Xiu's team had torn open. How could the remaining leftovers stop Lu Hanwen? All they saw was a flash of light and Flowing Cloud was already amongst them.

"Kid! You've got a bright future ahead of you! Keep charging forward!" Ye Xiu saw this unexpected arrival and his spirits instantly rose. Skill? Lu Hanwen had it! Damage! Flowing Cloud wore a full set of Orange equipment, top-tier in the game. Their team was lacking damage, but the addition of this kid would certainly fix that problem.

"What? You guys are in here too?" Lu Hanwen looked in astonishment at Enlightened Lord's group.

"We've been here for awhile now. You're late! Hurry! We need to seize this opportunity." Ye Xiu shouted. He was afraid that Lu Hanwen wouldn't be able to control himself and would furiously attack them on sight. Not only would he be not helping them, he would spell disaster for their little team.

Reality gratified him. This fourteen year old kid didn't act impulsively. He calmly asked: "I heard the enemy commander is Senior Zhang Xinjie."

"Yes." Ye Xiu said.

"Then I can't be careless this time!" Lu Hanwen said. His Flowing Cloud rushed forward. During this time, he activated Shadow Steps. His character flickered and split into one, two, three, four, five, six shadows.

Lu Hanwen only released six shadows, but this time, none of them could instantly be distinguished. These six shadows were perfectly created.

"What a little demon!" Ye Xiu was amazed, not because Lu Hanwen could control six perfect shadows, but because of his temperament.

Lu Hanwen didn't employ eight shadows like he had before and instead only used six, indicating that he was well aware of the flaws in his technique. Thus, after confirming that his opponent was God Zhang Xinjie, he switched from eight shadows to six. When he fought against Ye Xiu, he realized that his eight shadows was no better than four in front of a God.

This hyperactive kid was actually very serious and calm when it came to battle.

With all six shadows being indistinguishable, Tyrannical Ambition could only test each one out one by one, but under Lu Hanwen's incredible control, these six shadows crossed over each other mystifyingly. Those that had been found out were switched around until they were hidden again, making it even more difficult for Tyrannical Ambition to identify the fakes. Flowing Cloud neared, but Tyrannical Ambition's players didn't know where to defend. Six shadows but only one was real. It was too difficult to guess!

"Who is this person!" When Zhang Xinjie saw Flowing Cloud, who had Blue Brook Guild's tag above his name, he didn't pay too much attention to him. He thought that Flowing Cloud was just some random player, who had gotten lost in the midst of battle. He thought Tyrannical Ambition would quickly dispose

of him, but by the time he saw Flowing Cloud go along the path set by Ye Qiu's team and the six perfect shadows, Zhang Xinjie realized: an unexpected variable had intruded.

"Third from the left!!"

Lu Hanwen's shadows crossed over each other rapidly like a blur to everyone else, but for a God like Zhang Xinjie with practiced eyes and experience, he was able to identify the real one. Zhang Xinjie wasn't certain, but he needed to pick out one. Tyrannical Ambition couldn't cover all six.

Third from the left was actually correct.

But by the time he shouted at the warning and Tyrannical Ambition's players counted, Flowing Cloud had already arrived. His sword danced and Tyrannical Ambition's formation started to crumble.

"Charge!" Ye Xiu wasn't going to let this opportunity slide. He gave the order and the small team started attacking.

"Nice synergy!" Lu Hanwen shouted.

"Join our team so you can receive heals!" Ye Xiu decisively split the team. They originally had eleven players, only one extra from the limit. As a result, Ye Xiu set up two teams and moved the positions around before throwing an invite to Lu Hanwen.

"Okay!" Lu Hanwen was straightforward and accepted. As soon as he entered the team, Ye Xiu cast a heal on him.

"Your heal sucks!" Lu Hanwen saw his health barely go move and shouted. He had been trained with a pro team, so his eyes weren't ordinary. The amount of healing that a character with trash equipment could do naturally seemed like nothing to Lu Hanwen.

"Kid, you talk too much!" Loulan Slash wasn't happy. That little punk was talking to God Ye Qiu. How could he say that his healing sucked?

"It's not a problem that skill can fix, but rather his equipment!" Lu Hanwen spoke the truth.

"Stop chatting. Are you pretending that this is easy?" Ye Xiu said. Although they had broken through, they were still within Tyrannical Ambition's core forces. This was just the first step. Next, they needed to stir up trouble. They couldn't be careless!

"Where's Zhang Xinjie?" Lu Hanwen asked.

"His character's called Misty Mountains. If you see him, don't be nice." Ye Xiu sold Zhang Xinjie out in an instant.

"Kill that Knight!" Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud was the first to break into the core. He headed straight for the Knight which held the boss's aggro. He swiftly slashed down a few times. The Knight tried to block, but he wasn't Lu Hanwen's opponent. However, his body constantly glowed with white light. Despite Lu Hanwen's fierce attacks, the Knight's health refused to budge, even with the boss attacking him.

"An expert's healing him!" Lu Hanwen shouted.

"Who would have thought? Didn't I say Zhang Xinjie was here?" Ye Xiu replied sarcastically.

"Where is he?" Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud looked around.

"Don't bother looking for him. Attack the boss!" Ye Xiu suddenly said.

"Boss?" Lu Hanwen didn't understand the reason behind his order. He clearly didn't have unconditional respect for Ye Qiu either.

"I just looked at a guide..."

"Cough..." Loulan Slash couldn't help but cough. They were in such an intense predicament, yet God Ye Qiu was giving them an order based off a guide that he had just skimmed through. Despite God Ye Qiu always being reliable, it still felt wrong.

"I checked the conditions for making this boss get enraged. You can do it. Enrage him!" Ye Xiu finished his words.

"How do I do it?" Lu Hanwen asked.

"Damage. Deal as much damage as possible." Ye Xiu said. Then, he called out to others: "Protect him. Little Qiao, Sword Formation. Thousand Leaves, Holy Commandment."

Everyone did their assigned tasks. Thousand Falling Leaves cast a Holy Commandment. Qiao Yifan's One Inch Ash lay down a Sword Formation. Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud acted at this moment. Double Stab, Rising Dragon Slash, Sky Strike, Falling Phoenix Slash, Headwind Strike... Skill after skill rolled forth, each hit tearing blood from Red Ribbon Janna's character model. The storm of attacks made it impossible for the boss to ignore his existence. The boss turned around and grabbed at Flowing Cloud. Red Ribbon Janna was a Grappler with terrifying grabs.

"Dodge one unit farther. The boss has an extended grab range!" Ye Xiu immediately reminded. A young player like Lu Hanwen might have never encountered this Level 55 Heavenly Domain boss before.

"It truly deserves to be a boss!" Lu Hanwen replied. Sure enough, Flowing Cloud dodged farther than before. Red Ribbon Janna missed and then swiped. Lu Hanwen reacted quickly. Flowing Cloud crouched and rolled back to his previous location. He started attacking furiously again.

Ye Xiu knew Lu Hanwen was more than skilled enough to handle the boss, so he wasn't worried. He turned around, checking the surroundings.

"Attack that Blade Master! Knights, pull him away by force." Zhang Xinjie saw Flowing Cloud's movements. After a moment of surprise, he realized the reason and immediately passed down an order.

Pulling away by force told the Knights to use their taunt skills to pull him away. However, Lu Hanwen had been toyed with by this tactic all day and was very wary of it. As soon as he saw the Knights begin move, his character immediately dashed about unpredictably to prevent them from clicking on him.

At this moment, Ye Xiu suddenly shouted: "Move left two units."

Lu Hanwen didn't know why, but he still listened to the shout, when he heard a Roar. He had been hit! A Knight had successfully cast Roar on him.

"I've been hit by Roar!" Lu Hanwen was furious.

"It was intentional!" Ye Xiu replied.

Lu Hanwen regained his calm and looked around in delight. He had been taunted, but so had the boss. Both of them were headed in the same direction, meaning that the two couldn't be separated for now. Ye Xiu told him to move two units to the left, so Flowing Cloud and the boss would both be in range.

Tyrannical Ambition's Knights had to adjust again. Ye Xiu shouted again: "It's about to be Enraged. Let's scatter. Little Lu, you're on your own!"

"What! Where's your sense of brotherhood?" Lu Hanwen jumped up and down in anger.

"Yeah! Don't forget that we're still enemies!" Ye Xiu said. Their team rushed out. Lu Hanwen just happened to reach the boss's Enraged conditions. Red Ribbon Janna waved his arms and roared. His upper garment tore apart.

"At least tell me what his Enraged skills are!!!" Lu Hanwen had no idea what this Level 55 wild boss did.

"No time. Baidu it yourself!" Ye Xiu replied. His team fled swiftly. Tyrannical Ambition's players were hastily pulling away under Zhang Xinjie's orders as well. Lu Hanwen looked at the situation and knew that running far away from the boss was what he should probably be doing, so he hastily ran as well, but he had been the one to Enrage the boss. The boss' attention was focused entirely on him. Red Ribbon Janna leapt high into the air with both fists clenched, smashing straight for Flowing Cloud.

Level 55 wild boss, Red Ribbon Janna Enraged skill: Earthquake Mountain Sway.

Chapter 734: Triggering An Enraged Boss

Red Ribbon Janna's ripped upper garment fluttered in the wind. He crashed to the ground with the force of 30,000 catties. Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud rolled backwards to dodge the fists, but Red Ribbon Janna wasn't going to stop just because he missed once. His fists slammed into the ground.

A huge explosion boomed like thunder. Everyone in Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite watched as their screens shook from the shaking caused by the impact. Those within 30 units of Red Ribbon Janna's attack experienced it to a vastly different extent. The quake threw them into the air.

"Earthquake Mountain Sway! An Enraged attack? The boss has already hit red? That fast?" Blue River immediately understood what was happening when he felt the trembles. He was astonished. It hadn't been long since the boss battle had begun. Despite having a level advantage over the level 55 wild boss, the boss still shouldn't be dying so fast.

While he was in awe, he saw numerous players bounce into the air along with countless rocks. Earthquake Mountain Sway wasn't finished yet though. Red Ribbon Janna roared. He struck out with both of his arms and suddenly spun 360 degrees. The surrounding air within 30 units of him began to churn. A tornado began forming with him as the eye of the storm. The rocks and players in the surrounding area were swept away by the tornado, unable to resist.

Red Ribbon Janna once again raised his arms and slammed the ground. A boom erupted from where he had struck and the rocks within the tornado disintegrated. As for the players flying inside? They also disappeared.

A level 55 wild boss might be 15 levels lower than the players, but a powerful Enraged move was still more than enough to instantly kill. During the level 55 era, Red Ribbon Janna had been the most difficult boss to kill. After using Earthquake Mountain Sway, all those within 30 units were instantly killed. Nothing had changed compared to the past.

Tyrannical Ambition had originally formed a prison for the boss, but their formation had already been broken apart, either from dying or avoiding the attack. As for Red Ribbon Janna's aggro? Once he finished his Enraged attack, he headed towards Blue Brook Guild.

Blue River wasn't going to let this opportunity slip. He hastily called his Knights to receive the boss, while searching for Flowing Cloud.

No signs.

Blue River looked around, but soon received a message from Lu Hanwen, who cried: "I died."

"Were you hit by that attack?" Blue River sighed. Even an expert wouldn't be able to escape if he were hit by that attack.

"I got duped by Ye Qiu!" Lu Hanwen said.

"What?" Blue River was startled.

"I was the one who triggered the boss's Enraged mode!" Lu Hanwen said.

"Oh... no wonder..." Blue River had been with the guild the entire time. He was also one of the guild's core experts, so he had a good understanding of dungeon and wild bosses. He knew very well what the conditions were to trigger a famous boss like Red Ribbon Janna to become Enraged. One way for it to happen was if an individual's DPS was excessively high. A melee class like a Blade Master would need to be very close to the boss in order to deal that much damage, so it wasn't difficult to imagine why he wasn't able to escape the tornado's range.

"Don't worry. You didn't die for nothing. Triggering the boss's Enraged mode has benefited us greatly." Blue River said.

"Tyrannical Ambition's forces have all scattered, right?" Lu Hanwen said.

"Of course, but apart from that, Enraging a boss generates a lot of aggro. With this, our lead has become very stable. If we defend well enough, we'll be able to take down this boss." Blue River was excited. Stealing a way a boss from two Gods would be a huge honor, but a part of that victory was because of having an expert on their side. A pro player was truly extraordinary.

"That's good!" Lu Hanwen was happy, hearing Blue River's words, but soon afterwards, Lu Hanwen suddenly thought of something and sent a crying emoji to Blue River.

"What?" Blue River was puzzled.

"When the boss was Enraged, I wasn't in Blue Brook Guild's group, but Ye Qiu's team. He told me to join, so he could heal me!" Lu Hanwen said.

"F*CK! THAT SWINDLER!!!" Blue River was furious. Triggering Enrage generated an enormous amount of aggro. However, the boss's follow-up Enraged attack was extremely strong. It was too difficult to deal with. The nearby players couldn't survive it. Very few used such a method to generate aggro. It was good for Ye Qiu though. He cheated a Blue Brook Guild player and had him trigger the Enrage.

Ye Qiu's team was the one to do it, but the person to die was their own and the aggro generated wouldn't belong to them either.

Blue River looked around. He couldn't stay calm. He wanted to immediately find Ye Qiu and whack him a hundred eighty times. It was too, too, too, too, too despicable of him.

Blue River wanted to vent his anger, but the boss still needed to be dealt with! Tyrannical Ambition had been thrown into disarray by Red Ribbon Janna's attack. Blue Brook Guild received the boss smoothly though. Blue River immediately ordered his troops to defend the boss. Tyrannical Ambition was still reorganizing themselves, when Ye Xiu led his team to once again cause chaos.

"Charge charge charge! Charge towards the boss! Kill whoever is attacking the boss!"

Their strategy hadn't changed, but their assault was more tyrannical than before. Blue Brook Guild didn't have a God like Zhang Xinjie commanding. Ye Xiu led his team and clashed head-on. Blue Brook Guild was thrown into chaos not longer afterwards. Blue River had originally wanted to whack Enlightened Lord a hundred and eighty times. Instead, Ye Xiu's team charged straight into their troops and made a mess of things.

Tyrannical Ambition hastily reorganized to try and snatch the boss once more, but the defensive line holding back the four guild alliance crumbled.

Yue Ziqin, White Stream, and Martial Awareness led the four guild troops into battle for the boss.

"Over here!" Ye Xiu had told them where to go awhile ago. He called over the majority to convene.

The four guild alliance's troops suddenly poured in like a tide with frightening momentum. Zhang Xinjie was quite calm though. Although the situation had already surpassed what he could have predicted, he didn't think that Ye Qiu held any sort of advantage.

"Don't rush. The boss's aggro is still mainly with us and Blue Brook Guild. They started too late. It won't be easy for them to steal away the boss!"

Zhang Xinjie raised the morale of his troops and once again began going for the boss. This time, it was Ye Xiu's turn to return the favor though. Ye Xiu didn't just tell team one or team two to go. He directly called for "Conquering Cloud and Parade" to form a great wall, blocking Tyrannical Ambition from going over.

"Don't worry. We can go slowly. They started late. If we attack steadily, they'll only be able to help us in the end." Zhang Xinjie had their troops attack Conquering Clouds and Parade wave after wave, shaking their defenses.

In comparison, Blue Brook Guild was in an extremely miserable state. Blue River had initially been telling Lu Hanwen that they would drag the battle on to stabilize their lead, but Ye Xiu's elite team tore through their troops like a bullet, disrupting their formation. The injuries weren't large, but their troops had

been thrown entirely into disarray. They wanted to chase after and kill the small team too. All of their troops were on back side.

Be passive on the defense and active on the offense.

Blue River failed to do what Ye Xiu and Zhang Xinjie were trying to do. Heavenly Justice and Radiant swarmed the disorganized Blue Brook Guild troops, immediately making the Blue Brook Guild players to feel like it was every man for himself. Everywhere they looked seemed to be someone from a different guild. It was like all of their allies had died.

The boss was still in Blue Brook Guild's hands, but when these two guilds arrived, they started slaughtering everything around them. The elite team sliced their way through and dissected the Knights. Heavenly Justice's Knights began to get Red Ribbon Janna's attention. Ye Xiu had given precise orders for this specific Knight team to come out. This was because Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud had been a part of this team when he Enraged the boss. The boss's aggro was on Flowing Cloud. Once he died, the aggro wouldn't completely transfer to the team, but the amount of aggro generated by Enraging the boss could be said to be a small amount of capital, yet large profits.

Apart from these guilds, Samsara and Seaside were still there. After seeing Red Ribbon Janna become Enraged, they suddenly wanted to try fishing, but once they saw the four guild alliance charge in, the two went silent and became cheerleaders.

"Strikers, Ferocious Tiger Flurry! Push forward!"

Team 2, 3 left. Team 4,5 right."

"Fewer on the rear. Watch their tail."

"Pull back! 2 o'clock, charge!"

Zhang Xinjie calmly commanded the troops. Bit by bit, they broke through the wall and returned to the battlefield. Zhang Xinjie checked the time and was quite satisfied. Ye Qiu wouldn't be able to snatch the boss in just this amount of time. Perhaps Blue Brook Guild's hold on the boss might have lessened, giving Tyrannical Ambition a stronger hold.

But once the troops broke through and Zhang Xinjie checked the situation, he couldn't help but be surprised. Ye Qiu's troops had trapped the boss. That wasn't anything surprising. What was surprising was that the boss's aggro was clearly on the four guild alliance's troops. How did they stabilize the aggro so quickly? Even Tyrannical Ambition wasn't able to do it! Stealing away the boss's aggro will be more difficult now too, because that Blue Brook Guild kid Enraged the boss and generated a huge amount of aggro, but how could they have taken away the aggro from Blue Brook Guild so quickly then? Is everyone in Blue Brook Guild dead?

Enraged the boss? Wait.....

Zhang Xinjie suddenly realized something.

The reason that the four guilds could gain an aggro advantage so fast could only be because they were the ones to receive the aggro generated by Enraging the boss.

Chapter 735: He's Back

This isn't good!

Zhang Xinjie immediately thought, when he realized what had happened.

Taking the boss away from Blue Brook Guild and taking away the boss from Ye Qiu's troops were two completely different concepts. Ye Qiu's defensive formation wouldn't be in any way lacking compared to Zhang Xinjie's. Zhang Xinjie's defensive formation was broken through in the end, but he didn't have the same resources that Ye Qiu had, when he did so.

For example, that small elite team! Zhang Xinjie saw their performance. Let alone inside Tyrannical Ambition's reserve troops, even their elite troops didn't have such skilled players. There was also that Blade Master, who Enraged the boss. That Blade Master's skill astonished Zhang Xinjie.

Zhang Xinjie saw through that Blade Master's intentions at that time, but he had no way of stopping him. This was because of that Blade Master's individual skill.

Zhang Xinjie currently didn't have a small elite team. Without oppressive experts, he had no way of opening up the enemy defenses nor could he Enrage the boss.

Wait for the boss to automatically become Enraged?

Red Ribbon Janna's Enrage was truly terrifying. Even with warning, the player must escape thirty units away from the boss to survive. But once the boss automatically became Enraged, it would be nearly impossible to turn the tides because that meant the boss had less than 10% health left. It was practically impossible to snatch back the boss's aggro before the boss died. The only way would be to annihilate the leading team. Ye Xiu was commanding the leading team. How could he let that happen so easily?

Zhang Xinjie wasn't hopeful, but he still tried his best. He didn't dare act slowly like before. Tyrannical Ambition split into numerous smaller teams and attacked repeatedly. However, the ones who didn't budge were the four guild alliance's troops. Ye Xiu constantly filled in any openings.

Time passed minute by minute, second by second. Tyrannical Ambition's efforts weren't without results. They chased after the boss closely and their long-ranged classes could already reach the boss. Thus, they attacked the boss as well as enemy players. However, it seemed as if this was as far as they could advance. Ye Xiu was trying to pull the boss away. The two sides clashed, utilizing various tactics. As for Samsara, Seaside, and Blue Brook Guild, these three guilds were practically the same as air. Their players had drowned amid the other two side's troops and scattered into bits and pieces.

They couldn't find any allies nor could they coordinate in any way. It was every man for himself to survive. Kill the boss? Noone in Blue Brook Guild was thinking about that at the moment!

Blue River could be considered as skilled among normal players. He was still alive. After all, Blue Brook Guild wasn't the main target.

Their circumstances were unsalvageable. Name after name turned gray on the group list. Blue River had already told everyone to retreat.

Each player could only rely on himself to retreat though. No one had the energy to help anyone else.

Blue River still wanted to find Ye Xiu's Enlightened Lord and whack him a few times. This could only remain a thought though. Not only was it difficult to find any particular character in this huge battle, even if he did, did he have the capability to actually hit Enlightened Lord?

Probably not..... Blue River thought with sorrow. For now, he just hoped he could hurry up and leave!

Blue River charged forward, when someone from the side rushed in.

Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud had returned!

Scarlet Cloud Taoist Rite and the closest main city weren't far apart. Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud revived and came back. His stats weren't complete and he may have lost a piece of equipment, but his battle spirit was as high as ever.

That Blade Master danced nimbly with his sword like a sprinkling rain. Blue River quickly noticed him.

"Is that you, Little Lu?" Blue River was surprised and hastily messaged him.

"I'm here for revenge!" Lu Hanwen replied. His sword didn't stop.

Blue River's spirit suddenly rose again. Little Lu had such willpower. I should go help him! With this in mind, he moved towards the direction of that brilliant swordplay.

His path of carnage over to Flowing Cloud's side didn't seem very heroic. He wasn't as graceful nor as unstoppable as Lu Hanwen.

"Wow! Leader! What a coincidence!" Lu Hanwen noticed Blue River and exclaimed in surprise.

"What coincidence!" Blue River didn't know whether to laugh or cry. I came looking for you, okay? He said, while throwing an invite to Flowing Cloud. He also checked his group. There were originally a hundred, now only 42 remained. The others weren't gone because they left the group, rather they automatically left after dying.

"Where's Ye Qiu!" Lu Hanwen asked Blue River after joining the group.

Blue River hadn't been paying attention before, but since Lu Hanwen asked, he should find out. Immediately afterwards, he asked the group: "Does anyone here see Enlightened Lord?"

Everyone in the group was running away with their tails wagging behind, but they could still take a glance around them. Soon, someone actually responded and sent a set of coordinates, indicating Enlightened Lord's current position. This player could only express helplessly: that's the case for now, but trying to stay around or get closer is too difficult.

The 42 players still alive had survived by running into gaps. They would hurry and run to where there was a blank space. Directly killing anyone in their way was something only Lu Hanwen had the ability to do. Blue River had to put in a lot of effort to reach Lu Hanwen.

"Does anyone want to come with me?" Lu Hanwen asked in the group chat in high spirits.

"That's a bit difficult....."

"Give it a try! Maybe you'll survive."

"Too far. Good luck!"

Everyone replied in Blue Brook Guild, but Lu Hanwen was just randomly asking. There wasn't any actual purpose to his words. His Flowing Cloud turned directions directly towards the reported coordinates. Blue River followed behind, feeling the pressure lessen. Lu Hanwen was opening the path over. He just needed to not go astray.

Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud soon reached the previous coordinates, but he didn't see Enlightened Lord. It wasn't like Ye Xiu was just sitting there the entire time.

After asking again in the group chat, this time, no one knew. Blue Brook Guild's numbers had fallen to 36. Another six had died.

"Look around!" Lu Hanwen pursued justice with no second thoughts. He went around in a circle, but didn't see him.

"How about I go and Enrage the boss?" Lu Hanwen discussed with Blue River.

"Alright!" Blue River didn't mind. With so few numbers left, he knew that Blue Brook Guild had no hopes at snatching the boss back, so it didn't matter what happened. The two safely raised their shit sticks. The boss wouldn't end up in their hands, but the two leading guilds weren't going to take it so easily.

"Charge!" Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud charged. The boss was quite easy to see. Just like how Flowing Cloud's sword was like a propellor blade, the boss had powerful moves too. Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud stabbed forth like a dagger. The defense that Tyrannical Ambition had been trying to break through was being done by him alone!

This obviously didn't mean Lu Hanwen was equivalent to that many of Tyrannical Ambition's troops. The main reason was because the direction he was advancing towards wasn't given much attention. The four guild alliance put most of their attention onto Tyrannical Ambition.

However, now that Flowing Cloud had gotten this far, it would be unwise if they didn't start taking notice.

"The kid's come back. He's quite spirited. It seems like he wants to Enrage the boss again?" Ye Xiu also saw Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud and figured out his intentions. He immediately ordered his troops to stop him. As a result, breaking through became more difficult for Lu Hanwen. The reason was actually the same as when Ye Xiu's small team tried to get through Zhang Xinjie's defenses: his damage wasn't enough.

No matter how skilled Lu Hanwen was or how incredible his equipment was, a single person's damage output would never be able to compare to a team's. Ye Xiu's small team had broken through due to their combined efforts. Right now, a lone individual trying to tear through an iron wall would only feel powerless.

"Hm? Ye Qiu!!!" Through a small crack in the defense, Lu Hanwen saw Enlightened Lord in the midst of battle. It wasn't like he could break through the defense anyways, so he turned around and immediately dashed towards Enlightened Lord.

"Hm? He's coming towards me?" Ye Xiu soon noticed. Flowing Cloud was the most noticeable character apart from the boss.

"I'M HERE FOR REVENGE!!!!" Lu Hanwen rampaged his way through quickly. His sword glinted and arced towards Enlightened Lord.

Ye Xiu immediately had Enlightened Lord turn to dodge the attack. Lu Hanwen reacted fast. Flowing Cloud's second attack followed afterwards. It was only now did Blue River's Blue Bridge Spring Snow begin his first attack.

"Hm? You're leading again?" Ye Xiu saw Blue River.

Blue River was depressed! It seems like his team looked really weak in Ye Qiu's eyes. Ye Qiu failed to even notice who had been leading. In any case, they were easily defeated.

"You're too shameless. To think you'd trick Little Lu." Blue River angrily rebuked.

"That's not completely correct. At that time, if no one healed him, he wouldn't have been able to Enrage the boss. I say, is this the tactic you came up with? Have one person charge around violently? The first time, he tried to ambush alone, fine. But to think he didn't learn his lesson and tried again. Don't you have any sense of teamwork? You can't do everything in Glory again." Ye Xiu said.

Blue River couldn't help but pause. What the heck? Why does it seem like I'm wrong? But what normal player could keep up with Lu Hanwen's pace? Lu Hanwen charging straight through wasn't my idea anyways. Is it my mistake or is it because I gave him too much free reign? But try and order around a pro-level player? Blue River started to sweat. Ye Xiu seemed to know what he was thinking though: "Even if he's a pro player, he has to obey orders no matter what team he's in and try his hardest with everyone together!"

Chapter 736: Human Bomb

Ye Xiu's words stumped Blue River. He remembered in the beginning, when he only just met Lord Grim in the tenth server. At that time, he hadn't known Ye Qiu's identity as a God and had dungeoned with him. How did Ye Qiu act when they played together? Blue River recalled. Lord Grim's skill astonished them, of course, but no matter how high of a skill level he played at, he never failed to coordinate with the rest of them. It was only because of that that Blue Brook Guild's five-man team could instantly achieve such a dominating dungeon record. That record hadn't been set because they had an incredible expert, who soloed his way through, but rather his existence improved the strength of the entire team.

Blue River contemplated. Lu Hanwen expressed his approval towards Ye Xiu's words though: "That's very reasonable, senior!"

"Of course." When Ye Xiu said these words, who would have thought that he had been forced to roll on the ground due to the pressure exerted by Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud.

But Lu Hanwen was only able to keep it up for a short amount of time. Ye Xiu's Enlightened Lord wasn't standing alone. Many others had already begun protecting him.

None of them were elite players though, so fighting against Lu Hanwen didn't end well for them. Of the three who arrived, two were sent flying from a blow away skill, while the other was hit up into the air. Lu Hanwen whacked him and the poor player shot towards Enlightened Lord like a cannonball.

Ye Xiu used that moment of interruption to retreat, while fulfilling his duty as a healer. However, three normal players and a healer wasn't going to be enough to beat Lu Hanwen. These normal players couldn't stop Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud at all. They were knocked aside after a few hits as if they didn't exist.

"AoE attacks!" Enlightened Lord had many long-ranged classes around him. They clearly weren't suitable to directly contest against Lu Hanwen's Blade Master. Ye Xiu shouted and these long-ranged classes used their AoE skills. Lu Hanwen responded with Shadow Steps, instantly forming six of them. Even Ye Xiu couldn't figure out which was fake. The others wouldn't be any better. They randomly guessed and launched their AoE skill. Who cares if it was real or fake. Just fire more attacks.

The attacks covered the ground. In the end, Shadow Steps could only make it so that the attacks were more spread out, so Flowing Cloud wouldn't immediately die. But with this barrage, Ye Xiu was able to identify the real shadow. Although all six were heading towards Enlightened Lord, it was very obvious which was the real one. When Flowing Cloud rushed out, Enlightened Lord cast a Holy Commandment. It didn't hit, but it gave everyone a general direction. AoE attacks didn't need to be aimed with high precision.

"See, this is the power of teamwork!" Ye Xiu said and another wave of explosions came. Who knew how many players attacked in that direction. Lu Hanwen tried his best to escape, but unfortunately, it wasn't enough. Only a portion of the skills hit, but it was enough to kill Flowing Cloud.

Enlightened Lord walked over to pick up Flowing Cloud's equipment. He looked around: "What about that other one?"

That other one was Blue River's Blue Bridge Spring Snow. Even Lu Hanwen wasn't able to survive the bombardment, let alone Blue River. His Blue Bridge Spring Snow had died before Lu Hanwen's Flowing Cloud had died.

"The annoyances have been eliminated! Keep fighting the boss!"

Everyone returned to Red Ribbon Janna. Tyrannical Ambition was also fighting hard to increase their aggro. Zhang Xinjie looked at Red Ribbon Janna's health and felt like the two sides weren't too far apart. Right now, Ye Qiu had the advantage. They had control of the boss, so they were building up aggro fast. However, Tyrannical Ambition had a solid foundation. If they continued to deal damage and maintain their aggro, they might not surpass the enemy side, but they wouldn't be too far behind. When Red Ribbon Janna dropped below 10% health and became Enraged, his attack would reset the battlefield. Perhaps he might be able to turn the situation around before the boss died.

Zhang Xinjie instructed his troops, while beginning to make arrangements for their final stand. Red Ribbon Janna's health rapidly fell. Finally, it was only a sliver away from dropping to red health. The compact forces surrounding him were starting to loosen up. The nearby players prepared to retreat. They were only waiting for the order now.

"Disperse!" Ye Xiu finally gave the order. The players centered around Red Ribbon Janna immediately dashed away. Tyrannical Ambition wouldn't try and get closer at this moment. They also retreated to a safe distance away. They stood on the very edge of the safe zone. This was Zhang Xinjie's plan. Tyrannical Ambition had been on the outside the entire time. If they lined up here, they could try and prevent the other side from retreating.

It really did work. One of the opposing Knights rushed towards them, when he saw Tyrannical Ambition's brick wall. They weren't going to let him go through. If he wasn't killed by them, he would be killed by the boss. But at this moment, Zhang Xinjie suddenly realized something.

"Not good!" The careful Zhang Xinjie rarely said these types of words, but he did this time.

"Kill that Knight!" Zhang Xinjie shouted urgently. Right now, he regretted that he was using a Cleric. If he were using a damage dealing class, he would have hurried over to kill that Knight.

Just when Zhang Xinjie pointed it out, that Knight turned around, extended his arms, and made an insulting gesture at Red Ribbon Janna.

Provoke!

Everyone understood now. The other side was truly too despicable. Having this Knight bring over Red Ribbon Janna was the same as bringing over a human bomb.

This Knight had clearly been prepared. After using Provoke, he activated Knight's Spirit and followed with a Heroic Leap straight into Tyrannical Ambition's troops. Normal players couldn't react to such a speedy switch. While they fumbled around looking for the Knight's location, Red Ribbon Janna was rushing over. Bosses never moved slowly either.

"Knights, force him away!" At this moment, Zhang Xinjie could only make a suicidal attempt. It would work in theory, but in practice? The skill level of a normal player wasn't enough to deal with this type of emergency situation. When the Knights attempted to rush out and sacrifice themselves, the four guild alliance began bursting Red Ribbon Janna, instantly dropping the boss's health to below 10%. It became Enraged and started its powerful attack. Tyrannical Ambition didn't have time to dodge. Red Ribbon Janna smashed downwards with his two hands. Countless players flew into the air and whirled around until they were smashed into smithereens.....

Zhang Xinjie's Misty Mountain didn't die, but he knew it was all over. They suffered too many losses and no longer had the power to contest with the four guilds.

After the attack ended and the ground was littered with scars, Zhang Xinjie looked at Enlightened Lord, who stood in a conspicuous place. Enlightened Lord looked towards Zhang Xinjie's directions and lifted his arms. He seemed to be waving his hands. The waving was done by the player and didn't have any combat purpose to it.

"Thanks, Vice Captain Zhang! Tell Old Han I said hi!" Ye Xiu yelled.

Since the conclusion was set, Zhang Xinjie recollected himself and replied: "You're welcome."

Soon afterwards, Tyrannical Ambition dispersed. They didn't try again or take revenge. Tyrannical Ambition officially gave up on Red Ribbon Janna.

After becoming Enraged due to falling below 10% health, the boss's stats would be permanently increased. There would also be a random chance of it using the tornado attack again. However, if there was no warning for the players, it would be too difficult. Apart from meeting certain conditions to trigger the boss's Enrage, enough warning was given for the tornado attacks so that the players could avoid it. Without any disturbances, the four guild alliance killed the boss with ease. Once the items dropped, everyone let out a sigh of relief.

They thought that choosing the level 55 boss, when two bosses spawned simultaneously, would be an easy victory. Who would have thought their most troublesome opponent, Zhang Xinjie, would run over. Luckily, they won this time. It wasn't an easy one though. Each of the four guilds had heavy casualties.

"God, which one do you want? Take a look." Loulan Slash didn't forget about this. The reason they came for the level 55 boss was because Ye Xiu needed something. After picking up everything and listing it out in the group chat, they gave Ye Xiu first pick.

"Then I won't be polite." Ye Xiu only had one item he really needed. He already saw it among the list of drops, so he picked it out.

The other guild leaders paid attention. Iron Floating Phosphorous. It wasn't anything particularly special. It was just one of the numerous rare materials out there, so they wouldn't argue over it. Ye Xiu took the item. Afterwards, they started from the beginning and split the drops accordingly.

After splitting the drops, they withdrew their troops and started discussing this boss battle with each other.

"Why does it seem like Zhang Xinjie plans on coming over for materials every day?" Loulan Slash said.

"It looks like we really do need to play the time difference game. In the future, we're all going to need to switch up our sleep schedules!" Yue Ziqin said.

"Ah, we have no choice! Luckily, it'll only be for two months." Martial Awareness said. Zhang Xinjie was a pro player, after all. Once the Pro Alliance started, he wouldn't have time to play the game.

"God, what do you say?" Loulan Slash asked Ye Xiu. When he looked around, Enlightened Lord had disappeared to who knows where.

Then, when he checked his friends list, Enlightened Lord had already logged of. Lord Grim, which he hadn't seen in a long time, logged on. Ye Xiu finally had all the materials to upgrade the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella to Level 55. This upgrade had been completely thought up of by Ye Xiu. He had not experimented with it. It only existed in theory similar to Death's Hand. Although Ye Xiu had gone through all of the details he could think of, the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella's complexity couldn't compare to Death's Hand. Whether or not it would succeed was something Ye Xiu had no grasp of.

Chapter 737: Finding Enemy Intelligence

Ye Xiu traded the materials obtained from Red Ribbon Janna to Chen Guo's Chasing Haze. Then, he logged onto Lord Grim, hid in the Arena, organized the materials needed for the umbrella's upgrade, and conducted one last inspection to check for anything he might have missed.

Ye Xiu had done this who knew how many times, but he never appeared impatient. He opened up the equipment editor, looked at the blueprints of the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella and the gathered materials, slowly studying each step.

Chen Guo carried all of the important materials. Although she followed along everyone else, she couldn't help but feel nervous. She would often check her surroundings to see if there were any nearby hostilities. When she returned to the city, she immediately headed towards the Arena and found Ye Xiu's Lord Grim. It was only when she finally traded the materials on her did she let out a sigh of relief.

Right when she traded the materials, a knock could be heard on the practice room door. Chen Guo stood up and opened the door. An employee stood outside: "Boss, there are people looking for you."

Chen Guo had already noticed the two standing behind her and went "Ah!"

Su Mucheng and Xiao Shiqin were unexpectedly standing there.

"Come on in! Come on in!" Chen Guo obviously knew how risky it was for these two stars to come into her Internet Cafe. Didn't a disaster just happen last night? Today, the two came in with disguises, but if someone looked at them for awhile, they would still be exposed. Chen Guo hurriedly urged Su Mucheng into the room. She was about to rush outside and call out "Xiao Shiqin", but in the end, she decided not to. Last night, Xiao Shiqin had left her a good impression. If it was Sun Xiang who had come instead, Chen Guo probably would have shouted out his name.

"You're here?" Ye Xiu lifted his head and glanced at her. He didn't seem surprised at her visit.

"This time, I'm completely on vacation!" Su Mucheng said.

"Hm? Little Xiao is here too." Ye Xiu noticed Xiao Shiqin and felt somewhat surprised.

"I don't have anything to do, so I came to look around." Xiao Shiqin said.

"After joining a new team, instead of hurrying to unite the team, you immediately come over to scout for enemy intelligence. How dedicated of you." Ye Xiu remarked.

"Ahem....." Xiao Shiqin coughed in embarrassment. He had come over to visit partially for this reason. Ye Xiu's team would be a formidable opponent for Excellent Era in the Challenger League. However, he had zero knowledge about their enemies. Xiao Shiqin couldn't help but feel uneasy. He always liked to form his strategies based around his opponents. It was easier to find information in the Alliance. Even if he had never fought against an opposing team before, that team would certainly have records facing other teams. Happy was a newly formed team though. How could there be any records on them?

He planned on strolling over to Happy, when he bumped into Su Mucheng. In the beginning, neither of them said what they were planning on doing. They just walked around together, when they noticed that that they seemed to be heading towards the same destination. The two looked at each other incredulously and that was how they ended up arriving here together.

"Everyone in the team has gone on vacation. Even if I tried to unite the team, there's no one to unite!" Xiao Shiqin replied to the first half of Ye Xiu's words. He wasn't wrong. After Excellent Era held the welcoming ceremony for Xiao Shiqin, everyone went on break. The players left early today either back to their homes or to travel around on vacation. Xiao Shiqin didn't plan on staying in the Club for the

summer, but he had just joined the new team, after all. It wouldn't be too late to go on vacation after he spent a few days getting used to the environment.

As for whether or not he was here to scout out enemy intelligence, Xiao Shiqin didn't say because that really was his reason for coming. An explanation would just be an excuse, so he might as well just leave at that!

"Everyone, don't talk to him. Be careful not to leak out any information." Ye Xiu grinned.

"Senior, you're too blunt." Xiao Shiqin coughed again.

"What are you up to?" Su Mucheng was still a member of Excellent Era, but she didn't feel like an enemy at all. She went up to Ye Xiu and looked to see what he was doing.

Xiao Shiqin also wanted to go over and look, but he knew that he and Su Mucheng were different. After spending yesterday understanding Ye Qiu's situation, Xiao Shiqin didn't need to ask to know that Su Mucheng would most likely leave Excellent Era after fulfilling her contract this season. It seems like Yu Wenzhou and Huang Shaotian would once again be the only duo from the golden generation after the Challenger League was over.

"The Level 55 upgrade for the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella. Would you like to watch?" Ye Xiu answered Su Mucheng, while calling out to Xiao Shiqin: "Little Xiao, come and sit. I'm upgrading my Silver weapon."

Silver weapon!

Xiao Shiqin raised his eyebrows. Yesterday night, Tao Xuan told him information about Ye Qiu's situation, and the transforming Myriad Manifestations Umbrella was no secret.

"Oh, that Silver weapon? I've heard of it." Xiao Shiqin replied. He was already thinking in his head: apart from that Silver weapon, what other weapons does Happy have?

Right now, Excellent Era's greatest advantage over Happy was their characters. A newly formed team wouldn't be able to catch up to their level in a short amount of time. However, this newly formed team had God Ye Qiu in it. He had started playing professionally since the very start of the Alliance and had seen everything there is to see in Glory. It wouldn't be unusual if he had some knowledge of how to create Silver equipment. Tao Xuan had personally told him that he wouldn't be surprised if Ye Qiu could create One Autumn Leaf's set of Silver equipment.

Ye Qiu had used One Autumn Leaf for his entire professional career. One Autumn Leaf's relationships with Ye Qiu went even farther back than its relationships with Excellent Era. Team Happy just happened to have a Battle Mage too. Tao Xuan didn't need to explain the implications.

Xiao Shiqin wanted to see if anyone else in the team had a Silver weapon. Of course, he didn't count on Ye Qiu answering that question direction, but there might perhaps be hints.

But in the end, all he got was: yeah, that one.

That wasn't the answer Xiao Shiqin was looking for because he already knew that!

Xiao Shiqin didn't plan on watching Ye Qiu. The details of Ye Qiu's Silver weapon was certainly a secret. Letting him take a look was already giving him face. Going over to watch the process was too impolite. The other side would certainly kick him out. In an official Club, the research department had a sign saying "Unsolicited visitors are not welcome". He wouldn't even be allowed in the room.

Xiao Shiqin wouldn't actually listen to Ye Qiu's words and take a seat! He wasn't here to wait for the other side to tell him anything. He couldn't hope for Ye Qiu to tell him: Little Xiao! Our characters are like this and like this. These are our Silver equipment. Go back and figure out how to deal with us!

Xiao Shiqin walked around like he had nothing to do. There were three people in front of him, playing the game: Tang Rou, Steamed Bun, Qiao Yifan.

Xiao Shiqin glanced at their screens. He might not actually be able to see anything, but he could maybe see their reactions?

Sure enough, there was a reaction! Xiao Shiqin glanced around. The person he walked past turned his head and looked at him. That person leaned forward as if he wanted to jump into the screen, blocking Xiao Shiqin's line of sight.

"What are you looking at!" Steamed Bun asked accusingly.

"I.... I wasn't looking at anything! I'm just walking around." Xiao Shiqin was startled. He thought the other side would react, but he didn't think he would make such a big reaction.

"What secret could this Brawler be hiding?" Xiao Shiqin thought to himself. At the same time, he moved back in embarrassment.

What could that Steamed Bun be hiding?

Not just Xiao Shiqin, but even Chen Guo was thinking of this question! If there was actually anything that couldn't be seen, she would have blocked Xiao Shiqin before he got there or she might have simply blocked the door, not allowing any visitors. But they didn't have any secrets to hide, so Chen Guo didn't mind. Ye Xiu had just said a few teasing words. As for telling Xiao Shiqin about his Silver weapon, Ye Xiu was reminding him: don't come over here.

Xiao Shiqin understood. He didn't follow Su Mucheng. He had only taken a few steps though and Steamed Bun reacted in such a way. Everyone was puzzled just like Xiao Shiqin.

Steamed Bun continued to glare at Xiao Shiqin, making Xiao Shiqin feel like he couldn't just blindly look around. As a result, Xiao Shiqin listened to Ye Xiu and sat down on the sofa.

With Ye Qiu in the team, the Battle Mage's equipment wouldn't be an issue. But this Brawler might really be hiding something. That Wei Chen was Team Blue Rain's former captain and the original owner of Swoksaar. As a result, Wei Chen might have a similar relationship with Swoksaar like Ye Qiu's relationship with One Autumn Leaf. Silver equipment for Warlock might not be an issue either.

And Su Mucheng. Tao Xuan had already put it plainly. If they couldn't keep Su Mucheng, Dancing Rain would most likely be brought away as well and join Team Happy.

Wait... it would still be a year before Su Mucheng would be joining Team Happy. And by that time, the results would be out. Either Excellent Era or Happy would remain. Su Mucheng could not be a part of Team Happy during the Challenger League. He had thought too far ahead.

And the last one.....

Xiao Shiqin's gaze fell on Qiao Yifan. Tao Xuan had attached a lot of importance to this youth. Xiao Shiqin had tried to understand this youth too. From the public statements, Qiao Yifan had been registered to Team Tiny Herb last season as an Assassin! But at All Stars, he had used a Ghostblade to challenge Li Xuan. And from what he saw just before, Qiao Yifan was clearly playing on a Ghostblade.

What's going on? Xiao Shiqin found a hint. Could Ye Qiu have won over Qiao Yifan a long time ago and persuaded him to switch from an Assassin to a Ghostblade? Could Ye Qiu already have Ghostblade equipment prepared as well? At this moment, he suddenly saw Qiao Yifan get up and walk towards him.

Chapter 738: Myriad Manifestations Umbrella, Upgrade Complete!

Xiao Shiqin was puzzled. Qiao Yifan was someone even his boss, Tao Xuan, worried about. Right now, he was walking over. What... could he be up to?

Xiao Shiqin didn't look anywhere else. He fixed his gaze on Qiao Yifan, who walked over to a water dispenser and poured out a cup of water. Afterwards, he returned and placed the cup in front of Xiao Shiqin on the small coffee table: "Senior, have a cup of water..." Then, he went back to his seat.

Uh..... Xiao Shiqin pondered over what just happened for the next five minutes. He didn't think Qiao Yifan had any hidden motives behind his action. There shouldn't be any issues?

After he snapped out of his daze, he was about to say something, when he suddenly realized that the entire room had fallen eerily silent. The small bit of noise that could be heard came from a single direction: Ye Xiu's seat.

Was he working on his Silver weapon?

Xiao Shiqin subconsciously wanted to take a look. His butt left the seat before he realized that getting up wasn't right, so he quietly sat back down. He followed everyone else and didn't utter a word, maintaining the silence.

The Myriad Manifestations Umbrella was currently in the process of being upgraded.....

First, let's not talk about the complexity of the parts. Just the amount of rare materials needed exceeded that of a normal Silver weapon. These excess materials weren't used to increase the weapon's stats, but rather the various transformations. In order for these transformations to function smoothly, the complexity of each part was naturally higher. Normal weapons needed to only maintain a single form. No other weapon was like the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella, which required numerous moveable parts. Even moveable parts such as those inside guns weren't as troublesome as those in the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella.

Once everyone knew that Ye Xiu was upgrading the umbrella, the practice room became even more quiet than when Wei Chen had upgraded his Death's Hand.

Xiao Shiqin couldn't just run over to Ye Xiu's side to watch, so he sat on the sofa, but there wasn't much he could see. Tang Rou, Steamed Bun, and Qiao Yifan had their backs facing him, covering their screens up. Wei Chen, Ye Xiu, and Chen Guo had their computers covered even more. He couldn't even see their faces. The only thing he could see was Su Mucheng's expression.

But Su Mucheng? She was just focused on Ye Xiu's screen. He couldn't discern any information from her face.

Xiao Shiqin felt a bit impatient.

If he said anything, he was afraid that he might mess up the upgrade process. They had let him in and didn't obstruct him in any way. It was very polite of them. If he intentionally made a ruckus, Xiao Shiqin felt it would be too wrong of him. He wasn't the type of person who could do that.

But just sitting here doing nothing! He wasn't friends with any of them and couldn't experience their anxiousness or hopes, so he stayed careful and cautious. He really felt somewhat uncomfortable.

However, Xiao Shiqin was still a kind and honest person. Even though he felt uncomfortable, he endured it. Happy's practice room was silent for an entire hour. When he saw Su Mucheng suddenly relax her eyebrows and then stand up, Xiao Shiqin felt like they should be done.....

Xiao Shiqin only said it in his heart. On the other hand, Chen Guo directly spoke: "Done?"

"Mm..." Ye Xiu replied. It was done. The parts had been assembled together, but was it a success? Ye Xiu excited the equipment editor and returned to the game.

Lord Grim. The Myriad Manifestations Umbrella sat in his inventory.

The mouse hovered over it and the Myriad Manifestation Umbrella's stats could be seen.

Myriad Manifestations Umbrella. Level 55.

Attack Speed: 5

Weight: 2.3 kg

Durability: 23

Physical Attack: 592

Magic Attack: 592

Vitality + 13

Strength +13

Intelligence +13

Spirit +13

The stats ended there. Wei Chen and Chen Guo had stretched their necks to look. After looking at the stats for a good while, Chen Guo carefully asked: "Is it a success?"

From the base physical attack, magic attack, and four stat increases, the umbrella had clearly been upgraded. But Chen Guo knew that when the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella upgraded from level 45 to level 50, there was a significant increase. The original blank weapon with just attack numbers, suddenly increased the other four stats at level 50. Who knew if there might be other bonuses for the level 55 upgrade? However, only the original stat lines increased. Was that a success?

"It's not bad for now." Ye Xiu replied.

The check-up on the Myriad Manifestations Umbrella didn't stop here though.

Lord Grim exited the Arena to a place, where he could freely move around. He equipped the umbrella and transformed it to its spear form.

Ye Xiu quickly looked over it and then changed the umbrella's form again.

Change change change change change.

Ye Xiu changed the umbrella to each of its six forms. When it transformed one last time, Ye Xiu's tense expression finally relaxed.

"It's a success." Ye Xiu said.

"Sweet!" Chen Guo slammed the table.

"It's just a level 55 upgrade, so there's not much to it." Ye Xiu smiled.

"But you said that you had no reference materials for the level 55 upgrade and you needed to figure out the upgrade process completely on your own. That makes the procedure risky! Is it not sweet for it to succeed on your first try?" Chen Guo said.

"If the next upgrade processes succeeded like this one, that would be sweet." Ye Xiu said. Of course, he was happy about the umbrella successfully being upgraded to level 55, but Ye Xiu knew well that it was just another step taken. The equipment needed to be upgraded to level 70. If it failed before then, everything would be for naught.

After all, it was still just at level 55, right now.

Wei Chen's Death's Hand was level 65. Compared to his other equipment, the level was enough to be useable. A level 65 Silver weapon could compare to a level 70 Orange weapon. In the Glory Alliance, many teams didn't have complete sets of Silver equipment and used Orange equipment as placeholders.

However, it was a bit different for weapons because a character's attack stats mainly depended on the weapon. The increase in strength brought from a better weapon was the highest compared to other pieces of equipment. It was by a lot too. As a result, good weapons were always the most expensive in the game. Pro teams always prioritized creating Silver weapons first.

Of all the equipment used, even in the pro scene, most of it was Orange. However, very very few still used Orange weapons, apart from a few exceptions, where the Silver weapons weren't as good as a similar Orange weapon. For example, Loulan Slash's Swordpoint wasn't something that could survive in the pro scene.

A level 65 Silver weapon was still more valuable than an Orange weapon. After all, a Silver weapon was fit to the player's style. But because practically everyone in the pro scene carried a level 70 Silver weapon, if you brought a level 65 Silver weapon to compete, no matter how good the stat increases were, it wouldn't be able to compare, overall.

Other Silver equipment could be used at level 65 because many characters in the pro scene still wore inferior Orange equipment. A level 65 Silver weapon would put you at a disadvantage in the pro scene though.

The Myriad Manifestation Umbrella's upgrade to level 55 let Ye Xiu relax. But he was mostly excited about how he didn't need to waste any more materials or time on this step. In terms of value, a level 55 Silver weapon was far from enough. Level 60, 65, and 70 was still awaiting for him!

Ye Xiu had obviously pondered over these stages, but his plan wasn't mature yet. He didn't have the necessary materials either, so those weren't as urgent. After succeeding, Ye Xiu logged out of Lord Grim and slumped into his chair to rest. The equipment editor had exhausted him. It was even more tiring than his confrontation versus Zhang Xinjie because everything needed to be done with careful precision.

On the sofa, Xiao Shiqin heard about the success. When he saw Ye Xiu relax, he stood up and smiled: "You succeeded? Congratulations!!"

"You heard it! It's only a level 55 upgrade. It isn't anything worth getting excited about." Ye Xiu said.

"Everything has to be done step by step. You don't become fat in a single bite." Xiao Shiqin said.

"True!" Ye Xiu thought about it. Then, he stood up and headed over to Xiao Shiqin, so he could properly receive his guest. He started off saying a bunch of rubbish, expressing his concern: "Are you getting used to Excellent Era?"

"I just arrived. I'm still adapting." Xiao Shiqin smiled.

"Do you need my help? Ask away!" Ye Xiu said.

"Senior, you're too polite. Everything's going well." Xiao Shiqin said.

"Do you have any confidence facing us in the Challenger League?" Ye Xiu asked.

"..." Xiao Shiqin was a bit speechless. Yes, he was an All Star and a former team captain. He was still at a loss towards Ye Xiu's question.

Because to anyone else, asking whether or not you had confidence was something the one with the higher status said to the one with the lower status. In terms of his individual status in the Alliance compared to Ye Qiu's, Xiao Shiqin being considered the one with the lower status wasn't an issue. But this was comparing two teams! How could Team Happy be the one with the higher status compared to Excellent Era?

However, Ye Xiu clearly asked Xiao Shiqin in this way, rendering Xiao Shiqin speechless.

"Uh..... yeah....." Xiao Shiqin finally answered awkwardly. "Yeah...." could be understood as "Actually, no. But I have to say yes." It could also be understood as "Of course." In any case, it was a half-hearted response.

"If you lose to use, it'll be a tragedy for sure. What are you going to do? You didn't plan on coming to Excellent Era to play in the Challenger League, right?" Ye Xiu asked.

Psychological warfare! Ye Qiu was trying to put him under pressure!

Xiao Shiqin understood very clearly, but he couldn't help but feel a bit panicked at being asked this question so directly. When he finalized the contract with Excellent Era, Excellent Era had already been relegated, so the contract was only a year long. This point hadn't been publicly announced. It was naturally a preventive measure if Excellent Era failed to return to the Alliance. Xiao Shiqin couldn't say this though! If he replied in this way, it would appear as if he had no confidence in their victory. How troublesome!

Chapter 739: Give Us a Hand

Xiao Shiqin knew that his visit today had been a bit rash. Very few would barge directly into an enemy team's practice room to look for information on them.

But just because few did it this way didn't necessarily mean that others didn't want to do it. In truth, it simply wasn't possible. If it were actually possible to infiltrate an enemy team's practice room discretely and see how the team was practicing, especially before a match, the information gained would be extraordinarily valuable.

Unfortunately, no Club guild would allow such things to happen. Casually letting anyone into the practice room and openly divulging information wasn't logical. Normally, if an outside team were allowed into another team's practice room, it would be a social activity set up by both Clubs. It would be completely unrelated to scouting for information.

For Team Happy, Xiao Shiqin successfully obtained information through this method though. He was mostly taking advantage of Team Happy being newly created. A newly created team obviously wouldn't have many regulations set up yet! Xiao Shiqin reckoned that if he just came over, they wouldn't be able to stop him. It went just as he predicted.

However, after arriving, he saw that the the enemy players just seemed to be playing the game. He didn't see any sort of systematic training routine going on. Xiao Shiqin obviously knew that it was too early to expect to see how they would fight against Excellent Era. He mainly wanted to know more about Team Happy's strength, whether it be information on their characters or their players.

He wasn't going to get any information by just sitting there and waiting for them to tell him. He had to make deductions based on any tiny hints revealed. Xiao Shiqin felt like he did a fairly good job. Based on Steamed Bun's reaction, Team Happy must have quite a powerful Brawler. As for the others, there were clear signs that they weren't ordinary.

But just knowing that Team Happy wasn't merely at an in-game team level wasn't enough. Xiao Shiqin needed to know more, but he didn't have any good methods right now. Maybe he should go to the game and start probing them? Don't look at how Xiao Shiqin just seemed to be sitting there. He was constantly thinking. When Ye Xiu walked over to chat with him, he knew that he wouldn't be getting any information out of him. Instead, he fell into a psychological trap.....

As a former team captain and ace player, Xiao Shiqin wouldn't panic so easily. He quickly collected himself: "In any case, I'll still be doing my best."

"Mm, that's a good attitude to have." Ye Xiu appeared as if he were lecturing a rookie and not an experienced team captain and All Star player. Xiao Shiqin could only give a forced smile in response.

Just when he was about to say something else, Chen Guo suddenly shouted: "Something's come up!"

"What is it?"

"Another boss has spawned!" Chen Guo said.

"Ah! So fast!"

Ye Xiu immediately ran over. His Lord Grim wasn't logged into the game at the moment! This time, Heavenly Justice had discovered a boss. Loulan Slash couldn't find Ye Xiu in the game, so he shouted at him in the chat group. Ye Xiu wasn't in front of his computer though, so how could he see the message? As a result, Loulan Slash looked for Chen Guo's Chasing Haze to get Ye Xiu's attention.

"What boss?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Level 70. Red Mage Mierworr." Loulan Slash brightened at Ye Xiu's reply.

"Gather! Gather!" Ye Xiu called. If there was a boss, of course they needed to go kill it. At the same time, he tilted his head towards Wei Chen: "Did you guys receive the new?"

"Of course." Wei Chen's expression was grave. He turned his head back to look at Ye Xiu: "We're going to be needing this one."

Ye Xiu shot a glance: "I can hear the excitement in your heart!"

"Don't hold back!" Wei Chen said.

Ye Xiu knew why Wei Chen was so excited. Wei Chen had already come up with a clear blueprint for his weapon's upgrade, all the way to level 70. As a result, Ye Xiu paid attention to any materials needed for Death's Hand when they split boss drops.

Death's Hand required five level 70 rare materials. Ye Xiu had already obtained three last week. As for the remaining two, both dropped from Red Mage Mierworr. A boss wouldn't only drop a single material. If they got Red Mage Mierwoor, there would be a high probability of gathering both remaining materials for Death's Hand.

As for the other materials, the two million yuan worth of materials from Samsara covered it. At that time, the upgrade process for Death's Hand had already been formed, so there was no way Ye Xiu wouldn't have accounted for any required materials.

Wei Chen had worked for so many years to upgrade his Death's Hand to level 60. Now he had the chance to finally upgrade it to level 70 and fulfill his long-cherished wish. How could he not be excited?

"If the situation allows, maybe you can provide us with some help." Ye Xiu said.

"As if you need to say that." Wei Chen replied. This was his value in being a spy. When commanding Samsara's second elite group, he could employ tactics to secretly help Ye Xiu snatch the boss.

"I'll think of some way to deal with Zhang Xinjie!" Wei Chen was prepared to go all out for his Death's Hand. He obviously knew who their most troublesome opponent would be today. Yesterday, Wei Chen had secretly helped Ye Xiu's side, but it still didn't go smoothly against Zhang Xinjie. After all, there were a lot of competing guilds. All of them were trying to stop each other. Wei Chen couldn't be too conspicuous. As the saying goes: water flowing out in a trickle takes a long time to exhaust. He was willing to throw it out the window for his Death's Hand though.

"Don't lose your head." Ye Xiu logged onto Enlightened Lord. Then, he turned to look at Xiao Shiqin: "Little Xiao, it's not like you've got anything else to do. Come. Why not give us a hand!"

How casual! How natural! It made him feel bad to refuse.

But how could Xiao Shiqin accept so easily?

He could obviously tell what Ye Xiu was going to do. They were going to go boss hunting again. Killing bosses was for materials and materials were used for creating Silver equipment. Help the other side create Silver equipment and beat Excellent Era in the Challenger League?

If Xiao Shiqin helped them out here, wouldn't he be working against his own interests?

How could Ye Xiu not understand something so obvious? Of course, he wouldn't, but he seemed to not know what was at stake. It was as if he were talking casually to a good friend. His words came out naturally as if it were a "Hey, I'm moving some stuff. Come help me out."

How many guests could refuse such a request?

Xiao Shiqin was conflicted!

They didn't slam the door in his face or treat him like an evil enemy. That made him rejoice, but now he regretted it. The other side was now asking for his help. If he helped, he would be biting his own hand. If he didn't, he would appear rude and unscrupulous. They were letting you play in their practice room despite your identity, but you only cared about your own interests!

To put it plainly, Xiao Shiqin was let in out of kindness. Now they wanted you to return it, but they wanted you to do something very wrong. It would make anyone feel troubled.

Xiao Shiqin felt a bit at a loss facing this request. He looked around and saw everyone waiting for his response. He suddenly thought of something.

Helping the other side in their battle was a good opportunity to see their strength! Even if he helped them take down the boss, it was still just a boss. How could that be a deciding factor? Through this way, he would be able to obtain a lot of information on each of Team Happy's members.

Thinking of this, Xiao Shiqin nodded his head. As for whether he was agreeing for enemy intelligence or because it was difficult to refuse, Xiao Shiqin admitted: it was both. It was two birds with one stone! As for gathering intelligence, while intentionally messing up their boss hunt, Xiao Shiqin had no intention of doing so. He wasn't so despicable. If he didn't want to help them, he would have outright refused from the beginning. He wouldn't pretend to agree and then deliberately make a mess.

"Boss, give him a Mechanic account." Ye Xiu saw him agree and called out for Chen Guo.

Chen Guo took out a stack of cards from a drawer and gave one to Xiao Shiqin. At the same time, she said warily: "This account has a lot of materials inside the storehouse. You won't take any, right?"

Xiao Shiqin didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Wasn't her suspicions a bit rude?! What was his identity? How could he do something so despicable, but the other's suspicion was very straightforward. Xiao Shiqin responded with an "I won't", and Chen Guo handed the card over to him.

"Can I use any of these computers?" Xiao Shiqin asked.

"Mm, anyone that you like!"

Happy's practice room had twelve computers with every three grouped together. Wei Chen, Ye Xiu, and Chen Guo were one group. Tang Rou, Steamed Bun, and Qiao Yifan in another. There were six empty computers. Xiao Shiqin picked a random one and turned it on.

Then, he heard Su Mucheng say joyfully: "Then shouldn't I also play?"

Xiao Shiqin's eyeglasses almost fell off. He felt like he was the one setting the example. He came out to help and then Su Mucheng followed after grandiosely.

Xiao Shiqin hadn't thought of that, but he had already agreed. It didn't matter anyways. He rolled his eyes at her, telling her how cunning she was.

Su Mucheng had said those words for Xiao Shiqin to hear. She was naturally looking at him too! She didn't mind Xiao Shiqin's eye roll and sat down delightedly ---- Chen Guo gave her seat to Su Mucheng. She found another Launcher account and switched computers.

Xiao Shiqin logged into the game and saw this Mechanic's equipment. How terrible! When he checked the guild info and felt even more miserable. There weren't many in the guild in the first place. Right now, besides him, there were a total of seven. Lord Grim wasn't one of these seven. Then, he saw someone called Let There Be Light: "Come to Sarke City."

Xiao Shiqin skimmed over the member list. This Let There Be Light was a Battle Mage, probably Ye Qiu. He replied "Oh" and then started controlling his poor Mechanic over. How many years had it been since he had used such a garbage character? Xiao Shiqin's mind started to wander off.

The four guild alliance had gathered at Sarke City. The four guilds were already there. Xiao Shiqin's Mechanic teleported over and saw Let There Be Light, who called him over.

"I'll lead two guilds. He'll lead the other two." Ye Xiu said to the four guild leaders.

The four guild leaders glanced at the lousy Mechanic. They clearly felt a bit unconvinced at Ye Xiu's arrangements. "And just who is this person?" The four guild leaders practically asked at the same time.

"Xiao Shiqin." Ye Xiu said.

Chapter 740: First Come First Serve

If they were not in their team studio, the four guild masters were most likely in their own homes. No matter what, an online game was rarely played outside. However, as of that moment, all four of them felt as if the wind had drowned out Ye Xiu's words.

"WHO?" The four asked again in disbelief.

"Xiao Shiqin." Ye Xiu emphasized clearly again.

The four all quieted down immediately.

"Hello..." Xiao Shiqin greeted them helplessly. He knew clearly that the guild masters were the equivalent of a department head in the club. The four in front of him were all core members of their respective clubs. Allowing them to know that he was helping Ye Qiu steal bosses in the game was the same as telling these clubs and their teams about it. Within no time, the entire community would probably know as well.

Xiao Shiqin was a bit worried, but he had to admit, revealing his identity was the fastest way for others to accept him as a commander. This acceptance was very important for good teamwork. No matter how Ye Qiu explained how incredible he was, the others would still doubt, hesitate, and try to test him.

As of now, people were simply speechless at Xiao Shiqin's name because this was an identity that everybody knew of. The only one doubtful was White Stream, who said with a trembling voice, "Is he THAT Xiao Shiqin?"

"Yep. That's the one." Ye Xiu confirmed.

"Ay! Hello, hello. What brings you here?" White Stream finally started greeting him frantically. At the same time, the other three had just snapped back to reality and hurried over to offer their own greetings as well.

"Alright. Let's stop wasting time. Radiant and Parde, would you follow Xiao Shiqin?" Ye Xiu spoke up.

"Sure, sure. No problem!" White Stream and Martial Awareness answered hurriedly. Their second-rate teams weren't in the spotlight, nor were they low to the ground. Therefore, they weren't too popular and didn't have any feuds with other teams. Unlike Tyrannical Ambition's players, whose mood deteriorated at the mention of Ye Qiu's name, these players did not harbor such strong feelings towards anyone. The members of their own teams were unquestionably their favorite. As for the other God level players in the league, that was completely up to personal preference. There were no feelings behind it that were associated with their supported teams.

Xiao Shiqin was quite popular.. None of the four guild masters seemed to dislike him. They were all asking around and being friendly with him.

Loulan Slash even sighed regretfully, "If we knew God Xiao would transfer teams, we Heavenly Justice would have welcomed you no matter the cost."

Loulan Slash was more than just a guild leader. He was also the captain and the owner of the club. To be honest, the significance of his identity was an entire level higher than both Ye Xiu and Xiao Shiqin. After he threw out such a weighty comment, Yue Ziqin, White Stream, and Martial Awareness were all at a loss of words.

"Ha. Looks like Heavenly Justice is doing well." Xiao Shiqin steered the topic away calmly.

People from the guilds were slowly gathering. Ye Xiu led two guilds and put the other two under Xiao Shiqin. As they traveled towards their destination, Xiao Shiqin picked out the members of Team Happy. Regretfully, these people wouldn't be joining his troops, so he wouldn't have a chance to evaluate their strengths closely.

Despite having matched all of the members to their characters, there was one person that Xiao Shiqin could not find anywhere. In the end, he could not hold in his own curiosity anymore and asked, "Um, Wei Chen... He doesn't seem to be here yet?"

"Yeah." Ye Xiu answered.

That's it? Xiao Shiqin scratched his head, Would saying one more word kill you? Wei Chen was a pro player, but by the time Xiao Shiqin joined the Alliance, he had long since retired. When he was learning about Team Blue Rain, Xiao Shiqin learned about this founding team leader. However, since he was no longer an opponent he had to face, Xiao Shiqin did not spend much time studying this retired person. Does he want to re-enter the pro scene after so many years.

Xiao Shiqin counted: he had being away for six years. If he wanted come back, then what had he being doing in the past six years? If he were coming back now, then how powerful was he?

The thing Xiao Shiqin cared the most about was still the strength of Team Happy.

Not long after everyone left Sarke City, they arrived at the nearby Midnight Inn.

No matter how big the Inn was, it could not be big enough to be a leveling ground by itself. It was just a landmark building in the area. This time, Red Cloak Warlock Mirworr had just respawned here.

Midnight Inn was getting more lively as more people were arriving to fight for the boss. The small place was packed with players from various guilds, as well as those who did not belong to any big guilds.

The clubs saw fighting over wild bosses as their main job, but that didn't mean other regular players weren't interested in these boss fights. As of this moment, there were a number of level 70 players who had gathered into a random team, hoping to take down the boss for themselves. Unfortunately, after a few futile struggles, they all eventually died. Red Cloak Warlock Mirworr left without even sparing a glance at the numerous corpses around. He made it seem as if the bloodshed were as insignificant as raising his hand.

"F*ck. Everytime! There are alway idiots." Salty Not Sweet complained. He was a player in one of the four branch guilds of Tyrannical Ambition. He was not some elite member, nor was he a star player. He had just happened to bump into Red Cloak Warlock Mirworr's respawn when he had been roaming around the leveling area, going about his own business.

Wild boss fights were the troubles of the elites. However, reporting boss respawns were the responsibility of every guild member. When he reported it to the management level of the guild, he quickly got a reply from the highest command, Wandering Shockwave: Keep watching. Report any changes immediately.

Salty Not Sweet had been quite excited.

A wild boss fight would be a battle of the highest level in the guilds. Despite being weak, to still be able to participate in such a way was still something worth rejoicing over for a fan. The players who provide the information would be rewarded by the guild with contribution points later.

Salty Not Sweet carried out his mission carefully. He roamed around while avoiding the boss and keeping track of the nearby players. Unluckily, a random team decided to challenge the boss first, but ended up getting pulverized. To make the matters worse, these players almost got the scouts like him involved. He watched a player from Misty Castle die from a single Shadow Arrow from Mirworr just because he had reacted one second too slow.

"Wild bosses are truly terrifying." Salty Not Sweet sighed. Although he was a member of a major guild, he had not witnessed the true powers of a wild boss before.

"A team just got wiped along with a player from Misty Castle." While marveling at the powers of a boss, Salty Not Sweet did not forget his mission and reported the newly confirmed information.

"The troops from the guild will arrive soon."

Salty Not Sweet's eyes lit up in delight: This boss must belong to Tyrannical Ambition now, right?

He was not disappointed after seeing the troops from Tyrannical Ambition arrive shortly afterward. Not only did he see the guild leader, Wandering Shockwave, who he would have no chance of meeting normally, he even got called over and got to speak with the guild leader. This special honor would have Salty Not Sweet all excited normally, but today, his attention was not on the guild leader. There was a Cleric standing quietly besides him: Misty Mountains.

Tyrannical Ambition was never short of Clerics, or Cleric experts. However, the one in front of him right now was a Cleric who stood at the pinnacle of Glory, not just Tyrannical Ambition or the Heavenly Domain. He was the vice captain of Tyranny: Zhang Xinjie.

All secrets would be revealed eventually. On top of that, Zhang Xinjie leading the troops in a wild boss fight was not some kind of secretive plan that needed to be hidden from everyone else. When every other guild knew that Zhang Xinjie had come himself, what reason did Tyrannical Ambition have to not know it as well? Just by staring at this godly cleric in Glory, Salty Not Sweet's excitement drowned out the words of Wandering Shockwave. He was just thinking about how regretful it was for Zhang Xinjie to use this account. If it had been his usual account, it would have been even cooler.

In the end, Salty Not Sweet mustered up the courage to speak to Zhang Xinjie's Misty Mountains: "Hi Captain Zhang." He intentionally dropped off the "vice" part, when calling the team's vice captain, directly promoting him one rank. This was a common approach often seen in society, but Zhang Xinjie replied seriously: "Hi. It should be vice-captain."

"Uh....." Salty Not Sweet didn't know what to say in response.

Tyrannical Ambition's guild leader and Wandering Peak's user, Jiang You, laughed amusingly. He had been talking to Salty Not Sweet. Right when he turned his head to look somewhere else, Salty Not Sweet went over to greet Zhang Xinjie. Jiang You appeared as if he wasn't being respected, but the reason for the disrespect was because of Zhang Xinjie. What could he say? He understood a fan's adoration of an idol too.

"Ahem... Blue Brook Guild has arrived." Jiang You received news of other players coming.

"What about Ye Qiu?" Zhang Xinjie asked. He clearly only worried about Ye Qiu's forces. As for Blue Brook Guild, he had encountered an extremely sharp kid in the previous battle, who he even suspected was Huang Shaotian in the beginning. But after watching this kid more carefully, he knew the kid was not. Huang Shaotian didn't like to charge forward and strike head-on nor would he be so quiet. Lu Hanwen might not be considered as too quiet, but he was compared to Huang Shaotian. Even against Huang Shaotian, Zhang Xinjie still wouldn't be as concerned over Blue Brook Guild as he would be over Ye Qiu's side. Yu Wenzhou was a different matter. In wild boss hunts, hundred player groups were the units in battle. The scale of the battle surpassed a professional match by several tens in magnitude. The value of a God adept in tactics far surpassed that of a single blade.

"They've also begun moving. It's just a matter of time at this point." Jiang You answered.

"What other guilds?"

"Samsara, Misty Rain, Howling Heights." The reports in Jiang You's hands had information on these three guilds.

"Okay, let's begin. We'll first ascertain our advantage." Zhang Xinjie didn't delay any further. In a battle between tacticians like him and Ye Qiu, advantages were gained little by little. Arriving early was one type of advantage. Zhang Xinjie didn't want to let this advantage slip through and wait for another opportunity in the future.

Advantages needed to be accumulated. Acting a second early won them one second of an advantage. Tyrannical Ambition quickly moved to surround Red Mage Mirrwor.