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Chapter 851: Good Luck

After a pro player retired, the pro player would often be recruited into an internal section of the club. Often times, these opportunities would be given to hardworking and loyal individuals, or someone very competent at that sort of work.

Wu Chen originally had these sorts of hopes for his future. He had sincere feelings for Team Everlasting and hoped to never leave or abandon it, but now everything turned to nothing. Everlasting was on the brink of disappearing. What work opportunities could there be?

Wu Chen's last stand was no longer only a part of his duties as the team captain. As a pro player, if he chose to leave at this moment, the team wouldn't object to it either. However, where would he leave to? Wu Chen was at a loss and didn't want to think about it. Now, Ye Xiu had given him a choice.

The guild.....

Wu Chen obviously understood that although the guild was established inside the game along with other player founded guilds, it was an important foundation for a team to be successful. Those in charge of the guild were definitely a core part of the club's management. Their importance was no lower than any other manager in the club.

But truthfully speaking, Wu Chen had hoped to continue developing alongside Team Everlasting. If he had to switch to a different team, he wouldn't be as interested. He was used to relating all of his experiences in in Glory to Everlasting.

But he could no longer relate those two together anymore. This was the cruel reality of things. He had to seriously consider this choice. In comparison, if he could continue in the pro scene to fill up his desire for Glory, that would still be his top priority. However, Wu Chen was only a small character in the scene. The top pro teams most likely wouldn't give him this kind of opportunity. Only a new team like Happy would consider it.

But Happy was the main culprit for Everlasting disbanding. Even though Wu Chen was a rational person, he found it difficult to accept suddenly going over to serve Happy.

Just when he was about to refuse, another message in his chat window popped up: "Building up a team from nothing together is a very good feeling!"

Wu Chen's heart suddenly began to thump. Not long ago, Team Everlasting had been like this: starting from nothing, establishing players and characters bit by bit. Even though their win record had always been pitiful, they had never given up. Even though they failed in the end, those memories were still as beautiful to him as ever.

He was kind of looking forward to it!

Wu Chen was moved. He understood that another similar opportunity wouldn't come easy with his age and reputation. He just happened to have chanced upon one. If not, as a nobody, no one would think of him.

"Think about it!" Wu Chen hadn't replied yet. The other side didn't press him or ask if he was still there and simply left this message there.

"I will..." Wu Chen finally replied. The other side sent a bye bye emoji and then left.

Wu Chen began thinking about his future. After Everlasting completed the trade with Happy, Heavenly Swords joined in and their negotiations began.

These were the negotiations that Team Everlasting had been hoping for. Everlasting's boss personally went out to battle. All of the employees were working together on this issue.

Day by day passed. Team Everlasting and Team Heavenly Swords had finally reached an agreement. Heavenly Swords did not completely buyout all of Everlasting, but for 10 million RMB, they bought around 50% of their goods, which made Everlasting feel quite satisfied.

Compared to the normal market, it was indeed on the lower side. However, their disbanded team had to sell everything off for cheap. Being able to sell so much for 10 million RMB was already quite satisfactory. Everlasting wasn't some brand name. For a powerhouse team, let alone the resources, it would be hard to say if that amount could even buy a player on the team. That was the brand name effect!

Once the trade with Heavenly Swords was complete, the large stone in Everlasting's heart had finally dissolved. For the rest of their resources, they wouldn't argue and began taking the initiative to sell them to other places. The termination of the internal employees of the club had begun as well. Employee after employee left. Pro player after pro player left too. In the end, only Wu Chen remained. Everlasting's boss personally handled his termination.

The grand strategy meeting room was empty. Only the boss remained. When Wu Chen entered the room, he saw the boss staring in a daze in front of the projector screen. His head was raised, looking up at the emblem of Team Everlasting hanging on the wall.

Wu Chen didn't say anything. He quietly walked over. The boss sensed his arrival and didn't give any polite greetings. The two were already good friends.

"Don't you think this team emblem is a bit crooked?" The boss didn't turn his head and spoke to Wu Chen.

"How could that be? It's been fastened tightly. It can't be moved." Wu Chen didn't even look and replied. When their team moved here, he had personally put up the team emblem, so he couldn't be any clearer about it.

"Oh, really?" The boss heard his reply and looked at it from a tilted angle, "Then I guess my eyes are just bad."

Wu Chen didn't reply. The boss turned around and walked towards the table. He asked: "What plans do you have for the future?"

"I'm still not sure. You?" Wu Chen asked.

"Me? If another chance comes, I still want to form another team." The boss said.

"Would you still call it Everlasting?" Wu Chen smiled.

"Of course." The boss said.

"Then you will have to remember to leave a spot for me." Wu Chen said.

"Certainly." The boss also smiled. Team Everlasting's history wasn't long, but it had gone through numerous changes. The only things that never changed was their team's name, their team's emblem, and their most loyal member, Wu Chen.

"I'm just afraid that when the time comes, I won't be able to play competitively anymore." Wu Chen said.

"Don't worry. The team doesn't only need pro players. With your capabilities, you can contribute to the team in many other ways." The boss said.

"Mm..."

Wu Chen replied pensively. The boss noticed his expression and suddenly guessed: "Did a team already invite you to do something like that?"

"Yes." Wu Chen nodded his head. He didn't need to hide the truth any longer.

"What do they want you to do?" The boss asked.

"Probably guild related matters." Wu Chen said.

"Go then! It fits you well." The boss nodded his head in affirmation. He obviously knew of Wu Chen's talent in this area. If he hadn't respected Wu Chen's decision, he would have been the club manager.

"It's Happy who invited me." Wu Chen forced a smile.

The boss's smile froze. He clearly hadn't expected that response. His brows wrinkled: "Happy... that's not too good. They're a Challenger League team, but this season, there's Excellent Era! If they fail to make it out, would their team be able to continue? I feel like you should clear this up first."

The boss only discussed matters with Wu Chen from Happy's future prospects, but he didn't mention anything about what Happy meant to their Everlasting. Wu Chen instantly understood his boss's attitude. Although what he said was clear, what he didn't say was equivalent to telling Wu Chen: you don't need to care about anything else.

"Okay. I'll think about it well." Wu Chen smiled.

"Then that's good." Everlasting's boss nodded his head and smiled back. He understood that Wu Chen had realized his intentions.

"The team's matters have been pretty much been settled." Everlasting's boss switched the subject and began talking about his current situation, "The current offers that we've received will just be that. Negotiating any further would be pointless. The amount of time and effort needed wouldn't be worth it, so I think that if there's anything remaining, you can take them!"

"Me?" Wu Chen was surprised.

"Find a good team and do a good job." Everlasting's boss patted Wu Chen's shoulders

At this instant, Wu Chen understood again. The boss's words about establishing another team one day had just been talk. His final gift was to have Wu Chen bear the weight of Everlasting's final belongings and continue on in the Glory scene.

"I'm leaving everything to you." Everlasting's boss extended his hands. Wu Chen reached out and grabbed his hands. The boss shook it firmly and nodded his head: "I have somethings that I need to do still, so I'll be going. The things are over there... good luck!"

The boss left. Wu Chen went over to look at the items on the meeting room table. Apart from the papers involved in every player's termination, there were two fine card cases. Each of the cases had a word carved into them. One had an "Ever", while the other had a "Lasting". When he opened the two card cases, they were filled with account cards. The card on top was one he recognized. It was the one he had used for all these years, which he had returned to the club a few days ago: Launcher, Dawn Rifle.

As for the other account cards, besides the pro characters that had been sold off, the remaining were all from the guild. With the team gone, the guild's existence was meaningless as well.

Is this my only choice?

He watched as the boss left. The door was left half open. Wu Chen looked at the team emblem that hung on the wall over there and gave one last sigh.

Two days later. City H, Happy Internet Cafe.

Wu Chen carried his luggage in one hand. On the other hand, he had a piece of paper. He looked at it carefully one more time and after confirming that it was the correct address, he walked in.

The Internet cafe was bustling with noise and unusually busy. After Team Happy beat Team Everlasting and made it onto the the Esports Home, Happy Internet Cafe's business instantly exploded. And this time, the new customers weren't face slappers or anything. They were truly curious about Team Happy and looked forward to their future.

With a new atmosphere in the Internet cafe, Chen Guo often strolled around happily. With her personality, she was able to instantly form a tight group with customers who looked forward to Happy's future prospects.

Chen Guo was currently at the front desk checking this month's business records. She was happy at the team's outstanding record. She was also happy at the Internet cafe's booming business. While she was in high spirits, she heard someone speak to her.

"Is this where Team Happy is? I'm Wu Chen. I said that I would be coming today."

Chapter 852: Let's Grow Stronger Together

When Chen Guo heard, she lifted her head. Both were stunned, as this was not the first time they had met. When Wu Chen came with He An to visit Happy last time, Chen Guo received the visitors along with Ye Xiu.

"Hello." Chen Guo nodded as she greeted Wu Chen. As the boss, she obviously knew that Wu Chen would come and join them today.

Thanks to Chen Guo's fast and furious way in completing her job, Wu Chen was soon introduced to everyone.

"This is Wu Chen, the one we fought before, the former captain of Team Everlasting." Chen Guo introduced to everyone. Recently, Wu Chen was constantly in contact with Ye Xiu online, but for other people, it was kind of something in the past. Now that the third match in the Challenger League finished, Team Happy was able to eliminate a normal player's team with ease. Happy was able to attract even more peoples' interest in them. Furthermore, the Weekly News for eSports had reported a word or two about them twice in a row after their match, the treatment was comparable to Excellent Era.

"Hi everyone..." Wu Chen greeted the people, who stood up from behind their computers. Apart from Ye Xiu, he didn't recognize any of them, Wu Chen was trying to mentally work out who was who.

Of course, Wei Chen was the one whom he determined his identity at first glance. After all, his abnormal and outstanding age seemed marginal and extreme among the group, so his identity was confirmed. As for the others, Wu Chen wasn't able to grasp accurately. But before he could ask, Ye Xiu took the lead in applauding while shouting. "Everyone, let's welcome him!"

Clap clap clap clap.....

Everyone responded, and the applause was quite warming, but because of this, Mo Fan, who didn't clap, seemed like an outsider. Even though Wu Chen wasn't the type to be bothered by this kind of thing, he couldn't help but take notice of this guy. But that guy wasn't even looking at him! He could use his computer without guilt even when he was left out and everyone else was clapping.

"Welcome, comrade Wu Chen!" Ye Xiu came up to wave at Wu Chen.

"God Ye Qiu..." Wu Chen was in between tears and laughter. He had constantly been in contact with Lord Grim on QQ for the past few days. At the start, he couldn't be sure, but now, he could be certain that this person was Ye Qiu, but if this guy was Ye Qiu, then who was controlling Lord Grim in the competition? If it was still him, then he would be breaking the rules! Then Team Everlasting shouldn't be eliminated!

But Ye Xiu already gave him an answer in the next second. "Uh, I'm called Ye Xiu here."

"Ye Xiu?" Wu Chen was at loss.

"It's a long story. I'm explaining this because I don't want you to think that I substituted in to play Lord Grim. In fact, I'm the one who registered for Lord Grim, but I'm not actually Ye Qiu. Do you understand now?" Ye Xiu said.

"I don't understand at all!" Wu Chen's tone was unusually certain.

"You will understand sooner or later, let's not talk about it for now. How about introducing you to everybody first." Ye Xiu said.

"How about telling me first!"

"This is Wei Chen - the former captain of Team Blue Rain many years ago. You might've heard of him. He's currently using the Warlock Windward Formation." Ye Xiu said.

"It's an honor to meet you... hey hey hey!" Wu Chen was deeply troubled. He didn't want to be impolite when he was introduced to someone, but on the other hand, he wanted to return to the previous topic.

"This is Tang Rou. She's Soft Mist." Ye Xiu seemed as if he didn't hear the three hey's at all.

"Hello..." Wu Chen couldn't help but divide part of his attention when he was before a beauty. Before he could continue to struggle with that question, Ye Xiu had already moved onto the next person.

"This is Bao Rongxing, we all call him Steamed Bun. He's Steamed Bun Invasion."

"You beat me before." Steamed Bun said magnanimously.

This immediately caused Wu Chen to think that this guy took the matter to heart, so he felt the need to say something. "There's always wins and losses in a competition..."

"This is Qiao Yifan, One Inch Ash." Ye Xiu already moved onto the next person.

"Hello." Qiao Yifan was very polite.

"Hello." Wu Chen looked at Qiao Yifan. Was this the youth who came from the champion team Tiny Herb?

"And that one's Mo Fan." Then Mo Fan was introduced, who Ye Xiu merely pointed at and didn't bring Wu Chen over to greet. Wu Chen then understood that he was quite strange. When he glanced across, he saw Mo Fan turn around to look at him due to being called. Wu Chen nodded and greeted his "hi", but that guy already turned his head to his previous position.

What a strange person..... Wu Chen mentally thought, and temporarily forgot to ask about the Ye Xiu-Ye Qiu matter.

"There's two more too, An Wenyi and Luo Ji. They're our Cleric, Little Cold Hands, and our Summoner, Concealed Light. Both are university students, so they're not currently living with us." Ye Xiu said. Soon after eliminating Team Everlasting, An Wenyi returned to his school. After all, it wouldn't be right to be absent from school for a long time.

Everyone had been introduced, but Ye Xiu's mouth ceased to stop. He continued by introducing Wu Chen's job. "As for the guilds, even though our results from snatching wild bosses from high-end places like Heavenly Domain have been quite good, our basic foundation is still very, very poor. Among the normal servers, the only bit of power we have is in the tenth server. We've just begun in the Heavenly Domain, so the burden on your shoulders isn't light! What sort of useful advice do you have for opening up our phase as soon as possible?"

Since Ye Xiu asked, Wu Chen could only follow by replying. "I have a bunch of account cards with me."

"Account cards?" Ye Xiu was startled.

"From Team Everlasting." Wu Chen said.

"Oh, are they empty accounts whose equipment have been sold?" Ye Xiu guessed.

"Some are, some aren't." Wu Chen said.

"Hm?"

"For example, we have an account card for each of the ten servers." Wu Chen added. "The guild leader accounts for Guild Everlasting."

When he said so, Ye Xiu was stunned for even longer. This opening phase was rather tyrannical! A batch of ready-made guilds were directly delivered into his hands. Something as wonderful as pie falling from the sky actually happened?

Possessing these guild account cards was equivalent to possessing a batch of guilds. Furthermore, those were the guilds left over by a professional team, so their system was definitely fully complete. The main job Happy had to do was to exchange the guild members, so all of the members were supporters of Happy. Then, the guild could begin to operate proactively.

Due to this, they were quite frustrated over having 10 guilds all at once. Who would they hand this over to be in charge of? For clubs, the status of every normal server's guild leaders weren't low at all. After all, the normal servers would also export large amounts of original materials for the team. Especially for the fact that Heavenly Domain didn't have any materials below Level 55! Some were only produced in the normal servers.

"There's also two guild leader account cards for the Heavenly Domain." Wu Chen continued to add to Happy's frustrations.

But no matter how one looked at it, those frustrations were blessings. When Ye Xiu recovered his senses, Chen Guo had already figured out what wonderful things Wu Chen had brought along, but because those things were of such high value, it seemed neither suitable nor realistic to accept them easily. Chen Guo still asked with caution. "Are these all for us to use?"

"How about telling me about the Ye Xiu-Ye Qiu matter, God Ye Qiu?" Wu Chen finally managed to bring this topic back to light.

"Sigh, you really are... Alright! To put it simply, Ye Qiu is fake, and Ye Xiu is my actual identity, do you understand now?" Ye Xiu said.

It was finally Wu Chen's turn to be stunned. Even though the words were few, but the information was too great! How many secrets or details were involved in this? Wu Chen didn't know if it was suitable for him to keep asking. but because of this, he at least knew that there was no violation in the rules for Ye Xiu or Ye Qiu to control Lord Grim. Even though there was the suspicion of him finding a loophole in the rule, Happy had Ye Qiu, a strong presence indeed. Even if he directly used Ye Qiu's name to sign up, it wouldn't have violated any of the rules. So there was no point in finding a reason for Team Everlasting's loss in this aspect. In addition, Everlasting had already been disbanded for good.

Wu Chen was no longer troubled over this matter, so he returned to the problem of bringing so many account cards. Wu Chen didn't speak, instead, he opened his luggage and seriously brought out the two card containers labelled with the words 'Ever' and 'Lasting'. Inside those two card containers, was everything that Everlasting had left. They were finally able to find its final home.

Chen Guo grew nervous because she already realized what Wu Chen was about to do. She looked on as Wu Chen placed the two card containers before them.

"Let Happy continue to grow stronger!" When Wu Chen spoke those words, his gaze stopped on the card containers, it stopped upon the words on the container.

Chen Guo was able to somewhat understand Wu Chen's mood. This was some kind of entrustment for Team Everlasting's incomplete ideals. Chen Guo didn't receive the two containers, instead, she pushed them in the opposite direction, so they were returned to Wu Chen. "Let's continue to make Happy grow stronger!"

Wu Chen was stunned. It appeared that he didn't expect her to say and do such things. He was baffled and a bit moved.

"Yes, let us, together....." When Wu Chen spoke those words, he felt as if he went back a few years in time. At that time, he and his friends had built Team Everlasting under the matching support of Everlasting's boss. During the very summer that year, they also said the same thing: "Let's grow stronger together."

Wu Chen wouldn't have thought that, on that day and moment, he would once again work hard to strive for these words with another group of people.

Everything was expressed in the lack of words, unnecessary declarations were no longer needed.

"We are still in short of manpower, so everyone will have to work hard." What Ye Xiu said was quite factual.

"Haha, this kind of hard work is better than being poor and blank." Wu Chen had the experience of building a team from scratch, so he was extremely positive towards the current condition.

"Well said, one can just tell by the looks that comrade Wu Chen is very trustworthy. According to the rules of Challenger League, even though Team Everlasting has been eliminated, their players have one more chance to register. Before the next round, you will register for the application to become one of the members of Team Happy, right?" Ye Xiu said.

"Oh sure. I can." Wu Chen was slightly lost in thought, but still nodded and agreed. His skills were more than enough to deal with a majority of the opponents in the Challenger League. Even though his character Dawn Rifle was almost an empty account, with his skill, he could bully his opponents without needing to rely on equipment.

"Then there will be two Launchers on the team." Wu Chen didn't forget Chasing Haze's existence.

"There's going to be an even better one in the future!" Chen Guo smiled.

"Oh? Who?" Wu Chen doubted.

Chen Guo looked at Ye Xiu, who replied without the slightest hesitation. "Dancing Rain."

Chapter 853: To Do More Than What's Required

Dancing Rain.....

Wu Chen was deeply astonished. Let alone a grassroots Internet cafe team, even when Team Everlasting had been doing well in the pro scene, they didn't even dare to hope to obtain an All Star character of that level. Wu Chen only had one thought in his mind right now: regarding Team Happy as a grassroots Internet cafe team was very wrong. Not only did everyone on the team have extraordinary backgrounds, just daring to think about getting Dancing Rain put them on a higher domain than Team Everlasting.

Having observed Happy directly, Wu Chen finally relaxed. He soon began organizing the account cards that he had brought with him from Everlasting.

Team Everlasting had already been officially disbanded. For many loyal supporters, the news broke their hearts. There were naturally quite a few of these kinds of players within Everlasting's guilds. When Wu Chen logged into these accounts one by one, several players had left messages for the guild leader. Wu Chen read these messages and couldn't help but let loose a regretful sigh. These loyal players still didn't know that although these guilds still held the name Everlasting, the name would never signify Everlasting anymore.

Wu Chen didn't stay melancholy for too long. He logged onto these account cards for proper business. Soon, the ten guilds in the the normal servers, as well as the two guilds in the Heavenly Domain, for a total of twelve guilds with the name Everlasting, had a new announcement: Team Everlasting had disbanded. Guild Everlasting will be inherited by a new owner. The name will change, but the guild storage system will not. Everyone can continue playing the game with ease

Wu Chen was experienced. He didn't immediately get rid of every single guild member and look for Team Happy supporters.

Because he understood the fundamental significance of a guild's existence, which was to utilize the strength of the guild members to contribute to the team. During the early stages of the guild, players might have contributed to support the team, but long-term contribution mainly relied on the guild storage system.

As long as a reasonable guild storage existed, even if players in the guild did not support the team, the guild could still actively and effectively operate.

Guild Everlasting had been an important part of the club and had operated for several years. The system was absolutely fair. The current guild members had completely accepted it. Under these circumstances, Wu Chen obviously had no need to forcefully removed players. However, in the end, Wu Chen also announced that the new owner of the guild would be Team Happy.

Team Happy was the main reason for Team Everlasting's disbandment. In the eyes of Team Everlasting's loyal fans, this would obviously be extremely reprehensible. The guild was actually going to be handed over to their enemy. Numerous players would certainly have trouble accepting it, but Team Everlasting no longer existed, so it's not like the attitude of their former fans mattered. Wu Chen released the information because he didn't want to lie or cheat the loyal fans of Everlasting. Even though he knew that hiding this fact would save him a lot of trouble, the truth would have to be announced someday. When that time came, the players would have contributed a lot to Happy. Helping the enemy unknowingly would certainly hurt the players a lot more than telling them now. Wu Chen couldn't bear

to hurt them like that, so he might as well release the information now. After announcing this reality, he allowed them to freely leave.

As soon as the announcement came out, it played out as Wu Chen had expected. None of the other previous points mattered much, but once they saw that their new owner would be Team Happy, a huge commotion exploded. The loyal fans reminiscing Everlasting's demise instantly became furious. They could understand the team disbanding and selling off their property, but handing over the guild to the enemy was too heartless. It was an affront to their many years of support. They couldn't help but feel bitterly disappointed.

At the heart of the struggle, Wu Chen firmly stood out. New information came out with another guild announcement. Wu Chen revealed his identity and admitted that he had joined Team Happy. In the end, he acknowledged that having the guild become a part of Happy was his own decision. It had nothing to do with Team Everlasting.

This was more than what was required. Everlasting had already disbanded. Any slander to Everlasting's name didn't matter, but Wu Chen took the blows himself.....

"Is this guy a masochist?" This was Wei Chen's comment when he heard the news.

Even Team Everlasting's boss contacted Wu Chen after hearing the news, telling him that this really hadn't been necessary.

"You still have a future! But Everlasting doesn't anymore."

"It's because Everlasting already has none anymore..." Wu Chen replied.

The boss sighed. Wu Chen's feelings towards Team Everlasting was even deeper than he had imagined. As the boss, his final actions were all business. His conduct when he decided to disband the team had been extremely callous. How could he not understand the feelings of the fans? But in the end, he didn't care anymore. To put it more cruelly, since he had decided not to step into the Glory scene again, the fans no longer had any value to him.

He might not care, but some did. Even if Everlasting no longer existed, Wu Chen still wasn't willing to slander Everlasting's name.

The boss couldn't say anything more. At this moment, he felt ashamed to face Wu Chen despite leaving many valuable things for his loyal friend. In terms of materialistic goods, he had done a good job, but in terms of spirit, he had been thrown to the streets by Wu Chen. Wu Chen truly loved Glory and Everlasting. And he had only been a businessman chasing after money.

The rebellion incited by Wu Chen's announcement didn't need to be said. That day, numerous players from all of the Everlasting guilds vented their anger and decisively left the guild.

The words said the most were that they had made an error in judgement. They would not be a supporter of the new owner that Wu Chen ran to. Only a few players realized: if Wu Chen truly hadn't cared about them, wouldn't not saying a word be better?

Wu Chen had to spend a lot more time and effort to organize these guilds because of this "unnecessary" announcement. The twelve Everlasting guilds had begun recruiting under Happy's name.

Even though the amount of attention that Happy received wasn't low, there were still very few loyal fans. This was because the players attracted to Happy's name couldn't compare to the players who were attracted to a max leveled guild and a fair guild storage like Everlasting's.

Even so, Guild Everlasting belonging to Guild Happy still made many uneasy. This was a huge step from a grassroots team to a professional team. No one understood the significance of a guild's influence expanding rapidly better than those within the circle.

After Chen Yehui confirmed the news, he practically ran looking for manager Cui Li.

"Are we just going to allow them keep growing?" After Chen Yehui summarized the report, he began describing his thoughts: "Because of the Challenger League tournament format, we have no way of knowing when we'll encounter Team Happy, but there's one indisputable reality, the later we meet them, the more disadvantageous it is for us. They still have a lot of room to improve, but we're already at our peak, so our room for improvement is fairly small. If we look at it from this perspective, the gap between them and us is constantly closing. When our team finally meets theirs, who know how things will turn out."

"Are you suspecting that Team Happy is actually a threat to us?" Cui Li said.

Happy is a threat.

Excellent Era did not deny this point. However, their worries hadn't been towards Happy, but Ye Qiu. To Excellent Era, Happy was a threat because of Ye Qiu's existence. It was because they understood Ye Qiu's capabilities all too well. If not, they wouldn't have forced Ye Qiu to retire. They were already worried about Ye Qiu in an Internet cafe team, let alone if Ye Qiu had gone to Blue Rain, Tiny Herb, Samsara.....

If they couldn't use him, they needed to destroy him.....

Ye Qiu's strength frightened Excellent Era.

But now, Chen Yehui looked to discuss matters with Cui Li, not just for Ye Qiu alone, but the entire Team Happy and the threat that Happy as a whole posed to them.

"From Happy's development, this isn't a groundless fear." Chen Yehui continued, "In the Heavenly Domain, Happy hold the advantage in wild boss hunting. In one night, they now have several guilds under them. They'll soon have a good amount of low-end materials. Along with Ye Qiu and the old God Wei Chen, how fast will their equipment improve? I dare to bet that the later we encounter Team Happy, the more Silver equipment they will have. Even if they won't be able to have three All Star level characters, we at least won't have an overwhelming advantage against them."

Cui Li fell into silence after listening to his words. For a moment, he didn't say anything.

"There's also one more point." Chen Yehui continued.

"What is it?" Cui Li asked.

"When we fight against Happy, do you dare to let Su Mucheng on stage?" Chen Yehui asked.

Cui Li was surprised.

It was the responsibility of the team captain to choose which players went on stage, but higher ups like the boss or manager could influence the captain's decision. Whether or not to let Su Mucheng face Happy was something they could easily reach an agreement on.

Su Mucheng's professionalism could not be picked at. After Ye Qiu was forced out last season, not only was Su Mucheng not in a bad mood, but she worked even harder on stage and was even more imposing than she had been in the past. However, against Ye Qiu? Would Su Mucheng still act professionally?

Chen Yehui was clearly doubtful. Cui Li also had a big question mark towards this question.

This was truly concerning!

If Su Mucheng didn't go on stage, it would mean losing an All Star player. If they allowed Su Mucheng go on stage, if she didn't take responsibility, it would mean losing a player, which would be even worse than losing an All Star.

This was truly a big issue!

Cui Li could feel his head begin to hurt. It seems like ever since Ye Qiu left Excellent Era, he would often have headaches.

Chapter 854: Two and a Half Months

"Then what are you trying to say?" With such a headache, Cui Li asked for Chen Yehui's opinion.

He obviously knew that when they had forced Ye Qiu out, Chen Yehui spared no efforts to be at the front line.

"I don't think we should let Happy grow freely. We have to suppress them." Chen Yehui said.

"Are you talking about in the game?" Cui Li said. That wasn't hard to guess. The players on Happy would undoubtedly keep improving. They couldn't do anything about that. The only thing that they could do was strike at the competition between guilds. This was also the main point of contention outside of the pro scene. The competition for wild bosses and dungeon records had lasted since the even before the Alliance. In the beginning, it had been especially intense because in those days, the various teams didn't have anyone in particular responsible for the guild. The pro players directly charged into battle, so the level of competition back then was actually even higher than nowadays.

"Yes..... Happy urgently needs to improve their equipment. If we can make obtaining materials more difficult for them, then that would naturally inhibit their growth." Chen Yehui said.

"Just tell me the important points!" Cui Li was starting to get impatient at how Chen Yehui was beating around the bush. Chen Yehui didn't need to look for him. As the person responsible for the guild, Chen Yehui could arrange for all of their guilds to move against Happy. If he had come to look for Cui Li, he must need the club's support for something.

"The majority of our opponents this season are weak. Our players don't need to go all out to face them. So what I'm thinking is if we can arrange for some of the pro players to participate in guild affairs, not only would this be an effective way to strike Happy, but it would also help us accumulate materials for

our return to the Alliance next season." Chen Yehui finally revealed his purpose for being here. It was an old habit of his to look forward to others helping him.

"This... you'll have to give me some time to make a decision." Even though Cui Li was the manager, he couldn't directly make such a big decision. In the current contract, the pro players didn't need to assume any such responsibilities. Pro players could participate in these matters to help the team, but because it wasn't required, the most they could do is hope that they would.

As for Excellent Era, it was even embarrassing to ask their players of this request.

As a relegated team, being able to keep the majority of the main roster and even bringing in the All Star Xiao Shiqin and his character Life Extinguisher was mainly because of their 100% confidence in clearing the Challenger League, but now in order to ensure their victory in the Challenger League, they needed to beg their pro players to participate in the in-game competitions. When they asked for players to stay or recruited new players, it would appear like they had no confidence. Making the players not feel confident in the club wasn't a good thing. Perhaps Chen Yehui hadn't thought about this, but as the manager in charge of recruiting and maintaining players, he immediately realized this issue.

Chen Yehui also saw Cui Li's hesitation. Afterwards, he added: "Right now, the reason that Happy and their alliance have such a major advantage in the Heavenly Domain is because Ye Qiu is frequently playing in the game. Our guilds have trouble contesting against them with just our level of strength."

As soon as he said this, Cui Li couldn't help but look at Chen Yehui. He was starting to feel doubtful at whether or not this guy was actually worried about Happy expanding or because he was looking for an excuse for the guild's poor performance.

"I really don't need that many players. As long as a strategist like vice-captain Xiao can help us out every once in awhile, that would be enough to make things difficult for Ye Qiu." Chen Yehui said.

Cui Li nodded his head. After being in touch with Xiao Shiqin for awhile, Cui Li felt like Xiao Shiqin was someone who looked at the big picture. If he explained this situation clearly to him, he felt like Xiao Shiqin wouldn't feel dissatisfied with the team. However, having Xiao Shiqin frequently run to the game definitely wouldn't work.

"Gather more information. When it becomes necessary, I'll contact the team to consider it." Cui Li finally gave Chen Yehui an answer that was neither an approval nor a refusal.

Chen Yehui understood the division of labor in the club. He was satisfied with this response. After nodding his head, he left.

At Team Happy, with Wu Chen's addition, the guild and team stepped onto a new stage.

Wu Chen's Launcher, Dawn Rifle, was soon fully equipped. Even though he only wore a set of Orange equipment, with Wu Chen's skill level, he could easily sweep through a majority of the Challenger League. The addition of such a skilled expert made Happy's journey through the Challenger League go even more smoothly. The maturation of the guild had to be mentioned. After this type of mechanism was established, everything could be conducted routinely. The manager didn't need to closely keep an eye on them all day and all night. This would only allow for it to continue operating normally though. For wild boss hunts, the manager often needed to be there. As a result, the current wild boss situation in

the normal servers had yet to be opened up by the Everlasting guilds belonging to Happy. In the Heavenly Domain, Ye Xiu's side of the alliance no longer just consisted of him and his pitifully small group. An elite group was formed according to the classes and equipment of the newly joined players and old players of their guild.

However, Happy's home guild was still in the tenth server.

Ye Xiu's Lord Grim had become famous there. Guild Happy had also been created there. From Lord Grim getting hundreds of answers with a single call to Lord Grim leaving to the Heavenly Domain to Chen Guo personally managing it and establishing the guild storage, the tenth server Guild Happy had also walked a healthy path towards development.

Compared to the other club guilds, their strength might be slightly weaker, but they were definitely above normal player guilds. Seven Fields, Sleeping Moon, Thousand Creations... these players who had become friends with Ye Xiu in the tenth server now made up the core of Guild Happy. Ever since they left the Heavenly Domain to start in the new server, they didn't plan on returning to the Heavenly Domain. Old players starting over in the new server mostly did it to acquire a certain advantage over the others with their greater experience, but because of how the Heavenly Domain was set up, their advantage in the new server would disappear as soon as they entered the Heavenly Domain.....

And now with the addition of Guild Everlasting in the tenth server, Happy's strength increased even further. Seven Field's group had already begun arranging teams. After a bit more preparation, they would actively compete for wild bosses. These few formerly Heavenly Domain players had just been run-of-the-mill players in a mid-sized player guild like Full Moon Guild. Now they were rulers in the tenth server, leading other top players around in the tenth server.

Time passed quickly. In the blink of an eye, two and a half months of season nine passed by. Five and a half rounds of the Challenger League had been finished. Over ten thousand teams had joined the league. After every round, the numbers would be reduced by half. Now only a few hundred teams remained. In the Alliance, eleven rounds had finished. The new season's ranking advanced one step further.

Those threatening new teams and new players at the beginning of the season all received setbacks to different extents.

For the new players, Team Blue Rain's Lu Hanwen was the representative. His recent performance was no longer as sharp as it had been before. The various top teams had begun studying him and had come up with strategies in order to deal with him. What was remarkable was that, although Lu Hanwen's breakout performance had been suppressed, the spirit of this youngest player in the Alliance's history was the same as ever. He never expressed a crestfallen expression. In the eleventh round of the season, Blue Rain and Tiny Herb fought against each other. Lu Hanwen was the deciding factor. His early death led to Team Blue Rain losing in the team competition.

However, no one blamed Lu Hanwen for this loss because his death had been because he had to face Team Tiny Herb's God Wang Jiexi, and talented Gao Yingjie alone. This season, Team Tiny Herb's dual Witches had become the new highlight of the Alliance. Let alone a rook like Lu Hanwen, even the Gods still hadn't figured out how to deal with this new dual class playstyle.

In the press conference, reporters who liked Lu Hanwen planned on using this point to console Lu Hanwen, so he wouldn't feel too bad, but those who harbored evil intentions spoke first and naturally asked about his feelings towards Lu Hanwen leading to the team's loss in the match.

Lu Hanwen didn't appear dejected at all. He replied to the question seriously: "I feel like for something like this, it's because I'm just not good enough, so I wasn't able to win more time. Also, Senior Shaotian was a bit too far away and wasn't able to rescue me immediately. Also..."

"F*ck, you little demon, you actually dare to blame me? Don't you know that at that time, I was carrying out our actual plan? But the other side saw through our intentions and even found a gap in our pathing. You getting killed instantly like that was too ugly too look at. Even if you add up the ages of all of your opponents Wang Jiexi and Gao Yingjie, the sum is only three times your age. You shouldn't have died so quickly. Next time, remember that at as long as you can give me an opportunity to launch a sneak attack, we'll turn the situation around." Before Lu Hanwen could even finish his reply, Huang Shaotian interrupted him and started chattering away.

"Hm? From what senior is saying, could it be that our plan had a problem?" Lu Hanwen said.

"What? When did I say that?" Even though Huang Shaotian said that, the two had already turned their heads to look at their captain, Yu Wenzhou.

"Ahem." Yu Wenzhou coughed, "Let's just leave our answer at that!"

The reporters looked at one another. This..... It sounded like the players were pushing the blame onto each other! But if they wrote this, wouldn't it be treated as a joke?

All of the reporters had this type of feeling.

Chapter 855: Heavy News

Anyone with eyes could see that, in this loss for Blue Rain, Yu Wenzhou's tactics were very reasonable, and Huang Shaotian's Blademaster, as always, waited patiently for an opportunity to attack. It was Lu Hanwen's Flowing Clouds that had been over eager to engage. He had said Huang Shaotian's Troubling Rain was too far from him, becoming a little out of sync, but the reason for this lack of synchronization was because his Flowing Clouds had ran off too quickly. He failed to coordinate with the rest of the team.

A veteran like Wang Jiexi wouldn't not notice this mistake. Tiny Herb immediately came on with a sudden wave of attacks. Three people went to cut off any reinforcements while the two Witches, Vaccaria and Kind Tree, mounted a vicious offense. Blue Rain was just a tad too slow, resulting in Lu Hanwen getting wiped out by this wave of attacks. They fell into a passive role, and eventually lost the fight.

In the end, at the post-match press conference, Team Blue Rain didn't take the mistake seriously at all, jokingly pushing the blame around. The mistake that caused their loss was just vaguely touched upon before being passed over. This was one of the ways they would protect Lu Hanwen, but it was also something that showed how big the heart of the youngest member of the Alliance had.

Even Team Tiny Herb's Wang Jiexi didn't mention the mistake Lu Hanwen made in the press conference, but instead praised his composure afterwards, openly declaring that this was something all pro gamers could learn from him.

Even at Happy, Lu Hanwen became an exemplar to learn from.

"It seems that the old are losing to the young in keeping their composure*!" It was only after seeing Wang Jiexi's praise for Lu Hanwen that Ye Xiu started to lament loudly.

"You bastard, who're you talking about, huh!" The words instantly provoked someone to jump up ready to fight.

Wei Chen, of course it was him that Ye Xiu was referring to, because he had been rather touchy recently. It was because of none other than the fact that they were already in their fifth round of the Challenger League. There were only eight hundred teams left. After this point, there would only be four hundred. Happy and Excellent Era were, of course, still within these four hundred and the chances of them meeting now was far higher than it had been back when there were more than ten thousand teams. So, Wei Chen became uneasy. For Happy, it was too early in the game for them to face Excellent Era.

Seeing how composed the 14 year old Lu Hanwen was, Ye Xiu wouldn't miss such a great chance to poke fun at Wei Chen. This was especially effective, too. After jumping up in a rage when realizing who Ye Xiu was talking about, he immediately decided that he couldn't lose to this youngster who was his junior. With an expression like gathering storm clouds, he sat down on one side to compose his emotions.

Lu Hanwen's mental fortitude became something people admired even more than his technical skill. More and more people were admitting that he really was an impressive kid.

Another who had hit the Rookie's Block hard like Lu Hanwen was Team Wind Howl. It wasn't a certain person who had hit a block, but rather their entire team. They might have taken a strong lead in the beginning of the season, but starting from the eighth round, their scores began to fluctuate. After getting their then lowest score of 4 points in the eighth round, they managed to score a measly 2 points for the ninth and tenth rounds. As for the eleventh round, they only managed to earn 5 points.

Tang Hao was without a doubt a god-level player. In the early stages of assimilating into this team that revolved around a Brawler, the results had been very impressive. However, after several rounds, some of the problems in their teamwork gradually began to show, and the experienced powerhouses easily began to step on this tail that they had managed to grab. Team Wind Howl was unable to adjust within these four rounds, instantly slipping from the upper echelons of the ranking ladder. Under the same circumstances, the veterans of Glory managed to become a shining exemplar for everyone in their line of work.

Team Tyranny, round after round of stable point earning, stood at the top of the rankings. Also having new team members and a new team, Team Tyranny seemed to have no problems getting used to it. After eleven rounds, what everyone was talking about was no longer if Tyranny could manage to keep their place, but if their good, stable performance could break the record that Team Excellent Era had set in the second season with a total of 314 points, and an average of 8.26 points per match, in the regular season. Currently with 97 points in 11 rounds, Team Tyranny's chances of beating this record seemed good.

As for Team Hundred Blossoms, who also had quite a few eyes on them, finally managed to reach the sweet moment after bitter defeat. After a disappointing beginning, they finally managed to find their feet. The new Blossom Duo slowly matured, especially Zou Yuan. Handling his new Spitfire character Blooming Blossoms, he managed to enter a peak state of performance. This made people think Zou Yuan's use of the god-level account Dazzling Hundred Blossoms after Zhang Jiale's retirement wasn't such a fruitless decision. After obtaining a character tailored to his own style, Zou Yuan's performance improved with each passing day. With him, Team Hundred Blossoms also managed to struggle out of the swamp of relegation, steadily climbing up in the ranks.

Speaking of that, there was another team that had been continuously at the bottom that had to be mentioned: Heavenly Swords.

Heavenly Swords was in the same situation as Happy. With thinner foundations, their strength was unimpressive, but it also meant that they had plenty of room for improvement. With Lou Guanning taking a hold of Everlasting's assets, Team Heavenly Sword's strength improved by leaps and bounds. The original 20 pieces of silver equipment had increased to 41. Though many of them didn't really match, or would even be better for a different class, everything that could improve their character's strength was equipped. In addition, their research team that Ye Xiu wasn't even familiar with was obviously putting in a lot more effort into the development of silver equipment. In every round, it seemed that the characters of Heavenly Swords had different equipment on.

With the continuous improvement of their strength, their scores were also seeing an improvement. In the eleventh round, which had just finished, Team Heavenly Swords received 301 Degrees on their home field and managed to take a 7 to 3 victory. This was the first time they managed to gain over half the points in a round, and stepped out of the relegation zone. They're opponent in that round was Team 301 Degrees, which was a mid-tier team with a fairly stable performance. Occasionally, they would even step foot into the playoffs for a quick while. However, after their Knight player, Xu Bin, left during the summer, their performance had been constantly slipping. The all-star Assassin, Captain Yang Cong, seemed to be having trouble keeping the team afloat on his own.

With a passive and inelegant style, Xu Bin, who had held the title of "Grind King", never had much popularity even among the fans of his own team. It was only after his departure that his importance became evident. However, it was too late for the fans to regret now. Xu Bin's talent was fully being utilized in Tiny Herb now, having accepted the all-star Knight account Angelica. The success of Tiny Herb's Double Witch tactic was in large part assured by Xu Bin's efforts. All the drama happening in the ninth season made the Glory fans very happy. Yet after the 18th of November, the Monday of the next week, Glory officially announced another oncoming change that shook the entire Glory circle.

This year's anniversary of Glory's launch would, as always, signify the opening of a new server, the eleventh one, but there would also be a massive update added to the game. The level limits, that had not been touched in three years, was going to be increased to level 75. There would be new stories, new skills, new equipment, and even new maps...

For those who enjoyed the online game, this was amazing news. However, for those currently in the Pro League, this huge change would bring about unpredictable consequences. The already rather lively ninth season would become even more confusing.

For the characters in Pro Teams, increasing their level to 75 wasn't a problem at all. However, the changes in stats, skills, and equipment would lead to huge adjustments in strategy and playstyles. This would need to be figured out as they continued to play. The seemingly stable situation of the ninth season might collapse into chaos once more.

Pro teams, of course, didn't like these sorts of changes. However, since Glory's competitive scene was inseparable from the online game, they couldn't escape such changes. However, it was a little too disgusting that they would implement these adjustments, not in the summer holidays, but a third of the way through the regular season. Between matches, they not only had to rush to level up, but also had to research and test out new skills and new equipment. If they were a little slow about it, then they might be left behind in the competitive scene. This season was fated to be a very busy one. Even so, the experienced veterans weren't unfamiliar with this situation. Glory had only stopped quite long at level 70, but the updates from level 50, 55, 60, 65, and then 70 came one after another.

The Pro League was only in its ninth season. Of the eight seasons prior, three years had been at level 70, and the five years before that experienced an annual period of chaos with each new update. After the notice of the newest update came out, the veterans, who had been fighting since that era, all reminisced about those wild years.

Glory may have stopped at level 70 for the past three years, but who would believe that it wouldn't renew its limits? So, even though there hadn't been an update after hitting level 70 until now, all the Pro Teams had long since been preparing for this moment. At the very least, they had to stock up on all sorts of materials for silver equipment. As soon as the level 75 update came out, they immediately began researching new materials and charged over to level up their silver equipment.

Following the announcement of the update, the Alliance also made an announcement: on the week of the update, the fourteenth round of the League would be delayed by a week.

This was, of course, to prepare for the update and to allow all the pro teams extra time to adjust. At the same time, the Challenger League would also pause for a week.

And it was this notice that made storm clouds gather once more over the now-clear skies above Wei Chen's head.

It was apparent that this wasn't a good thing for Happy. Team Excellent Era had long since made preparations for an update like this, and had stocked up on materials over the years, but Team Happy didn't! All of Happy's material were carefully and specifically obtained by Ye Xiu. They couldn't afford the cost in materials from failure. Under this circumstance, Happy couldn't afford to charge into the unknown that was level 75!

Chapter 856: Meeting Change

The news of the level limit update didn't send the pro circle into a panic, but also didn't ignite a wave of excitement like it did with the normal players. The pro players still continued with their business as usual. However, the other departments of the clubs had to work a lot harder. For logistics, they had already begun to start taking inventory of their rare materials. Since all their silver equipment had to be

upgraded, taking them to unknown heights, the consumption of materials could instantly deplete the stockpiles that they had been building up for years.

The guilds of their respective clubs also put more time and effort into team dungeons. Though this last minute effort might not be of much help, it was a matter of attitude that showed their boss just how much everyone cared!

Dungeon materials were easy to guarantee; it was the rare materials from wild bosses that were hard. Especially in the Heavenly Domain, it had come to the point where the big guilds didn't seem to care any longer about their usual order and mustered all of their members to show how serious they could be. At this moment, it was a matter of headcount and the grounds were filled with corpses. Ye Xiu and his alliance were less successful under such circumstances. It was far too chaotic and lacking in method. The competitiveness of the big guilds were getting absurd and all they had in mind was one word: charge.

Charging recklessly all over the place, no one was certain how the Bosses even managed to fall into one guild's hands or another.

This chaos continued for a week. It was probably because the guild leaders felt that they had done their part in this act, and decided to restore order.

Rare materials were very valuable, but after so many years it wasn't possible to not have stockpiled any. In reality, everyone knew that what really would influence the bigger picture was going to be the new level 75 dungeons and wild Bosses.

The level 75 materials that would come from these sources were the real deciders. And for these new dungeons and Bosses, they had to first figure out how to beat them before they could even think about planning on how to snatch them. What sort of chaos would the release of the information on these bosses and dungeons lead to? It was something everyone could imagine. Even Esports Home weekly had decided to focus on publishing articles on the release of the information. Of course, they analyzed it according to how it might possibly affect the pro scene.

As for the specifics, they were being slowly leaked to the public through official channels.

First, they announced that the normal servers and Heavenly Domain would all be expanded. There would be six more areas in each server. These six areas would, without doubt, become the most active areas for players for the following year.

Six areas naturally meant at least six new dungeons and six new wild Bosses. So far, the Glory company had leaked the specifics of one area each for the Heavenly Domain and normal servers. Of course, the Heavenly Domain's area caught the most attention.

Barrier Mountains. That was the name of the level 75 area announced for the Heavenly Domain, appearing in the north most section.

Among these endless mountains that seemed to form a barrier, was the main city of this area, Thousand Peak City.

Thousand Peak City wasn't particularly large in area, but it was a crucial point in the defense of the mountains. Now, there were a pile of problems, both internal and external, awaiting a warrior to solve

them or something similar. This sort of background was a must have in the game, but it wasn't something the pro circle would bother to care about knowing.

In the pro circle, they paid attention to the other information released about Barrier Mountains.

In the Barrier Mountains, there would be two small five player dungeons, a ten player dungeon, a twenty player dungeon and a hundred player dungeon.

Shadow Tactician Sandy was the wild Boss of the Barrier Mountains, crafted from the storyline and background. Of course, the story behind the boss wasn't something the pro circle cared about. What they cared about for Sandy was what class it was, what skills it had, what it would do at red-blood, and what good stuff you could get from killing it.

This information wasn't leaked yet. All they received was a minute and forty-seven second long video that showed how powerful Shadow Tactician Sandy was.

The one minute and forty-seven second video was researched over and over again by the powerhouses. They came to the conclusion that Sandy was a Nightwalker, and the skills Sandy used in the demonstration spanned across the Warlock, Ninja, and Assassin classes.

The wild Boss was immensely powerful, but that wasn't what normal players would pay attention to. Those who had experience in Glory knew that such a difficult challenger was beyond normal players already. It was something for the big clubs.

What the players cared about was things like dungeons that they could experience for themselves. The background stories that the pro circle didn't bother with was something the players enjoyed. Not long after the information was leaked, people had already started making comments on the story. Some were lamentful, some were shocked, and some had already started writing fanfictions.

The game, of course, cooperated with all the publicity, launching all sorts of offline events to interact with players. Suddenly, the entire Glory circle was bustling with activity, celebrating the long-awaited update. The high end pro circle suddenly seemed more like onlookers. The normal players were excitedly celebrating, while they were busy making preparations to try and grasp future victories.

Club Excellent Era.

As soon as the announcements were made, Cui Li, Chen Yehui, and the others were all elated. Like how Wei Chen realized this was a terrible situation for Happy, they realized that this was another insurance bolt for Excellent Era. Cui Li didn't waste any time in calling a meeting with all of the department heads. Of course, that nonsense about preparing for the release of information on Bosses and dungeons had to be talked about. After that, he directed his words to Chen Yehui's guild department, telling them to muster their people, and prepare for the new dungeons and Bosses.

As Cui Li spoke to Chen Yehui, his gaze was very meaningful. Chen Yehui and him were old partners and knew each other very well. With Cui Li's speech concluded, he immediately started speaking, first speaking for his own department before beginning to analyze their current situation.

"I think this is a very big opportunity for Excellent Era," Chen Yehui said, "Although we're in the Challenger League, I trust that none of us present have limited their sights to a barren land like the Challenger League. Tyranny, Blue Rain, Tiny Herb, Samsara... Although we might not be on the same

stage as them this season, they are our true rivals and always have been. However, this season, they not only have the pro matches to worry about, but also the upcoming information on the new update, so they'll be feeling a lot more pressure than we will. In comparison, being in the Challenger League means that we have more time to expend our efforts on researching the new information. We can take this chance to make preparations for our return to the Alliance next season, and overwhelm them. This opportunity is like a blessing in disguise*. Though valuable, I trust that no one is willing to try and recreate it. So, I think that everyone should put in their best efforts and see how much we can improve with this opportunity."

Chen Yehui said this mildly, but as he spoke, his gaze often shifted to the captain and vice captain, Sun Xiang and Qiao Shiqing, sitting opposite him.

Everyone present was a higher up in the club, a core member, so they weren't dumb. Seeing where Chen Yehui's gaze kept falling and hearing his words, they instantly understood. This guy wanted the pro players to help out in game!

They were in the Challenger's League this season, but in these departments it was business as usual. Only the team, despite still having one match per week, felt like they were on holiday; since all their opponents were insignificant, they didn't have to give it their all. In the Pro League, pro players wouldn't go into the game at all, afraid of messing up their mood and rhythm, which might affect their match performance. However, since Excellent Era was in the Challenger's League, they didn't have to worry about all that.

It was just that this wasn't a part of their responsibilities, so the club couldn't force them to help out. So, Chen Yehui could only hint at it in his speech like this and hope that the two captains would understand and willingly take up his suggestions.

Everyone's gaze turned to the two. Cui Li, seeing this, made it clear that it was their turn to speak. "The team should also put effort into preparing for the update!"

Seeing this, Captain Sun Xiang realized it was his turn to speak! He cleared his throat. "That's true. The new information released will be followed by new level limits, changing the stats and skills of our characters. If we were in the League, we would have to figure it out as we compete, so there will inevitably be some things they can't cover while focusing on the match. We, on the other hand, have the chance to carefully research and test it. It's just a little unfortunate that our opponents in the Challenger League are too weak to be lab rats. We will need to watch more professional matches to figure things out!"

Sun Xiang looked lamentful as he finished, but the other heads in the room all felt as if there were black lines on their faces.

This guy really is a newbie! He completely misunderstood what the manager and Chen Yehui were trying to imply. He was even seriously analyzing how the team could prepare for the new update.

Though your analysis was rather good, unfortunately, you're way off topic! Everyone could see that when Sun Xiang ended his little monologue with triumph, Xiao Shiqing, who was next to him, revealed a little of his awkwardness in his expression. It was clear that he had figured out what the club wanted the pro players to do. It was unfortunate that Sun Xiang didn't get it at all, getting off topic in all seriousness.

Now, he had to go and fix this blunder. This sort of captain wasn't even as good as Zhou Zekai, who only ever expressed his thoughts with "um... ah... oh..."

Xiao Shiqing was, after all, an experienced veteran, so he didn't fuss about having to make up for this blunder, immediately adding, "If it's just through the Challenger League, then we really can't do much and there aren't many chances anyways. I think we can find other places to help us test our strength."

"Oh? You mean to organize invitationals with other teams? But we're in the middle of the season, would they even accept?" Sun Xiang said.

You... There's really no saving you! Xiao Shiqing was instantly speechless.

Chapter 857: Charging Up

On stage, Sun Xiang was undoubtedly a God. No one would argue against that. However, outside of the stage, Sun Xiang made everyone feel embarrassed again and again.

Although his words weren't necessarily wrong, they were very ill-timed. His thoughts were on a completely different track than what was going around the table.

Sun Xiang's behavior suited his age. What could they do though? The responsibilities that came with his position needed him to be mature. Unfortunately, while Sun Xiang's skill in Glory was constantly improving, his growth outside of the game over the past two years in the pro scene was disappointing.

He didn't understand what Chen Yehui was hinting at. Xiao Shiqin once again reduced the scope, but he still didn't understand what they were hinting at.

After he raised the topic of an invitational, everyone in the room was speechless. However, this guy actually looked quite pleased with himself. He felt like he had accurately pointed out the problem, leaving no room for doubt.

"Ahem... it would be very difficult to invite any high-level opponents for an invitational during this point in the season." Cui Li had no choice but to speak up at this moment.

"The update is about to be released though. In order to obtain the new resources, the environment in the game will certainly be abnormally intense. It might even be a perfect smelting furnace, a place where we can try out the new skills and new equipment." Chen Yehui didn't beat around the bush this time.

"Test equipment in the game? Is that okay?" Sun Xiang was doubtful.

Chen Yehui really wanted to slap himself! He had blurted out new equipment without thinking. In reality, they definitely wouldn't be able to test their new equipment in the game. The game was a very dangerous place. If one of the pieces of equipment dropped on accident, who would be held responsible?

Sun Xiang clearly recognized this issue. As a result, he only looked at the surface and didn't understand the purpose of those words, so he immediately grabbed Chen Yehui's slip of the tongue and raised an objection.

"New equipment doesn't necessarily mean Silver equipment!" At this moment, Xiao Shiqin quickly made up for the mistake. In terms of theory, it appeared true, but was actually false. It still made it seem ambiguous though. Everyone looked at Sun Xiang. What was their captain thinking now? Could you please have a bit of depth to your thoughts? If not, today all we'll be doing is attempting to instruct you, and you won't even graduate at the end.

Sure enough, after what appeared to be a moment of serious thinking, he spoke with a bit of hesitation: "In the game?"

And then, there was no after. Sun Xiang stopped here. Everyone wanted to pull out their hair: bro, what are you even asking?

Cui Li couldn't bear it anymore. He directly stated his intentions: "That makes a lot of sense! We're not having any trouble in the Challenger League. If it doesn't interfere with practice, having you guys go into the game and familiarize yourself with the new update is a good suggestion. We have ample time to prepare for next season. From this point of view, we have the advantage over any other team in the Alliance!"

Although Cui Li had completely revealed the main point of their conversation here, he still covered up a few things. If Sun Xiang still didn't understand, then he was way too stupid. Sun Xiang didn't understand what was being implied in the beginning, but he seemed to understand their words now.

This time, he didn't say anything. Sun Xiang had a shadow in his heart! It wasn't like he had never run to the game to be a helper, but what had been the result? He led Team Excellent Era's main roster to fight against some randoms led by Ye Qiu and lost. It had been a miserable defeat too.

Sun Xiang wouldn't admit that he was above that, but now that someone once again hoped he could go to help out in the game, he couldn't help but think about it more carefully.

Everyone in the room waited for him to make his decision. Finally, Sun Xiang nodded his head slightly: "That's reasonable."

Everyone let out a sigh of relief. Cui Li immediately seized this chance to speak up. He didn't look for Sun Xiang, but Xiao Shiqin instead: "Vice-captain, keep an eye out from the sidelines and keep in touch with the guild department. If there's a suitable opportunity, please bring everyone together to the game to practice."

"Okay." Xiao Shiqin nodded his head. He completely understood Cui Li's intentions. Familiarizing themselves with the new release had been established as the reason. However, these few knew that the end goal was to borrow the pro players and rise during this period of time. Of course, the purpose was to strengthen the team. In addition, the Challenger League wasn't as stressful for the players, so Xiao Shiqin didn't have any objections to this arrangement.

After this topic, the other departments stated how they would face this new release. The meeting ended shortly afterwards.

The various teams were also holding similar meetings. Happy also needed to discuss their plans for the release.

"The battle against us is about to officially begin..." Ye Xiu started the meeting with these words.

As the various teams actively made their preparations, the last week of November passed.

The first match of the sixth round of the Challenger League had just ended. Happy had yet to encounter Excellent Era and easily defeated this week's opponent. In the Pro Alliance, the rankings hadn't changed much after the thirteenth round. However, everyone knew that this would be their final moments of peace. For their future matches in December, they would need to face the new Glory update. The Pro Alliance would pause for one week. In the second week, on 12/14, the fourteenth round would start and the effects of the new update would appear in the pro scene.

12/3 was Glory's anniversary. The contents of the update had already been publicly released. As soon as the clock hit midnight on 12/3, the new update would be released and Glory's eleventh server would open.

Including today, there were 11 days until the match on the 14th.

During these 11 days, the various teams would first force all of their characters to level 75 before anything else. If there was a character level difference in the match on the fourteenth, it would definitely be a deciding factor.

How many levels they could get during these 11 days depended on each team's leveling methods, but at this point, getting even a one level difference wouldn't be easy.

Apart from that, during these 11 days, the club guilds would work hard to find ways to improve their team's strength through the new content. Perhaps some Level 75 Orange equipment would be better than their Level 70 Silver equipment. The company didn't release any information on the newly released equipment. The players had to find out for themselves. During this period of time, the company only announced the new level 75 areas in the normal server and Heavenly Domain.

In the Heavenly Domain, there was also New Weir Peninsula and Weaving Silver Lake.

New Weir Peninsula was located on the east side of the Heavenly Domain's mainland. It was a peninsula that extended from the original coastline. The background for it was a place where pirates engaged in battle. The main city in New Weir Peninsula was called New Weir City. In the area was a 5 player dungeon, a 50 player dungeon, and a 100 player raid. The wild boss was called Ruila, Daughter of the Sea.

The other new area, Weaving Silver Lake, took a part out of three other areas in the Heavenly Domain to form a new section of the map. Weaving Silver Lake was the smallest of the six new areas. This lake, which suddenly popped out of nowhere, naturally had a mysterious story behind it. As before, no one in the pro scene cared for it.

Weaving Silver Lake only had a 5 player dungeon and two 20 player dungeons. The wild boss was Silver Lake Guardian Frederica. Even though there wasn't much information released on her, in the pictures of Silver Lake Guardian Frederica, it was very easy to deduce the boss' class: gunner.

That was all the information that had been given. Even the pro clubs had no way of making too many preparations based on this info. Everyone could only keep a close eye on the calendar and wait for the update to drop.

At 10PM on 12/2, Glory's servers temporarily shut down to prepare for the update. However, this didn't affect the excitement of the players. Happy Internet Cafe was packed with people. The majority of them had even reserved their seats for an overnight stay.

As for the clubs?

The pro players had to restrain themselves from their curiosity and had to rest. All of the pro player account cards had been collected by the club and then given to the guild department for the employees to level up.

These powerful characters appeared very ordinary because the self-made equipment created for them had been replaced with temporary equipment. The guilds had already arranged for guard teams to protect the levels of these pro characters.

This sort of protection was necessary! It was rare for pro characters to appear in the game. Let alone regular players crowding around them, if the players surrounded and started attacking them, it would be very troublesome. The pro characters that had logged on to the game to level up would not only not gain levels, but lose levels instead. When match time came, they might as well not even appear on stage.

Happy didn't have the same conditions as those clubs, who had people appointed to leveling these characters. Their characters had to be leveled up on their own. In light of the amount of hostility towards them in Glory, their safety was also an issue that had to be considered. Their characters had been escorted by their guild troops to the northern parts of the Heavenly Domain mainland ahead of time.

The update notes had stated that Barrier Mountains would be merged into the Heavenly Domain over here. When midnight struck, Ye Xiu's group would appear here and head directly into the Barrier Mountains.

Ye Xiu's intent was to directly enter the dungeons. This was an undoubtedly bold move. In the new area, although the monsters in the levelling areas were between level 71 and level 75, every monster in the dungeon was level 75. It was supposed to be for max-leveled players to challenge, but for Happy, in order to have an environment safe from other players, they decided to try this five-level-higher dungeon.

The Heavenly Domain consisted of players from all ten servers. It could be imagined just how much more pressure there was in these six Heavenly Domain areas than in the normal servers. It was also why the Heavenly Domain was so vast. Heavenly Domain areas were much larger than normal server areas. These six new areas were no exception.

Chapter 858: Sealed Mountain Thieves Hideout

December 3rd, at midnight 00:00:00, Glory timely released the new content. Tens of millions of players fought to log in at that exact moment. Even though it wasn't a weekend, the loyal players wanted to start exploring as soon as possible.

Every account's friend list was now lit up more than ever before. The quality of the Glory servers that they took pride in weren't famous for nothing. Even with so much traffic, it was still running as usual. However, while the servers might be enough, the space in the maps in game weren't. As soon as the new content was released, all the level 70 players, no matter if they had only gotten there or had long since hit the limit, flooded into the new areas.

So what if there were only six new areas? There still wasn't enough space for the players. Especially the three areas that were first announced, even more players wanted to check them out. Ye Xiu and co had last logged out with their characters prepared to enter the new areas. Even so, all they could see were people when they logged in. It seemed that a lot of people had parked their characters before logging off!

Ye Xiu and others then realized that, at this special time, there was no need to worry about their characters' safety. The players had never been so eager to talk with NPCs; Why would they bother with PKing? That was a waste of precious time!

This was a rare chance where everyone had been pulled back to the same starting point, so none of them wanted to lose before the race even began.

The crowd flooded into the new maps. Under these circumstances, doing quests and killing monsters was an extravagant luxury to have. So, many players realized that at a time like this, the only way to separate yourself from the crowd and get your own quiet space to practice was to run dungeons.

Unfortunately, the dungeons were all level 75. With a whole five levels of difference, normal players wouldn't be able to handle it. However, no one cared about that now. If they went to experience the dungeon, then that was rather worthwhile, wasn't it?

As for the big guilds, they immediately ran to beat the dungeons. New dungeons meant that there were chances to get First Kills, and dungeon First Kills, as well as records, gave out rewards that were as good as those obtained from wild Bosses. With the three year pause at level 70, all the records were broken to the point of being unbreakable. With the new dungeons, the long unseen race for First Kills and dungeon records was once again revived.

With Happy.Lord Grim, Windward Formation, Steamed Bun Invasion, One Inch Ash, Chasing Haze, Dawn Rifle, Little Cold Hands, Concealed Light, and the Battle Mage Forest Landscape, who had turned on Excellent Era for Happy with Chen Guo and became a core member of Guild Happy, made a perfect ten. Mo Fan had been hanging around Happy for three months now, but was still like a stranger, using free food and board but still didn't greet anyone. However, with the new update released, he was pushed to be a part of their pioneering team. In the end, he didn't reject Ye Xiu's summons and quietly joined their party.

Ye Xiu was skilled and brave, with this ten person party, he headed directly for the officially announced ten-person dungeon in Barrier Mountains: Sealed Mountain Thieves Hideout.

In the background story of Barrier Mountains, the Sealed Mountain Thieves were a group of criminals that caused chaos across the Barrier Mountains. The rebellion happening in Thousand Peak City was partly thanks to the rebels allying themselves with the Sealed Mountain Thieves. So, in completing the

storylines in Barrier Mountains, there would naturally be an event where players would have to destroy the Sealed Mountain Thieves.

Apart from running around the map and fighting as part of the plot, the harder quests would all be completed through dungeons.

But anyone who was at this part of the storyline was probably not far from level 75. Ye Xiu and the others weren't heading for the dungeons to complete any quests, they were going for the experience points and hopefully a First Kill.

The location of the dungeons had long since been leaked. After the update, it could be easily seen on the map. Heading over, the entire place was already filled with players. There were no monsters whatsoever in the Barrier Mountains because it didn't take more than a few seconds after they respawned for them to go extinct. Many of the players were just like headless flies, wanting to do something, but not being able to find anything to do. The quest NPCs were completely surrounded and it didn't seem to be possible to speak to one without waiting for upwards of an hour. Among the mountains, there were more players than monsters, so many people started to explore in an attempt to find a place with less people.

As for those who headed directly for the dungeons, it wasn't just the big guilds; there were plenty of normal players as well. They would find a few friends, make a party, and start exploring the dungeons.

But wanting to explore level 75 dungeons at level 70 was a courageous move to make, especially a ten person one. When Ye Xiu and the others arrived at the entrance to Sealed Mountain Thieves Hideout, they saw many people already outside. Clicking into their profiles, the stats were all red. Ye Xiu and co had rushed to the dungeon as soon as possible, but by then there had already been many teams who had been wiped out and respawned already; what sort of efficiency was this?

There were plenty of sightseeing parties at the entrance. In reality everyone knew that for new dungeons, even groups formed of friends, let alone random wild groups, had to struggle and research them for a while before they could even have a chance of getting through. So that's why no one said they were here to run dungeons, but just to sightsee....

Ye Xiu and co didn't dawdle, going inside as soon as they reached the entrance. After being transported inside, the scenery didn't change much. They had only moved through the entrance. It looked like they were still in the Barrier Mountains map, but actually they were in an isolated space already.

In the areas around the entrance, there would be a safe space where you couldn't be attacked. As soon as the ten of them entered, they started looking at the situation of the dungeon and quickly found that at each side of the door to the hideout stood a tall watchtower. Each watchtower had a Sealed Mountain Thief, holding a rifle and watching from afar.

"Should we blast them down?" Chen Guo asked, already controlling Chasing Haze to heft her rocket launcher onto her shoulder.

"Be patient, let's observe for a moment. We're not here for speed, just to get through the dungeon safely," Ye Xiu said. In a completely unknown dungeon with a five level suppression, they couldn't be too careless, even if they were fighting for a First Kill. Under these circumstances, getting through the dungeon was already a win.

"A patrol is coming," At that moment, Wei Chen spoke up. Everyone looked forwards and saw a five-man patrol coming their way under the lead of a small ringleader, holding steel knives.

"Can we avoid the patrol?" Wei Chen's Windward Formation shifted back by two steps. He couldn't move any further, or else he'd exit the dungeon.

"Who knows," Ye Xiu, of course, didn't know either. Who knew how close the patrol would get to them?
"Prepare for battle!"

"I just want to ask," An Wenyi hurriedly spoke up, "Who's the MT?"

"Me." Just as Ye Xiu said this, he noticed Luo Ji's Concealed Light already summoning creatures, clearly because of Ye Xiu's order to "prepare for battle." Ye Xiu hastily gave him an order, "Concealed Light, limit your summons to four or less."

"Ah?" Luo Ji startled.

"Uh... If you don't exert good control over them, you might accidentally pull more mobs," Ye Xiu said.

Luo Ji went red, but he knew it was the truth. With his skill, pulling out at all stops would just be too chaotic for him and a mistake could release a summon from his control. Four summons was the most he could exert flawless control over. Luo Ji knew it wasn't time to be prideful, so he obediently summoned four.

The patrol came closer and closer, as if they really were going to walk straight to the entrance of the hideout.

"Let's snatch the initiative!" Chen Guo couldn't stay calm any longer.

"Don't panic." Ye Xiu was still very calm. "If we enter their aggro range, Chasing Haze shoot the left thief down, and Dawn Rifle go for the right."

"Ok," the two replied together.

"Everyone, be careful!" Ye Xiu quickly said, seeing the patrol come closer and closer. Though these were new monsters from a level 75 dungeon, he could still estimate the aggro range from experience.

"Fuck, it's just a wave of normal monsters; don't make the atmosphere so nervous," Wei Chen said.

"You're nervous just from a group of normal monsters? How strange," Ye Xiu mocked.

"I'm just worried you'll make the other youngsters nervous," Wei Chen said.

"Heheh, the youngsters nowadays are stronger than you." Ye Xiu was, of course, hinting at his junior in Blue Rain, Lu Hanwen.

"Can you two shut up!?" Chen Guo yelled. She was the only one who was truly nervous.

In the end, just as her words fell, the patrol turned and left without entering aggro range.

"A false alarm," Ye Xiu said.

"Once they're far enough, shoot those two down," Wei Chen said.

So everyone watched as the patrol gradually walked further away, eventually turning at a crossroads and leaving their sight.

It had already been over a minute since they started the dungeon, and all they had really done with pose and look around. This showed what caution was necessary for exploring a place levels above you.

"Ok, fire!" Finally, the battle began. At Ye Xiu's orders, with Chasing Haze on the left, and Dawn Rifle on the right, the rocket launchers on their shoulders opened fire, missiles heading straight for the watchtowers.

The smoke from the explosions hadn't even dispersed when they heard the two NPCs start to yell, "Intruders! Intruders!"

In an instant, the patrol that had disappeared around the corner flew right back.

"So it's like that! Seems like we should've assassinated them first?" Ye Xiu wondered aloud.

As for Chen Guo, she had long since started panicking, asking Ye Xiu, "Where do I shoot? Where do I shoot?"

Tang Rou was far more ferocious. Seeing that the commotion had already begun, she had already charged forth to meet them.

"Slow down, Soft Mist!" Ye Xiu hurriedly shouted. "We'll kill them here. If we charge forwards, we don't know if we might pull other monsters or not." Ye Xiu was experienced, after all.

Hearing this, Tang Rou had Soft Mist stop her charge. The two Sealed Mountain thieves that had been shot at, were knocked down by the blast and were currently not a threat. The patrol of thieves running over had two gunner class members that raised their weapons and started shooting.

Bang bang! Two gunshots rang out, but the victims weren't Chasing Haze and Dawn Rifle.

"Ai, this patrol's aggro is quite unusual!" Saying this, Ye Xiu knew it was time for him to step up to do his job as the MT.

Chapter 859: Aggro Chain

Ye Xiu's Lord Grim led the way forward, but the patrol team had two long-ranged gunners, so they wouldn't run to the front to attack.

Ye Xiu had just stopped Soft Mist from running too far. Naturally, he did the same too. As a result, the two gunners were difficult to control. At this distance, only a Qi Master's Cloud Grasping Fist could pull them over. Team Happy didn't have this class. It was a skill that could only be learned after class advancement. The unspecialized Lord Grim and the brawler Steamed Bun Invasion couldn't learn it.

In this situation, other skill effects needed to be used in order to get the desired effects. Ye Xiu's Lord Grim jumped high into the air and lobbed a grenade. The grenade arced down behind those two gunners.

Boom!

Dust clouds rose from the explosion. The two gunners were thrown forward. At the same time, Lord Grim forced his way back down with a Falling Light Blade. The other three dagger wielding Sealed Mountain thieves ate dirt from the blast too.

Ye Xiu was pleased with the NPC's courage. A normal player would have easily dodged the grenade thrown out from such a far distance. Only NPCs would so stupidly ignore the attack and facetank the damage. No matter the level gap, NPCs fundamental patterns never changed. Only advanced NPCs, otherwise known as bosses, would pay attention to avoiding damage.

The grenade pushed the two gunners closer, but the power of the skill was still fairly weak. At this moment, a missile descended from the sky and landed behind the two Sealed Mountain thief gunners.

Boom!

This time, the shockwave's AOE was far more powerful than the grenade's. The mushroom cloud shot up into the sky. If that still didn't push the two gunners in front of Lord Grim, it would be an outrage to the visual effects.

"Beautiful!"

Amidst the chaos, the MT didn't forget to give a big thumbs up behind him to whoever did that.

Chen Guo felt jealous! If only she had that kind of skill! Unfortunately, she didn't have the ability to guide the Heat Seeking Missile to the desired location in such a short amount of time. It was Team Happy's newest member, Wu Chen, who had shot the missile. Wu Chen's skill level couldn't be considered top tier in the pro scene, but his fundamentals were still solid. What Chen Guo liked was that when this brother came, he didn't hurry to discuss about wages and what not. He was like the others and just got by with what they had. What a great helper! Chen Guo couldn't help but think at this moment.

"First look at the target I'm attacking. Don't aggro enemies randomly." Ye Xiu shouted. After all, his unspecialized character wasn't a Knight. He didn't have the stats to hold too many enemies. His main method of pulling monsters was through damage. As a result, the level of coordination necessary to make this work was fairly high. If the DPS classes only cared about themselves, the aggro would quickly turn into a mess.

Of the people here, he obviously didn't need to worry about Wei Chen, Qiao Yifan, or Wu Chen. Steamed Bun and Tang Rou had played with Ye Xiu for a long time now, so they were familiar with Lord Grim's MT style. They wouldn't make simple mistakes. As for Little Cold Hands, he wouldn't be healing the monsters. Apart from them was Chen Guo, Luo Ji, and Mo Fan.

Chen Guo had experience and knew her skills well. She knew that with her skill level among this team, let alone helping them, it would be good as long as she wasn't a burden. In a chaotic situation like this, she might as well not do anything, so she wouldn't mess anything up. That side had turned into a mess. For a moment, she had no way of having Chasing Haze accurately attack the correct target, so she simply did nothing and acted as a spectator.

As for Luo Ji, if he did his usual summon of everything at once, the team's killer would certainly be him. Fortunately, Ye Xiu had reminded him, so he only summoned four creatures, which Luo Ji could adequately control.

As a result, the person who could be a problem would be Mo Fan. This guy actually used a high-level Ninja skill, Shadow Dance. This skill was always used as a group attack. Once this attack came out, wouldn't he be the one generating the most aggro?

Chen Guo became anxious when she saw this scene. She jumped out and yelled: "What are you doing?"

Outside of the game, Chen Guo was already glaring at Mo Fan. She could endure Mo Fan's usual behavior because, even though he hadn't helped them at all, he wasn't a burden either. Chen Guo wouldn't mind his trivial matters like eating and living here every day. She knew Ye Xiu's intentions were to have him slowly get involved in this lifestyle, so Mo Fan would wholeheartedly want to join, but in this crucial moment, Mo Fan actually didn't listen to orders and acted on his own. It crossed the line for Chen Guo.

"Calm down!" Mo Fan ignored her, but Ye Xiu's voice came.

"This guy..."

"It's fine." Ye Xiu interrupted Chen Guo and told her to take a look at the screen.

Chen Guo glanced at it and was stunned.

After Mo Fan's Deception used Shadow Dance, clones were scattered all over the place. The aggro wasn't messed up though, because his Shadow Dance had been controlled very well. His attack target was still the one that everyone was focusing on. He wasn't attacking anywhere he wanted to, like Chen Guo had originally thought.

"This guy..." Chen Guo knew she had blamed Mo Fan wrongly, but that guy completely ignored her. Apologizing to him was pointless! But after sitting down again, Chen Guo still mumbled as if she were talking to Ye Xiu: "I blamed him wrongly."

"That's not entirely true. He wants to mess things up." Ye Xiu said.

"What!"

"He wants to take the aggro away from me!" Ye Xiu said indifferently. Through the in-game voice comms, everyone could hear his words.

"Don't mess around." Wei Chen was very displeased.

"Haha, if you want to mess things up, you'd better try harder!" Ye Xiu said. His hands continued to move. Chen Guo stole a glance at Mo Fan. His expression was very serious. This punk probably still harbored resentment against Ye Xiu. If he could steal away the aggro, it would mean that he was superior to Ye Xiu. As for the chaos that followed, he probably didn't care. Did he have any sense of teamwork in his heart?

In any case, Chen Guo didn't get involved, so she didn't make any mistakes. Ye Xiu took Lord Grim and assumed the MT role. It wasn't an easy task. A 5 level difference meant that his skill effects wouldn't be

completely effective. In addition, he pulled seven monsters at once. There was no way he wouldn't handle all of damage. In a ten player dungeon, when pulling so many monsters, the main tank and secondary tank usually acted together. Right now, not only was Lord Grim not a tank class, Ye Xiu could only rely himself.

"Don't just focus on attacking. Pay attention to the patterns of these Sealed Mountain thieves." Ye Xiu reminded everyone.

There could only be so many different types of dungeon NPCs, which appeared again and again. As a result, the first wave was considered the most difficult because only this battle would be completely unknown. After his first battle, they would start accumulating knowledge on the new dungeon monsters and their progress through the dungeon would become smoother.

The battle with these seven Sealed Mountain thieves lasted three minutes long. After Ye Xiu took control of the pace, the old veteran Wei Chen didn't need to strictly follow the arrangements. He started displaying a playstyle that suited him much better, thus decreasing the pressure on the team. In the end, the first wave ended smoothly. They were just minions. There wasn't much suspense to it at all. After a bit of adjustment, the team followed the path to the stronghold and continued forward.

At the same time, those guild teams, friend groups, or just random passerbyers were having trouble with these seven aggro-linked monsters at the entrance.

It wasn't so tragic that all of them wiped out, but getting past this part without any casualties like Team Happy did was truly a bit difficult for these players.

Take Blue Brook Guild. Their guild's most elite members were personally led by Chen Yehui to start this dungeon.

There was a suppression of five levels. Starting with a ten player dungeon was the limit. Attempting a dungeon that required more people would be underestimating the game too much. Hundred player dungeons didn't even need to be mentioned. Even now, those top guilds didn't dare claim that they could get through the Level 70 ones with certainty! A hundred players going in and ninety players coming out was already an impressive achievement.

Facing these seven Level 75 dungeon monsters were the Five Great Experts of Blue Brook Guild. It took the sacrifice of two of their members to eliminate these seven monsters.

"How difficult...." After the battle ended, Chilling Nightfall had lingering fears.

"We probably won't be able to clear it will we." Flying Brushstroke said.

"Clear it? If the rest is like this too, it's hard to say if we'll even make it to the boss." Chilling Nightfall said.

"Let's just take a look around..." Flying Brushstroke was gloomy. These two Great Experts of Blue Brook Guild had already lost the will to continue fighting. Of course, they couldn't be blamed. They had already been mentally prepared for this outcome in a ten player dungeon five levels above them. However, they had thought that they would be killed by the boss. They didn't think these little monsters would be an issue. Who would have thought that two of their guys would die after the opening battle?

"Probably only pro players can pass through this ten player dungeon right now." Chilling Nightfall said.

"There shouldn't be any pro players on at this time." Flying Brushstroke said. Although they could see that in their Blue Brook Guild, whether it was Swoksaar or Troubling Rain or Flowing Cloud or Soul Speaker or any of the other pro characters, all of them were online. However, they knew that these characters weren't being played by the pro players. The account cards had been handed to the guild department. During this period of time, they were being power leveled 24/7. At this moment, they sought after the fastest leveling speed. Coming to the new areas to level wouldn't be a smart move. These Team Blue Rain characters were at the known areas, clearing Level 70 dungeons to level instead.

These characters were Level 70. The people leveling these characters had experience with Level 70 dungeons, which was why, in order to pursue the fastest leveling speed, this was the best method. Each and every character on a pro team was leveling in the Level 70 dungeons. During these 11 days, they would utilize the fastest leveling method to level up before doing anything else.

"There probably won't be a First Clear tonight, right?" Right when Chilling Nightfall finished these words, a guy popped up in Blue River's mind... Is he leveling or clearing dungeons right now?

Chapter 860: Vanguard Brother Wolf

The people Blue River was thinking of were naturally Ye Xiu and Happy. However, even though he knew that the other was very skilled at running dungeons, he had no way of causing any trouble for them. Blue River decided to not bring this up in fear of affecting their moods. The Blue Brook Guild expert party continued forth. The next two waves of monsters each had less than three. With seven people going against them, it wasn't too difficult. However, while fighting the following wave, Flying Brushstroke was caught off guard by a Sealed Mountain thief and was sent flying, right into the aggro range if another wave of Sealed Mountain thieves.

One, two, three, four, five...

The new wave had five monsters. After Flying Brushstroke was sent flying, he never came back. The other six didn't have time to come over and save him before he died and left the dungeon.

These five, in addition to the original four, made a total of nine Sealed Mountain Thieves, two more than the first wave. As for Blue Brook Guild? They only had six people left. After a furious life and death struggle, the six couldn't hold protect their lives from these nine thieves. In the chaos, three of the nine thieves were killed and the six Blue Brook Guild experts were wiped out.

The creme de la creme of Blue Brook Guild's experts managed to explore for a total of twelve minutes in the new dungeon. This record was much better than those parties who were swept upon entering. Next time, they knew that there would be seven Sealed Mountain Thieves in the first wave and would be prepared for it. The pioneering of a new dungeon was done through the stockpile of these attempts. Unfortunately, Glory's rules were rather harsh. A character would be sent out of the dungeon upon dying, so they would be unable to experience the entire thing. In addition, there was an upper limit to the amount of times you could enter a dungeon per day. Each character only had one run at the ten person dungeon Sealed Mountain Thieves Hideout per day. These members of Blue Brook Guild had, of course, used this chance.

Just as the Blue Brook Guild's party was wiped out, Ye Xiu had already lead Happy's party to a victory against the sixth wave, far outpacing Blue Brook Guild. They hadn't even had a single casualty yet. This was thanks to Ye Xiu's leadership, of course.

For example, where the Blue Brook Guild had accidentally pulled nine Sealed Mountain Thieves, Ye Xiu had thought of the possibility of these hidden dangers and told everyone to pay close attention. They then managed to avoid such a fatal mistake.

The characteristics of Sealed Mountain Thieves was something Ye Xiu was observing continuously. Whenever he figured something out, he would naturally warn everyone. Their methods became more and more refined, so the battles naturally became smoother and faster.

After a while, they finally arrived at the first checkpoint of the Sealed Mountain Thieves Hideout, where there would definitely be a boss: Sealed Mountain Vanguard, Brother Wolf. They didn't know if the name was the boss's actual name, or just some sort of title, and they weren't interested in finding out either. The name wouldn't affect the power of the boss, after all.

Against a boss they knew nothing about, they had to be extremely cautious. The ten didn't rush forwards, but instead got a good look at their surrounds from every possible angle to see if there was anything in the environment that might interrupt the flow of their battle. Then, they checked if there was anything special about the terrain and if they could use it to their advantage. Last but not least, they couldn't forget to check out the boss itself. Though they couldn't click into its profile and check its equipment it used like they could with a player, they could still figure out what sort of class it was from looking over its equipment and weapons.

In the end, Sealed Mountain Vanguard, Brother Wolf seemed extremely powerful from this point of view. A sword hung from his belt on the left, there was a gun in a holster on the right, and his right hand was clenched around a two meter long spear... Just from the weapons, this guy had crossed three major classes, continuing on with the shamelessness that were common among bosses.

"I doubt he can use magic attacks..." Wei Chen commented. Brother Wolf seemed to be a physical fighter. Casting spells while holding a spear was something only players did. NPCs were very loyal to their individual classes, proudly bearing the weapons of their classes.

"Hm, everyone keep your distance for now and let me test him out first. Ranged characters can provide the appropriate cover," Ye Xiu began to order.

After looking over the terrain, Wu Chen had long since picked an appropriate point to attack from. For ranged fighters like Launchers, there wasn't much of a need for movement in PvE. At most, they just needed a spot where they could get closer and back away when needed, ensuring maximum firepower coverage when the boss was pulled by the other players.

Chen Guo naturally knew this as well, but she wasn't nearly as confident as Wu Chen. She was even worried about messing up when fighting normal monsters. Now that they were at a boss, she was even more nervous. Seeing Wu Chen pick a spot, Chen Guo wasn't sure what to do. It was a good thing that Ye Xiu's voice rang out, giving her a place to stand and helping her calm down.

For Wei Chen, there was no need for Ye Xiu to worry about him. Seeing everyone stand in their respective places, Ye Xiu had Lord Grim charge at the boss.

Brother Wolf had a wide aggro range, and his reactions were very fast. Just as Lord Grim stepped into range, Brother Wolf had already partly turned, lifting the spear in his right hand and swinging it despite the distance.

Ye Xiu saw this clearly and hurriedly rolled. Looking back, he didn't see any hint of an attack. Brother Wolf had already straightened his spear and began to charge over.

So that action had been nothing but a feint, and not an attack. This small mistake didn't affect his mood. They were pioneering, after all. This sort of mistake was better than getting killed outright for being reckless.

The spear held by Brother Wolf was a total of two meters in length. He held it by the base with one hand as he quickly rushed over. As soon as he was in range, the spear was swung down in an arc. This swing wasn't a Battle Mage technique, and was probably just a normal attack. However, this was a boss' attack, so Ye Xiu didn't dare to assume anything. What Ye Xiu had Lord Grim do wasn't the ingenious sidestep and counterattack that he would usually do when PKing, but a direct roll onto the ground, rolling three times and dodging by several body units.

This sort of dodge seemed extremely exaggerated, like he had been scared witless. However, as the spear hit the ground, everyone realized what a smart move Ye Xiu had made. When the boss' spear hit the ground, there was a thunderous sound and an immense shockwave spread from the point of contact. The ground was instantly filled with cracks. If Lord Grim had just sidestepped it, who knew what would happen to him upon being struck by this shockwave?

However, being a punching bag wasn't Ye Xiu's style. As soon as the attack missed, he had already raised his Myriad Manifestation Umbrella and sent out three Anti-Tank Missiles with a resounding boom.

Bosses had better AIs than normal monsters, occasionally using some method of dodging. As the Anti-Tank Missiles approached, Brother Wolf didn't dodge. Instead, he swung his spear and was immediately swallowed by the resulting explosion, having destroyed the missiles.

Yet, Lord Grim had already closed in with a Slide Kick at this time. Brother Wolf had swung his spear up, so his lower half was left open to attack, resulting in the Slide Kick meeting its target.

If one timed it right, a Slide Kick could knock down its target, but Brother Wolf wasn't moved by the Slide Kick. Ye Xiu wasn't too surprised. Lord Grim had already jumped up from the Slide Kick and separated his Myriad Manifestation Umbrella into two, setting it against his arms and throwing out a Back Throw.

Under level suppression, even grabs could easily be shrugged off. The current Lord Grim was unfortunately experiencing such a case. Luckily, Ye Xiu's reaction speed was god-level. When the skill activated and had no effect on its target, he immediately realized it had been shrugged off and quickly cancelled the skill before retreating.

Brother Wolf reaction speed was boss level as well, sending his palm out with a step forward, in the style of a Battle Mage's Falling Flower Palm. This Brother Wolf knew some Battle Mage skills, as expected.

Brother Wolf's Falling Flower Palm had a wide range, and it seemed that Lord Grim wouldn't be able to dodge it. In that moment, a streak of white light fell; it was a pre-prepared heal from An Wenyi's Little Cold Hands.

Everyone silently praised this move from An Wenyi's. Yet, who would've thought that this Falling Flower Palm never managed to strike Lord Grim. Upon contact, he had realized something was wrong and quickly retreated. This swift reaction of Ye Xiu's allowed him to completely dodge Wolf of Season's counterattack. An Wenyi's seemingly perfectly timed heal was, strictly speaking, a misjudgement.

It was clear that in terms of judgement, An Wenyi was currently not at Ye Xiu's level.

Having dodged, Lord Grim swerved to Brother Wolf's side to attack. A level 70 character and a level 75 dungeon boss became entangled in a one on one fight just like that. If any normal player saw this, they would be surprised enough to eat their mouse. However, everyone in Happy was used to it. Even Chen Guo wasn't worried.

After a few exchanges, everyone could tell that even Ye Xiu was struggling a little. Little Cold Hands' healing had a few chances to shine soon enough.

Yet, Ye Xiu slowly figured out Brother Wolf through these exchanges and after observing for a while, Wei Chen and Wu Chen began to provide firepower as support. Qiao Yifan's One Inch Ash was no longer where he had been before, but had instead gone to support with his Ghost Boundaries.

Steamed Bun's Steamed Bun Invasion had also gotten into a Brawler's range, holding a brick and moving around in an attempt to get behind Brother Wolf. Finally managing to hit his target, he didn't even have the chance to celebrate before Brother Wolf recovered from his dizziness. Bosses originally had a powerful resistance against status effects. Now, with the addition of this level suppression, what status effects they could manage were far too short to take advantage of. At most, it could only interrupt the boss' attacks.

"Ok, that's about good, prepare for battle everyone. Listen carefully to my commands. When I tell you to scatter, retreat in your own directions, at least four body units, and be quick about it," Ye Xiu ordered.

"Understood," Everyone replied. Tang Rou was impatient to get in on the action, already commanding Soft Mist to charging, but it was Mo Fan's Deception who was even faster. Streaking forwards, a combination of attacks instantly slammed into Brother Wolf.