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Chapter 871: First Kill Rewards (1)

Warlocks didn't have much health and their defense was rather low as well. After taking that hit, Wei Chen wished he could Teleport, too. By then, Sealed Mountain Tiger had already turned around. Was he going to give him one final sword to heart? No, Sealed Mountain Tiger's sword had been sheathed, and he instead held a gun in his hands. The dark opening of the muzzle was aimed at Windward Formation, and the trigger was pulled with extreme prejudice.

The moment the gun flared, Wei Chen's view blurred and Ye Xiu's Lord Grim had managed to rush over just in time, deflecting the hit with his open Myriad Manifestation Umbrella.

Tang Rou, who was always eager for a fight, and Mo Fan, who wanted to prove himself, had both charged forward with their characters.

Sealed Mountain Tiger once again switched weapons, entangling with the two melee characters with his fists and feet. Sealed Mountain Tiger's power was much more formidable than Alpha, Beta, Gamma, and Delta. Blademaster Alpha could also use "Downwind Sword Slash," but it couldn't compare to Sealed Mountain Tiger's, which had the same power as number one Boss Brother Wolf when Enraged.

However, no matter how fiercely Sealed Mountain Tiger fought, he only had a tenth of his health left. Everyone had gone wild with their attacks, only demanding speed from themselves without needing to consider endurance or slowing their pace unless they needed to use potions or wait for skill CDs. For many players who wanted to DPS, they loved the last 10 percent the most.

In this team, no one wanted to raise their DPS more than Mo Fan.

Speaking of which, this last Boss Sealed Mountain Tiger really wasn't the best to use for comparing DPS. This was because for the first 90%, there were never ending summons, and there wasn't much point in killing them over and over again. Keeping them alive and under control was more helpful.

That's what Ye Xiu and his party had done, so those who were responsible for keeping a hold of the summons wouldn't have high DPS, making DPS comparisons for this Boss rather meaningless.

However, Mo Fan's Deception had already embarrassed himself on the last four consecutive Bosses. Though he knew that this Boss wouldn't give him much of a chance to win back his face, he still did his best. Yet the others wouldn't hold back on this last 10 percent of health either. Explosions thundered across the field and blades cut through the air, all sorts of skills erupted on and around Sealed Mountain Tiger.

This wasn't just the last 10 percent of health for the Boss, but also the last 10 percent of health for the entire dungeon. They could go wild and exert less caution now. At the end of the dungeon, getting the final victory was the only requirement to success. Even if someone was wiped out in the process, it wouldn't change that fact.

Of course, no one would completely ignore the state of their health, but they would be able to do a few more risky techniques when attacking.

Sealed Mountain Tiger's health plummeted.

The health of Happy's members were also jumping around messily. An Wenyi was the busiest one. In a chaotic situation like this, he struggled a little. Reaction time and hand speed were his biggest weaknesses.

It was a good thing they also had Ye Xiu

During their offense on Sealed Mountain Tiger, his Unspecialized would send a few heals when An Wenyi lagged behind.

Though the effects might be limited, An Wenyi's heals were often just a second too late, allowing Lord Grim's weaker heals to keep near-death characters alive in that one second before Little Cold Hands landed a heal.

In the end, there were no casualties.

This was in part because the players behind the characters were skilled, but more because the healer had a good grasp of the situation on the battlefield.

An Wenyi's reaction time and hand speed might not be able to keep up, but his awareness and judgement were very clear. He knew how to keep everyone at a safe level of health. It was just that his skill sometimes wasn't enough to turn thoughts into reality, but with Ye Xiu's Unspecialized, they were fine. System Announcement!

Accompanying Sealed Mountain Tiger's defeat was the eye-catching and timely announcement from the game.

The First Kill announcement for Boss Sealed Mountain Tiger and the entire Sealed Mountain Thieves Hideout jumped out in turn.

It was already 3:13 AM by now and the servers were still as crowded as ever. The players might've been expecting these two shocking announcements, but they still went berserk upon actually seeing them. These guys really did it!!!

At level 70, in a ten-person party dungeon, they had managed to clear it on the first try.

This was something impossible for normal players, but Guild Happy had done it. Were these guys really at the pro level already?

With the dungeon cleared, it was time for them to retrieve their First Kill rewards. Compared to these, the drops from the dungeon were pathetic. Sealed Mountain Tiger only dropped two pieces of purple equipment in the end. For normal players, this was enough for them to cry tears of joy. However, for Happy, for a team that wanted to achieve victory in the Challenger's League, what they wanted was orange equipment.

Relying on dungeons to earn orange equipment was too hard. Yet now, five bosses plus the dungeon itself made six First Kill records. From what they had seen, the rewards from these kinds of records would be at least on par with orange equipment. They just weren't sure if the total rewards would be decreased after they cleared every single boss.

The current rewards were what Happy truly cared about.

"I'm going to collect them!" Ye Xiu said.

"Go!" Everyone took a deep breath.

"First Boss Vanguard Brother Wolf's First Kill," Ye Xiu said as he clicked on the rewards for this First Kill.

In the party chat, the system sent a notice.

"Orange words!!" Chen Guo hadn't even seen what it was, but was already screaming out seeing the color of the words.

"Stay calm!" Ye Xiu said.

"A Weapon!" Chen Guo took another glance and screamed in joy again. Weapons were the most important out of all the pieces of equipment. In the pro circle, the use of silver equipment was far from a hundred percent, but it infinitely neared that rate. The reason it never reached it, was because there would always be new teams that dragged the overall percentage down every season.

Vanguard Brother Wolf's First Kill, rewarded equipment: Killing Wolf.

Level 75 Tachi.

Weight 2.4 kg, Endurance 24, Attack Speed 8;

Melee Attack 750, Magic Attack 800;

Strength +42, Intelligence +35; Melee Crit Rate +10%;

Attack Speed +3;

Downwind Sword Slash Skill Level +3;

Upon attack, there is a 5% chance of weakening the target's Melee defense by 10% for 5 seconds.

Everyone's cursor and attention were all on Killing Wolf, admiring the stats of the equipment, until Ye Xiu spoke up, "Does anyone of us use swords here?"

"Ah?" Qiao Yifan responded.

"Er, here, you take it?" Ye Xiu asked. His question wasn't because he didn't want anyone else to use it, but because Killing Wolf didn't really suit One Inch Ash's Phantom Demon.

Tachis were a rather well-rounded kind of sword, used for both melee and magic and an apt choice for any of the four swordsman classes. Which exact sword one should use still depended on the bonuses that the sword gave though. From the bonuses on Killing Wolf, it could be seen that Killing Wolf was more suited for Blademasters. If not, then Berserkers and Sword Demons were a good choice as well. However, Phantom Demons and Spellblades wouldn't earn much of an advantage from using this tachi.

One Inch Ash was currently using an Orange short sword. Short swords had the strongest magic attack and Intelligence bonuses among the sword types. If you were really to compare Killing Wolf to One Inch

Ash's short sword, then Killing Wolf wouldn't even provide advantages in the basic stats. One Inch Ash didn't need to switch weapons at all.

"I don't think I have any use for this...?" Qiao Yifan was, of course, clear on this as well.

"Just hang onto it for now!" Ye Xiu said.

Though they had gotten a weapon their team didn't really need, Glory didn't bind equipment to player accounts, so the weapon still had value to it. If it was another game, they might not be as happy about it.

With the first Boss giving them a piece of orange equipment, everyone was very confident. It seemed that even the individual Boss rewards were very bountiful.

"Second Boss!" Ye Xiu announced as he collected the rewards for the First kill of the second Boss, Head Guard Sand Leopard.

"Ah! So much!!" As soon as the notice popped up in the party chat, Chen Guo expressed her surprise again. This time, there were three rewards. Yet with another look, all the rewards were something something stone, something something wood; they didn't sound like equipment. Hovering their cursor over the names, they were three materials, as expected.

The materials that came from a dungeon record rewards would be on par with wild Boss drops. However, with what little they knew about level 75 materials, the three materials: Sealed Mountain Stone, Sealed Mountain Wood, Blue Fang Moon... The worth of these materials that sounded like local specialities would have to be researched.

Then it was the third Boss, Tactician Frigid Eagle.

Though, out of the five Bosses, Frigid Eagle was the weakest individual, he still had a First Kill record, so the rewards wouldn't be bad. Plus, with all the ambushes that Frigid Eagle had planned, and teaming up with the fourth Boss after that, it was a major test of player endurance. If they were less skilled at controlling their own pace, then this round would probably have been even harder than the Final Boss.

Frigid Eagle's First Kill reward was a pair of leather boots with a very character-specific name called Frigid Eagle's Boots.

The stats were, of course, orange equipment level. Apart from the basic melee defense, it added a bonus of 30 Intelligence, 12 movement speed, and 10 jump power.

For a pair of shoes like this, the bonus to Intelligence was great for a Witch. However, for Battle Mages, Intelligence was also important. Without a doubt, this pair of shoes went to Soft Mist.

"Next one!" Ye Xiu said as he clicked on the First Kill reward for the fourth Boss, Vice Chief Brown Bear.

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The boss Brown Bear could be considered a Berserker, but his unique spiked club definitely wouldn't drop. In Glory, boss drops wouldn't be universal. Nearly all boss drops matched the boss's class. For example, a physical type boss like Brown Bear wouldn't drop mage-related equipment.

Although Happy wasn't obtaining these items from the boss's corpse, from the First Kill rewards of the previous three bosses, the rewards all complied with the boss drop rules.

After clicking on the button to receive the rewards, a message immediately popped up in their team chat.

Sealed Mountain Heavy Armor

This was the Brown Bear's First Kill reward, a Level 75 Orange heavy armor. +37 Strength, +28 Vitality, -20 Spirit, Physical Defense +10%, Strength +4%, Vitality +4%, Spirit -10%...

This heavy armor focused on strengthening the basic stats. This type of equipment weren't specific to a class. If the stats and armor proficiency matched your needs, it was suitable to use, but this Sealed Mountain Heavy Armor had a flaw just like its original owner. While it strengthened strength and vitality, it also weakened spirit.

In the pro scene, where a small detail could decided victory or defeat, this small flaw was extremely detrimental. The spirit stat closely related to the effects of buffs and debuffs. In a high-level confrontation, such things were crucial. No one in the pro scene would be brave enough to use a piece of equipment that lowered spirit.

The value of Silver equipment could be seen here. Even if the stats weren't too outstanding, it wouldn't have a troublesome flaw that made it hard to use. For successful Silver equipment, every stat would beneficial.

Sealed Mountain Heavy Armor clearly wouldn't have any market value in the pro scene. However, utilizing it as research material wouldn't be bad. Ye Xiu took the piece of equipment and clicked on the First Kill rewards for the final boss Sealed Mountain Tiger.

"Orange equipment!"

"Weapon!!"

Even though it was their fifth time receive First Kill rewards, Chen Guo was still as excited as ever. As soon as she saw the most valuable type of equipment appear again, she cried out in joy.

At this point, some of them hadn't even checked what it was yet, when Chen Guo leaked it out.

Tiger Seal.

Just from listening to its name, it didn't seem like anything impressive. It was only after hearing Chen Guo's cry did everyone hover over it to see the true appearance of this weapon.

It was a magic staff.

Weight: 3.0kg. Durability: 30. Attack Speed: 10.

Physical Attack: 270

Magic Attack: 825

Intelligence +40

Spirit +20

Cast Speed +12%

Restores 3% mana every minute

Whip: Effects +10%

Tiger Seal - Physical summons have their battle strength increase by 20% inside a nine coordinate area with the staff at the center.

No one in Team Happy was a noob now. At worst, Tang Rou, Steamed Bun, and Luo Ji hadn't been playing for very long and didn't have an extremely deep understanding of certain concepts.

But after seeing the stats for Tiger Seal, everyone was silent for a good half a minute.

"Top tier!" Ye Xiu was the first to speak up.

"What? It's the top of the top!" Wei Chen given an even higher evaluation of it.

"What's the best Summoner Silver weapon right now?" Ye Xiu asked.

"That's not important." Wei Chen replied.

"Could Tiger Seal be even better than the current best Summoner Silver weapon?" Chen Guo was astonished. The exact stats of Silver weapons were treated as secrets by the various clubs. The stats wouldn't be publicly announced. They didn't want their opponents to know. Only the owner would know the precise stats of their Silver weapons. Anyone else could only guesstimate through real combat.

However, as the scene developed, pro players began moving around more frequently. Hoping for the transferred player to protect the secrets of their old club had no way of being monitored, so the stats of Silver equipment was becoming more and more transparent. That was still only limited to the pro scene though. After all, no player would transfer several times in a row just to report information on all the team's Silver equipment. As a result, although it could be said that the stats weren't a secret, it was still confined to a limited area. Perhaps after one transfer, the two teams wouldn't have many secrets left, that's all.

If the information was still a mystery among pro teams, it would be even more of a mystery to normal players. Apart from those that had been released to the public, the rest were all guesses. Wei Chen had left the pro scene long ago, so he didn't have any reputable information sources. Of course, with his skill, if he took the time and effort to conduct research, his conclusions would be a lot more accurate than those random guesses by the average player. He didn't have that sort of leisure time though. If he had to do research, he would research the classes that he was interested in, like Warlocks. Wei Chen didn't have much of an understanding of Summoner Silver equipment, yet this guy acted like he did, saying "It's not important." It was as if Tiger Seal crushed its competitors, exciting Chen Guo.

"Saying which one's better or worse can't be clearly determined with just a few words. It depends on the player's style and needs, but at the very least, this Tiger Seal can contend with any Level 70 Silver Summoner weapon. It's a weapon that's enough to dictate a character's skill tree." Ye Xiu said.

"Is it because of Tiger Seal's effects?" Chen Guo could still realize this point.

"Of course." Ye Xiu said.

According to the description for Tiger Seal's effects, a nine coordinate area was the equivalent of a 30 by 30 unit square. That was quite a considerable region. And a 20% increase in battle strength... in Glory, battle strength wasn't a single stat. It was a comprehensive term equivalent to saying a increase in 20% for every stat.

With these effects, if the Summoner wielding Tiger Seal didn't use physical summons as his main pets, that would be too wasteful.

"Concealed Light, this staff is for you." Ye Xiu said.

It was obvious who should be the one to take this valuable weapon. Unfortunately, Luo Ji was clearly the weakest one among the team, yet the first piece of equipment that was a huge improvement than before had to be his class.....

Of course, he couldn't say these words out loud. Wouldn't that hurt Luo Ji's confidence?

Luo Ji understood this very well. Tiger Seal was a mighty weapon, but it ended up with him. He expressed his apologies.

"Don't be like that." Ye Xiu said, "Keep working hard, so you can use this weapon to strengthen our team!"

"I will." Luo Ji held his head high and made a solemn vow.

"Tiger Seal.... A skill effect that has never appeared before should be studied." Wei Chen said.

"Let's do that later. It's time for the final reward!" Ye Xiu sucked in a deep breath. Next would be the reward for clearing the dungeon for the first time. Compared to the individual bosses, the first clear rewards should be more generous, no?

"Hurry up and accept it!" Wei Chen was getting impatient.

Afterwards, a string of messages flashed onto his chat window. Sure enough, the rewards for a First Clear were more generous than for a First Kill. It gave their team a total of two pieces of Orange equipment and four material drops.

The uses for the materials were still unknown, so the materials were naturally not mentioned. Of the two pieces of Orange equipment, one was plate armor, Sealed Dusk Belt. Strength +16, Vitality +16, Physical Defense +5%, +3 to Stun, Knockback, and Blow Away resistance. It clearly emphasized physical defense.

The stats of this belt were quite good, but there were only three classes proficient with belts: Knights, Paladins, and Spellblades. Team Happy had none of these classes, so this belt naturally fell into Lord Grim's hands.

Apart from Sealed Dusk Belt, the other Orange accessory was Smoke Stream Necklace.

Accessories had no weight. The basic stat was Magic Defense. Apart from that, Smoke Heart Necklace added 45 to Intelligence, +5 to Jump, +10 to Broom Flying Speed, 5% chance for Star Ray to have Smoke Stream's effects.

From its support stats, it was undoubtedly made for Witches. As for Smoke Stream's effects, it was something new. No one had heard of it before.

"This... let's keep it to test for now!" Ye Xiu decided. For non-Witches, it only added +5 to Jump and +45 to Intelligence. The supplementary effects couldn't be used. Next, they needed to see what exactly this Smoke Stream was. If it was valuable, then from this equipment, they could research how to reproduce these Smoke Stream effects. This type of work was what people, who wanted to create self-equipment, studied all day.

It was too early for that now. As of now, everyone was still Level 70. No one could use Level 75 equipment yet, so for now, they wouldn't even be able to see the effects of Smoke Stream.

"Okay, that's it." Apart from these rewards was experience points. Compared to quest rewards, the amount of experience was quite substantial. However, hoping to be leading the leveling charts with just this was too optimistic.

Ye Xiu's group had cleared Sealed Mountain Thief Hideout in roughly three hours. They took all of the first kills, but setting a dungeon record was still far away.

The dungeon record didn't start from when the first team cleared the dungeon, but rather a set time determined by the system. The dungeon record would be broken starting from this preset time.

Sealed Mountain Thief Hideout's initial time was one hour. It had taken Happy three hours. They were still far far away from reaching that mark. It could also be seen from this that clearing Sealed Mountain Thief Hideout in three hours wasn't efficient. However, obtaining those first kill rewards was a huge convenience. They had a lead over the club guilds by who knew how much.

"Which dungeon should we run next?" Chen Guo was very excited being able to take advantage of this moment. The normal players weren't even close to beating these Level 75 dungeons. They could freely choose which first kills they wanted to take.

"Hmm... let's see. In order to maximize efficiency, we should split into two teams and run two different five man dungeons." Ye Xiu said.

"Good idea!" Chen Guo praised.

"Okay then. Let's split into two groups." Ye Xiu said.

"If we do that, will the healing be enough?" Wu Chen asked.

Even though Lord Grim had some healing capabilities, it could only be used in dire situations. Relying on those heals to survive was not possible in these difficult dungeons.

"No problem." Ye Xiu laughed, "I'll just play as a Cleric."

"If we do that, then we won't have enough MTs?" Wu Chen asked.

"Okay then, I'll just use a Paladin account. That should work too, right?" Ye Xiu said.

Everyone was silent. Being proficient at every class was just too shameless.

Chapter 873: Sullen Kitten

Paladins, like Knights and Clerics, were also categorized as Priest type classes.

This class was able to equip plate armor with powerful defensive capabilities. On top of that, they had healing skills that didn't lose to that of Clerics and even had some defensive buff skills, so it wasn't uncommon for them to be the MT. However, those who were both the MT and healer of a team, like Ye Xiu was doing, were all experts. It wasn't something that just anyone could achieve. For Glory's Encyclopedia, there was no doubt that he could do it.

After arranging the teams, Ye Xiu went rifling through the drawers to find an account card to use. Chen Guo, on the other hand, ran to the main city to find equipment for their new Paladin. The others stocked up on items and repaired their equipment as needed, eager to get another First Kill.

Only one person was uncommonly depressed: Mo Fan.

The experience bonus from First Kills was something that everyone gained. As for equipment, there wasn't a single piece that Deception could use.

Yet that wasn't what Mo Fan cared about; what he cared about was still his DPS.

When the Boss Sealed Mountain Tiger finally fell, he had taken a look at the chart. As expected, the DPS chart wasn't a good judge this time. Lord Grim, Dawn Rifle, Chasing Haze, and Steamed Bun Invasion were responsible for killing the Boss and were thus far ahead of everyone else. As for those who were dealing with the summons, their aim was to keep the summons from interfering, not to kill the summons. If someone who didn't know the details took a look, they would probably think that the ones responsible for summons had played dead for the entire battle.

Mo Fan impatiently wished to prove himself, yet they had met a Boss like this. It was frustrating as hell. With this Boss killed, he had run off to look at the DPS charts alone. As for Ye Xiu? He had drawn up the DPS charts for everyone to see for each Boss, yet this time he hadn't even mentioned it, running off to collect the rewards with the others.

Mo Fan gloomily checked the rewards with the others, only perking up upon hearing that they were going to continue running dungeons. However, when he realized that they were splitting into two teams, he was a little disappointed. He had wanted to continue competing in the environment of a ten person dungeon.

But anything was better than nothing.

Soon enough, the teams were decided.

One team was made up of Wei Chen, Tang Rou, Qiao Yifan, Luo Ji, and An Wenyi.

Mo Fan was put with the remaining four, Ye Xiu, Steamed Bun, Wu Chen, and Chen Guo.

Wei Chen's team stocked up on items before setting off. As for their side, Ye Xiu was still rummaging around for that account card, and since it was an empty account, they had to get equipment for it, too. Mo Fan was impatiently waiting to begin.

Chen Guo took a look around the market and quickly managed to obtain the necessary pieces of equipment.

With the new level limit, all level 70 weapons, apart from orange ones, were facing obsolescence. This preliminary stage of exploring the new update was their last chance to get rid of such items for profit. So, there were plenty of level 70 weapons on the market; no one hid them anymore.

Chen Guo's wander around the market allowed her to obtain a set of equipment that was originally scarcely possible to obtain. It was all top quality purple equipment, and the price was much lower than it once would've been. For level 70 orange equipment, its stats were on par with level 75 purple equipment, so they wouldn't become obsolete just yet. However, once level 75 purple equipment began to flood the market, level 70 orange equipment wouldn't be highly-valued items any longer. Currently, orange equipment was still hard to come by, but Ye Xiu's Paladin was just a temporary character, so there was no need to spend too much on it. Purple equipment was enough, that was what Ye Xiu himself had said. So, Chen Guo didn't worry about if what purple equipment she had was good enough.

The card was found, the character logged in and equipped the equipment that Chen Guo had obtained. The second team was finally good to go. Mo Fan rubbed his hands, vowing to get a beautiful DPS in this five person party.

Small, five-person dungeons were aplenty. Barrier Mountains alone had two. Plus, five-person dungeons were there to help players accumulate equipment, so it's difficulty and rewards were incomparable to larger team dungeons. Of course, Ye Xiu and co weren't aiming for the drops, but the First Kill and First Clear rewards. These rewards were part of a competition between players, so they had little to do with the difficulty of the dungeon itself. There was little difference in the rewards, still having a great chance to give them pieces of orange equipment.

Wei Chen's team had entered a dungeon first, so Ye Xiu's team headed for the remaining five-person dungeon, Barrier Mountain's Snowstorm Mine.

Again, the backstory of the place was completely ignored as they darted inside.

Ye Xiu's Paladin had to charge at the front as the MT. Everyone met up at the entrance of the dungeon and then directly entered. This was when the other three members of their team saw the name of Ye Xiu's account and immediately felt their stomachs contract.

Ye Xiu's Paladin was a female character, but what was even more strange when considering the player behind it was the name.

Sullen Kitten...

Even a stoic guy like Mo Fan felt the corner of his lips spasming with response. Wu Chen was a calm guy, but this was a little too difficult to bear. His head hung so low that it was almost on his keyboard.

Only Steamed Bun's personality was blunt and frank. Steamed Bun Invasion stepped forward, circling Sullen Kitten a few times and asking, "Who are you? I think you joined the wrong party."

"Ahem..." Chen Guo coughed. She had seen the name upon giving the character equipment, and had time to get used to the unfamiliarity. She spoke up for Ye Xiu. "It's just an open account, don't think too much about it."

"Whose?" Steamed Bun asked in surprise.

"Your boss." Chen Guo replied.

"Just as unique as expected!" Steamed Bun continued to say in surprise, circling the character again.

"Ok, ok, let's start the dungeon." Sullen Kitten spoke with Ye Xiu's voice, "There's no need to say too much for a small dungeon. We can research it as we fight."

Ye Xiu's words were very agreeable, most likely because it would be him who was also responsible for the healing. He was very confident that he would be able to keep the situation under control. As soon as the words fell, his Sullen Kitten rushed forth. Even the heavy plate armor couldn't hide this female character's petite and delicate figure. Watching the figure disappear into a sea of monsters, everyone coughed to cover up their inner turmoil.

Paladin was a class that could be used as an MT, but it wasn't as mainstream as Knights. A large reason was because Paladins were slow at pulling aggro and were rather passive. They weren't like Knights that, after a Charge, other classes could immediately start attacking. For Paladins, they needed more time to accumulate aggro.

The delicate Sullen Kitten swung around a massive Hell Stone Battle Axe. However, compared to the contrast between player and character, the contrast between weapon and character was almost negligible.

Sullen Kitten, ankle deep in monsters, tossed up her Hell Stone Battle Axe, which quickly turned into a falling star that smashed into the ground, causing a small scale earthquake.

This was a under level 20 skill for Exorcists: Star Fall. The current method Ye Xiu was using to pull mobs was a rather common method for tanking Paladins.

Ye Xiu, of course, had no problems with his technical skill. Once his teammates had woken from their daze at the contrast between player and character, they quickly joined in, DPSing.

There might've been a five level difference between them and the monsters, but with their skill, these five-person small dungeon mobs were a joke. Ye Xiu didn't need to take command since everyone was doing fine, with their skill. Chen Guo wasn't as good as the others, but she focused on doing her part, launching attacks from afar; this role of hers was very safe.

The road was smooth going; the few bumps that popped up were easily overcome. Since it was Ye Xiu who was responsible for keeping everyone's health at a safe level, they're characters weren't in danger of falling so long as they were in his cast range.

Using heals to pull aggro was also an important aspect of MT'ing for Paladins. In fact, for a skilled party like them, a Paladin wasn't a very appropriate MT. Since their individual skill level was quite high, they were often able to avoid damage. The less health they lost, the less pressure there was on the healer.

On your average team, it was a good thing if the healer didn't have much pressure on them. However, when your MT was a Paladin, the healer needed a more pressure since this would make up for the Paladin's lack of aggroing skills. So Ye Xiu sometimes had to purposefully let the mobs hit him and force aggro by healing himself. How much health he should give up and how much he should heal all relied on his own judgement.

Soon enough, their party had arrived at Snowstorm Mine's first Boss: Head Miner Zalu.

Zalu held an oil lamp in one hand and it seemed like that was his weapon. Out of the 24 classes, the only class that dangled their weapon from their hand like that seemed to only be the Cleric.

But a Cleric as a Boss... Where would it's offensive capabilities come from?

"I'll go first." Ye Xiu went up to test the Boss, just like always. As soon as Sullen Kitten stepped into Zalu's aggro range, they saw Zalu swing his lantern and the oil light within shone out at Sullen Kitten. Following that, the light flashed and, with a loud roar, a streak of fire blazed out Sullen Kitten.

"That's Flamethrower!" With that, Ye Xiu realized that his Boss was actually a Gunner. This guy was using an oil lamp as a gun! That was pretty creative, to be honest.

As he spoke, his hands also moved. Sullen Kitten threw out a horizontal slash with her Hell Stone Battle Axe, and the axe front smacked against the streak of fire. The moment the two came into contact, the axe's surface shone with white light and the streak of fire swerved in the direction the swing.

Paladin skill: Halo Smash. It was a defensive skill that could send any oncoming attack in a different direction, both physical and magical attacks.

The streak of fire that was sent off was, as Ye Xiu had planned, smacked back into Zalu himself.

The Boss didn't seem very dexterous, unable to dodge the returned attack. The streak of fire smacked right into him. He cried out and spun his oil lamp like a windmill, sending lamp oil scattering through the air like rain. Soon enough, the drops of oil ignited in midair and turned into a hail of fire that fell towards Sullen Kitten.

"Huh, interesting." Ye Xiu decided to have Sullen Kitten stay without dodging this time, testing out the power of this move. Instantly, he was hit by several small fireballs. He healed himself as he took careful note of the damage and he quickly gained a good understanding of the Boss' power.

"Let's go, everyone!" Ye Xiu thought that this sort of Boss didn't need too much figuring out. With his words, the other four immediately began to attack.

Chapter 874: Only Two First Clears

As Ye Xiu expected, the small boss with the oil lamp wasn't hard to deal with. Since he shouldered the responsibility of both MT and healer, the most complicated tasks were done by him. The others could more or less just mindlessly DPS.

The battle was swift, but Wei Chen's team was faster with their head start, Ye Xiu and co hadn't even finished their boss off when they vaguely heard those guys sighing over something.

These sounds came from out of the game, and since the sounds of battle were rather intense, Ye Xiu didn't hear them clearly. Yet, soon enough, Wei Chen yelled at him from where he was sitting next to Ye Xiu, "The bosses of these small dungeons don't seem to have a First Kill reward!"

Ye Xiu paused for a moment before he realized what had happened.

Wei Chen's team had already killed off the first boss in their dungeon, but there had been no system announcement. No wonder they seemed so disappointed. The rewards for these records were their true goal. If the individual bosses didn't have First Kill rewards, then that meant this whole dungeon would only give one First Clear reward each.

However, they were already here, so they wouldn't just give up halfway. After wallowing in a moment of disappointment, they continued running the dungeon.

Ye Xiu and co soon finished with Head Miner Zalu as well. The system didn't respond, just like Wei Chen had said. The items dropped from Zalu were only a few pieces of blue equipment, something they didn't even need to look at.

"If we had known this earlier, then we would be in a ten-player dungeon by now!" Wei Chen was still ranting, his headphones around his neck, "We don't really even need to use headphones and mics, really."

That was rather true actually. Everyone was sitting in the same room after all, so they could just talk directly. They didn't need the voice chat in game. Since they had split, it would be better for their communication if they didn't wear headphones. As for the sounds from the game, they didn't really need it since the small dungeon wasn't difficult enough for them to require it to make judgements.

Everyone then took off their headphones. Wei Chen's group was already enroute to the next boss. As for Ye Xiu's side? As soon as Zalu fell, Mo Fan impatiently clicked open the DPS chart.

This time's DPS was finally at an acceptable level, compared to how it was in Sealed Mountain Thieves Hideout. However, Mo Fan was still a little dissatisfied with his performance, because he was only second on the chart, not first. The first was still Wu Chen's Dawn Rifle. During their run of Sealed Mountain Thieves Hideout, Wu Chen's Dawn Rifle was always first as well.

Deception's DPS was a little worse than Dawn Rifle's, but not by much. However, Steamed Bun's DPS that followed his wasn't far behind either. Chen Guo's Chasing Haze, on the other hand, was a larger distance behind them. Mo Fan didn't bother looking at hers though. In his eyes, Chen Guo didn't even count as a competitor.

It wasn't completely satisfactory, but it wasn't too bad either!

Mo Fan perked up a little at seeing his DPS this, but then he saw that Ye Xiu's Sullen Kitten was already charging ahead with her massive axe. Did he not have any intentions to discuss this round's DPS?

Mo Fan's spirits fell.

This was a premeditated attack on him, wasn't it?

When he saw that Mo Fan had done well, he didn't say anything; when he saw that Mo Fan had done badly, he had to bring it up to humiliate Mo Fan? This guy was as vicious as ever!

Mo Fan's thought spun wildly, but he still urged Deception forth to catch up with the rest of the team.

After that there were mobs, then the second boss, and then the third. The difficulty of a five player dungeon was negligible for these experts. Not long after Wei Chen's team had finished, they had cleared Snowstorm Mine as well.

Unlike team dungeons, which often only allowed a character's entry once a day or even once a week, the new level 75 five-player dungeons all let a single character enter up to three times each day. This was why many guilds and players were researching them. If they could get more time to figure out the dungeons, some expert players might actually be able to clear them. Three tries were too few though. Ye Xiu and co might've been a bit late to the party, but they managed to clear it on their first try; the First Clears were easily taken by them.

The players on the global chat were all admiring this, and there was no need to discuss how the leaders of the big guilds felt. Wasn't this just dandy? Three First Clears had been bound to Happy's name already. These records would be immortalized in the game.

And on Ye Xiu's side? The two teams were preparing to collect their respective First Clear rewards, Wei Chen bet Ye Xiu a pack of smokes that their rewards would be better than Ye Xiu's.

"Hahahahaha!" Their reward was revealed amidst Wei Chen's laughter.

"A weapon!" Wei Chen announced with triumph. This weapon was half a win for their bet, as weapons were far more valuable than other pieces of equipment.

However, Wei Chen's expression fell a little upon checking the type of weapon.

Blood Chipper Greatsword.

It was Orange, and the stats weren't bad, but it was, unfortunately, not something Team Happy's members needed. The only swordsman, Ghostblade One Inch Ash, would never use a Greatsword. Even Sword Demons would never use the completely melee focused Greatsword in the Pro League.

"This effect seems interesting!" Ye Xiu said, looking at the Blood Chip effect that was at the bottom.

Blood Chip: 3% chance to inflict Blood Chip, reducing the target's max HP by 1%

"Just 1 percent? That's not much," Wei Chen said.

"But what about against a boss?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Boss...?" Wei Chen paused for a second, "It would be useless against a boss too, unless it activated immediately. If they took a whole percent of health as damage, that's pretty terrifying. It's just that this effect is has too low of a chance to activate. If it doesn't activate immediately, then after a while, the boss would've long since lost more than a percent of its health and the effect would only work to reduce its maximum health, and what use would that have?"

"It might be useful in some special situations," Ye Xiu suggested.

"It won't be very useful in PvP, at least," Wei Chen said.

"There's a one percent, so who's to say there's no five percent, or even ten?" Ye Xiu said.

"Hm, if that's the case..." Wei Chen wavered a little.

"Let's just hang onto it for now!" Ye Xiu said. Without these words, the weapon would be deemed useless, just like the blue and purple equipment they had gotten from the other boss drops. Those would be thrown into the guild storage later. As for Orange weapons like this, they would research the stats for their silver equipment development.

"What's your reward?" Wei Chen asked Ye Xiu.

Ye Xiu hadn't collected it yet. Seeing Wei Chen paying attention to his screen, he clicked it.

It was also a piece of orange equipment. The rewards for the First Clear of a five player dungeon were incomparable to the rewards of a team dungeon, too. Sealed Mountain Thieves Hideout had given them two pieces of orange equipment and four materials for First Clear. On the other hand, their five player dungeons only gave out a single piece of orange equipment each, on par with a First Kill of an individual boss in a team dungeon.

"Hurry up and take a look!" Wei Chen urged.

The orange words: Cloud Bust Moonfall. They didn't hint at what sort of equipment it was at all.

Ye Xiu's cursor hovered over it and it's information popped up. Wei Chen fell silent, because he had lost.

Cloudless Moonfall was a Spear and, in Happy, Tang rou's Soft Mist was an obvious choice of user. This reward had found itself an owner. Cloud Bust Moonfall.

Weight 3.5 kg, Durability 35, Attack Speed 3;

Physical Attack 911, Magic Attack 632; Strength +55;

Attack Speed +1;

Crit Rate +12;

Light Element attacks; When attacking with Chasers, there was a 5 percent chance that an extra same-element Chaser would be generated and hit the target directly, doing piercing damage. With Ye Xiu, who was so well versed in the Battle Mage class, the others didn't feel like they had a right to even comment on the weapon. As for Ye Xiu? He very much satisfied with this spear.

With just the basic stat of Attack Speed, this spear had 3 in comparison to the slowest 1 that was common among spears. Then, it even had a bonus to Attack Speed of +1, so that made the overall Attack Speed 4, an incredible improvement. This was something both valuable and hard to come by for spears.

Apart from that, the additional bonuses for Strength and Crit Rate were common on spears. Cloud Bust Moonfall had stats that were deserving of its status as a level 75 orange weapon. As for Light Element attacks, that had to be judged according to the situation. A weapon with an element would mean that resistances also had to be taken into account during damage calculation. If the target had high resistance to Darkness, then Light element attacks would do far more damage; if they had high resistance to Light, then the damage would be greatly reduced. Ice and Fire didn't affect Light Element attacks directly, but the damage from an elemental attack would be slightly higher than a damage from a non-elemental attack. Overall, a weapon with an element might give you an advantage over your target, but might also give you a disadvantage. It was hard to judge the overall benefits compared to the situational ones.

As for the last effect, it was something new to level 75. Ye Xiu had never seen anything like it either. From the description, this was definitely a great addition to one's DPS. Five percent was a bit low, but if there was a high chance of an effect like this activating, then that would be too overpowered.

Overall, Cloud Bust Moonfall wasn't as eye catching as the Tiger Seal that they had obtained earlier, but the stats were a good bonus and even the Light Element wasn't something that would drag you down. Without a doubt, this was a weapon that should be immediately equipped upon reaching level 75, so it would definitely be given to Soft Mist.

"Five-player dungeons are boring. How about we find another ten player dungeon instead?" Wei Chen suggested after they exited from their respective dungeons. With just a single reward item waiting for them at the end, five player dungeons weren't really worth it.

"Sure. There's two more ten player dungeons, right?" Ye Xiu said.

In the three new level 75 areas announced, only Barrier Mountains had a ten-player dungeon. However, everyone now knew that the other three areas that were revealed with the update would also have two other ten player dungeons.

Everyone prepared to head off to the ten player dungeons. Mo Fan was rather depressed though. The five player dungeon had been cleared and though he hadn't overtaken Wu Chen, his DPS wasn't bad. Yet what was the worst was that Ye Xiu didn't talk about DPS at all for this run. Mo Fan couldn't take it anymore and, for the first time ever, initiated a conversation, "Aren't we going to take a look at the DPS?"

"Oh? I forgot to look during that run. We'll check when we do the ten player dungeon later," Ye Xiu replied calmly.

Chapter 875: Studying DPS

Mo Fan was never one to speak nimbly. As soon as he thought of what to say, Ye Xiu had logged off. For a ten player dungeon, Ye Xiu would obviously choose to use Lord Grim over Sullen Kitten.

Gray Corner.

One of the six new areas.

It was located in the southeast region of the Heavenly Domain mainland. It was the largest of the six new areas and the one with the most dungeons.

Gray Corner had three five-player dungeons, one ten-player dungeon, one twenty-player dungeon, one fifty-player dungeon, and one hundred-player dungeon. Every dungeon option was available at Gray Corner.

All six new areas opened simultaneously, but if you followed the quest chains, the areas were linked together in certain places. Gray Corner was considered the final map for those who were rushing to Level 75.

Gray Corner was set up as a gray area, where fish and dragons mixed together. This sort of place was an especially vicious and atrocious place. Gray Corner's ten player dungeon was located inside the city, but it wasn't difficult to find. If you went through the teleportation formation to the city, you would find it rather quickly.

Ten player dungeon: Underground Market.

Yes, the Underground Market became a place of slaughter. The environment of Gray Corner could clearly be seen here.

Happy's team of ten didn't talk too much about this place and quickly reached the dungeon entrance. It was already four in the morning. The number of players in the game had decreased significantly compared to before, especially near ten-player dungeons. There weren't many sightseeing teams left. Even if you were just there to take a look around, it still used your dungeon entry.

Without saying a word, the team entered the dungeon.

The monsters in the Underground Market looked like dutiful buyers and sellers, but the fight they put wasn't any worse than those Sealed Mountain Thieves. The team followed their usual strategy. Lord Grim assumed the role of the main tank. Everyone fought cautiously against them as if these monsters were all bosses. After familiarizing themselves with the features of these monsters and a certain level of coordination had been established, they slowly increased their speed through the dungeon.

The Underground Market had five bosses, just like Sealed Mountain Thief Hideout. It took them longer to familiarize themselves with the monsters this time. They had already spent around forty minutes before meeting the boss.

Blackhearted Peddler Niles. He had a ferocious appearance. It looked like he'd have more of a future as thief than a peddler. When this guy appeared, he wasn't alone. He dragged his entire gang of hoodlums into the fray. As soon as he saw Lord Grim and the others emerge, he shouted for them to attack. There was no time for any sort of negotiation. The aggression towards them was completely unreasonable.

Team Happy was helpless. Wei Chen cursed at the system's stupidity, but they could only square up and face them.

Including Niles, there were ten enemies, the same as the player count.

Fortunately, the team's strength was up to par. Moreover, at Sealed Mountain Thief Hideout against Advisor Frigid Eagle, they had some practice on how to deal with a mob of monsters with the same numbers as them. The only difference was that the boss had come out to battle as well. The boss led the assault too. Before the two sides clashed, he raised his hands and roared. A shadow flew out. On their side, Steamed Bun cried out, "Ah!"

Steamed Bun Invasion had been hit. His "Ah!" appeared to be of a cry of joy though.

Soon afterwards, Steamed Bun's overjoyed voice followed: "He's a Brawler!"

Everyone was speechless.

Blackhearted Peddler Niles had thrown a brick. It was the Brawler's Brick Buster. Steamed Bun seemed to have found a sense of belonging with the boss.

"Let me deal with him!" Steamed Bun wanted to rush over.

"First, deal with that one next to you. I'll handle him for now." Ye Xiu hastily said. Even with a five level disadvantage, Tang Rou and Steamed Bun wouldn't have any problems dueling small mobs. However, against an unfamiliar ten-player dungeon boss, Ye Xiu felt like it was more reliable for him to be the one to sense out the boss. After all, he was more experienced. Even though the boss was unfamiliar, just from his actions so far, he could already make numerous predictions. Tang Rou and Steamed Bun didn't have the ability to do that just yet.

Steamed Bun didn't object to Ye Xiu's words. He turned his hands and threw the brick at the monster next to him, while saying: "Okay boss! Take good care of him for me!"

"Sure....." Ye Xiu replied and then went to block Niles.

In this chaotic battle, An Wenyi once again had the most pressure on him. If any of them messed up, the healing pressure on him was enormous.

The experience felt scarier than the outcome. Apart from the boss, his nine followers were cleared away rather easily. During this time, Ye Xiu had grasped the boss's attack patterns. Afterwards, he adjusted their formation and everyone attacked. Everything went smoothly. Soon, the boss reached red blood. Ye Xiu waited the instant before the boss turned Enraged before escaping, while everyone else retreated first. Nile's Enrage wasn't a terrifying killer move though, and he quickly fell under their attacks.

First Kill!

As expected, a First Kill appeared for a mini-boss in this dungeon. The team was pleased with the outcome. The outside players quietly cursed. The club guilds continued to cry.

Not waiting for Ye Xiu to speak up, Mo Fan checked the DPS charts.

As soon as he checked, his mind went blank. He hoped Ye Xiu would forget to check just like he did in the five-player dungeon.

But Ye Xiu just had to mention it. He even added more fuel to the fire: "Didn't that someone want to check the DPS charts just a moment ago?"

That someone had been Mo Fan of course. He had already checked the charts. When he heard Ye Xiu point at him, he couldn't help but tighten his grip around the mouse.

Everything seemed to be the same as Sealed Mountain Thief Hideout.

Number one was Dawn Rifle. Wu Chen had come from the pro scene. His skill was practiced. Launchers were high DPS characters to begin with, so Wu Chen's performance had stayed on top.

Number two was Lord Grim. This time, he wasn't higher than Dawn Rifle, but his pull over the aggro was very steady, so his DPS wasn't far behind Dawn Rifle's. He also belonged in the top ranks of the DPS chart.

Third and fourth place was Soft Mist and Steamed Bun Invasion. Fifth place was Windward Formation. Sixth place was One Inch Ash.

Seventh, eighth, ninth belonged to the sandbaggers: Deception, Concealed Light, Chasing Haze.

However, Concealed Light and Chasing Haze had good reason for their poor DPS. Everyone recognized their contributions.

Mo Fan wanted to go mad. What's going on? Why is my DPS a total mess when I play with the team? It wasn't like that in the five-player dungeon!

Not even mentioning how far away the six above him were, just among the three in the bottom group, Chen Guo's Chasing Haze was only slightly lower than Deception and Concealed Light. Although Concealed Light lost to Deception by only a bit, Mo Fan knew very well that Ye Xiu had restricted his usage of summons to just four. It was only under these restrictions that Concealed Light had lost to him. If it was under normal circumstances and Concealed Light went all out? Deception would probably lose by quite a lot more.

In reality, Deception had even lost to the four summons Concealed Light occasionally.

"Mm, the DPS chart is still like this. There's nothing much to say. Those who did well, keep up the good work. Those who did bad, continue being a deadweight." Ye Xiu said.

Everyone knew who he was pointing to. They laughed and then continued onwards. Mo Fan was in turmoil. Deception seemed to be swaying when he moved.

The team continued to clear monsters and clear bosses.

They advanced through the second boss and third boss. Every time they checked the DPS carts, Deception continued to falter.

Mo Fan was about to fall apart. He resisted asking about it because he knew that Ye Xiu was trying to make him realize something through these unsatisfactory results. If he asked, wouldn't that mean he

was doing what that guy wanted? Mo Fan endured and endured. He swore that he would find what the problem was on his own.

But as a result, he wasn't able to focus. Ye Xiu's instructions never included him. When the fourth boss fell, Mo Fan wasn't careful and actually died.

In dungeons, deaths happened. The probability of equipment dropping was rather low. After all, dying was normal in a dungeon, so the penalty was much smaller to not excessively destroy a player's morale.

Today just wasn't Mo Fan's day though. When he died, he actually dropped a piece of equipment.

But at this moment, how could Mo Fan be hurt over a piece of equipment? His character was kicked from the dungeon. Mo Fan continued to be in a daze.

Everyone continued to quietly take care of the fourth boss. No one said anything. Console him? It wasn't worth wasting their breath!

The loss of Deception didn't affect the battle much. The fourth boss soon fell and another First Kill record was announced.

"Continue." Mo Fan's Deception wasn't there. As expected, Ye Xiu didn't bring up the DPS chart and the team advanced.

Deception was still standing outside of the dungeon in a daze. Mo Fan was also staring blankly from his seat.

Why?

Mo Fan wasn't thinking about why he died. Because he knew that it was his mistake. If he hadn't been careless, he wouldn't have died there.

He was still thinking about his DPS.

Although he couldn't see the fourth boss statistics, he didn't think there'd be much of a difference compared to before.

Because he couldn't find a breakthrough direction, he felt like he had hit a wall. However, was the reason why the others were outdamaging him because they were that much better than him?

Mo Fan looked around.

With a cigarette in his mouth and smoke obscuring his face, Ye Xiu.

With a look of hatred on his face and the occasional cursing, Wei Chen.

With his brows raised and his eyes laughing, and who knew what he was so happy about, Steamed Bun.

Mo Fan couldn't keep looking around. Why was his DPS lower than theirs! Why?

Mo Fan needed a logical explanation. He knew that Ye Xiu definitely knew the reason, but compared to asking him, Mo Fan would rather spend ten times the effort to look for the issue.

Everyone continued to dungeon. Mo Fan started looking through today's DPS charts. He was going to thoroughly study them.

Starting from Sealed Mountain Thief Hideout to Gray Corner's Underground Market, the DPS charts hadn't change much. The high-performing ones were just those and the bottom feeders had always been the three of them.

Mo Fan checked each and every boss, but couldn't find any clues.

There was also the five player dungeon. Mo Fan checked those. Even though he also lost to Wu Chen's Dawn Rifle, the difference wasn't that big. That Wu Chen really was quite good too. Just by looking at his good sitting posture and calm face, he seemed a lot more like an expert compared to those other guys.

As he looked through the statistics for the five-player dungeon and the ten-player dungeons, Mo Fan suddenly noticed a difference.

He didn't look at their rankings, but rather the damage.

From the five-player dungeon to the ten-player dungeon, his DPS had dropped. That was normal. Ten-player dungeons were much harder than five-player dungeons.

But the others? In the ten-player dungeons, not only did their DPS not fall, their DPS had actually gone up.

Was that the reason? Just how were they playing?

Chapter 876: Problem Found

Having noticed the contrast, Mo Fan began to consider what had been different between small dungeons and team dungeons.

His own technique, his own skill was still the same. As for the others? How would he know?! Mo Fan was frustrated. The arrangement of Happy's training room was the same after moving into the apartment from the internet cafe. Three computers in a row, four sides, forming a square.

The others craned their necks around, all having a friend beside them whose screen they could look at. Only Mo Fan sat in a row of his own. If he wanted to check on another's performance, he would have to get up and walk around. Mo Fan couldn't help but long for Su Mucheng's presence. When Su Mucheng was around, she had always sat in the same row as him...

The upset Mo Fan considered getting up to take a look at someone else's progress, as Ye Xiu's voice flooded his ears. He was now hearing it from outside, instead of within the game. However, he generally filtered out these noises. Ye Xiu's arrangements rarely mentioned him, too.

Hearing his guy's annoying voice made his frustration build. As he was bothered by the voice, Mo Fan suddenly realized something. He remembered that this guy's annoying voice had rarely made an appearance during their five-player dungeon run!

Carefully recalling that process, Mo Fan became certain. When they ran five-player dungeons, apart from the cautious orders of "go", "stop", or "heal", there was none of the endless chatter about what tactics they should use.

Was it because he had been so distracted by that hateful voice that he didn't do as well in team dungeons as he did in small dungeons?

This was an involuntary thought that popped into mind, but he quickly knew that it wasn't possible. The DPS of small and team dungeons were something he could easily check. What caused him to lag behind wasn't because he wasn't performing as well in team dungeons, but because when the others went into team dungeons, they seemed completely unaffected by the change in difficulty, able to perform to their fullest despite it.

Could it be... that it was because of that guy's leadership?

Mo Fan spaced out a little. If that was true, then he had to admit that it was a logical reason. After all, in the team dungeons, everyone moved in accordance with Ye Xiu's arrangements, even performing specific skills that he would name. Only his Deception was completely independent, fighting however he wanted.

He had been very proud about that, feeling like such a rebel, unmoved by Ye Xiu.

Now, it seemed that the very thing he was proud of was actually the perpetrator of his awkward DPS.

Mo Fan refused to believe this. He couldn't care about it anymore and stood, running over to watch someone else. As he watched, he imagined his own character in their character's place: if it was Deception, what would he do in this situation?

The contrast was stunning. Mo Fan was watching Tang Rou's Soft Mist, a melee character, just like Deception. His usual silence was almost broken as he watched, almost unable to stifle the words "How did you do that; this is what you should do" and other such phrases. However, after a few exchanges, Mo Fan realized that these seemingly silly decisions were giving a huge boost to Tang Rou's DPS. By now, Mo Fan had also found the reason, teamwork!

For example, in the wave of attacks just now, Tang Rou had chained it with Steamed Bun Invasion's Strangle. As soon as Steamed Bun Invasion landed a Strangle, Soft Mist immediately sent forth a wave of high-damage attacks at the boss, which only ended when the effect of Strangle ended. It wasn't just Soft Mist, but all the other characters with physical skills seemed to have been waiting for this moment and unleashed their skills without restraint in these few short seconds.

Under the effects of Strangle, the target's physical defense would be reduced by 50 percent. That meant all damage received from physical attacks would experience an immense increase. In these few seconds, Mo Fan watched Soft Mist's DPS skyrocket with awe.

He finally understood!

Mo Fan returned to his own seat. He felt like he understood the source of the problem now. So, it had been because of their careful teamwork that the others retained high DPS even in team dungeons. Mo Fan naturally recognized skills like Strangle and he knew how much more damage he could deal if he

used this chance to land a blow. As for the others? They seemed to be waiting for a skill like Strangle, holding onto their skills. As soon as Strangle hit, they didn't just land a single blow and retreat.

He should have paid more attention to coordination.

Mo Fan's spirits rose, feeling that he found the main source of his problems. He eagerly wanted to charge in and show everyone how well he could coordinate with them.

Wasn't it just paying attention to these opportunities? Grabbing opportunities was his forte! As a scrap-picker, Mo Fan had confidence in this area. However, he obviously couldn't squeeze into the current dungeon. Mo Fan found a place to fight monsters by himself, but his mind was full of that refined and opportunistic battle style.

On Ye Xiu's side, things were smooth sailing even though they were short one man. However, one less person was still one less person, and even a leecher would still contribute to the DPS. They were, admittedly, slower.

The Fourth boss was successfully dealt with, and then after a series of mobs, they finally arrived at the last boss of the Underground Market.

Utilizing the same strategy, they finally cleared the Underground Market in three hours.

By then, it was already eight or so in the morning, and the sun had long since risen. Yet everyone was still full of energy, even those who weren't used to staying up late like Chen Guo.

It had once again come to the time for them to collect their rewards, and everyone was eager. On the other hand, Mo Fan had already let Deception head off to the next ten player dungeon. He had to win back his face here. Mo Fan was completely uninterested in the chattering over their rewards.

"Ah!"

"Ah!"

"Yah!"

Chen Guo's unnecessary enthusiasm caused Mo Fan to roll his eyes more than once.

The First Kill rewards for the individual bosses gave out equipment worthy of bosses, and the first boss gave out a level 75 Orange accessory.

The second and third bosses all gave out materials, totalling at six; the boss to material ratio was the same as Sealed Mountain Thieves Hideout. The rewards for the fourth and fifth boss were both Oranges equipment. The fourth was obviously for the Thief class and wasn't much use to Team Happy. The fifth boss gave out something that was most suited to Elementalists, but it would also give a boost to other magic based fighters. Equipment that could be helpful across multiple classes weren't rare in Glory either.

Finally, the time came to collect the First Clear reward for the entire dungeon.

"Weapon! Weapon! Weapon!!!" Chen Guo wished aloud. There hadn't even been a single weapon among their First Kill rewards for the five bosses.

Ye Xiu was far calmer than Chen Guo. Underground Market's First Clear reward, collected!

Fire Red BaronThe name of the Orange equipment came into view, but they couldn't tell what it was. Then came Chen Guo's excited screaming and everyone immediately knew it was a weapon.

Fire Red Baron, Level 75 Orange Handcannon.

Weight 3.9kg, Durability 39, Attack Speed 1;

Physical Attack 895;

Magic Attack 651;

Strength +58;

Physical Crit Rate +10;

Fire Element Damage +10%;

Fire Element Damage Crit Rate +15;

Fire Element Crit Damage +20%;

When attacks land, there's a 4% chance of triggering a Firestorm.

The basic stats were, doubtlessly, at the level of a level 75 Orange weapon, and following that was a heap of boosters for Fire Element attacks, fulling portraying its status as the First Clear reward of a team dungeon. This Fire Red Baron was similar to the Tiger Seal Luo Ji's Concealed Light had in one aspect, and that was its ability to change one's skill tree build. With such obvious favoritism for the element of Fire, the gunner holding this would have made a mistake in choosing it if they hadn't favored skills with an addition of Fire Elemental damage.

Chen Guo herself was a Launcher, so she understood the value of this reward . However, she didn't have any intention to take the weapon for herself. She was happy because they had an expert Launcher on their team right now, Wu Chen, whose DPS was even better than Tang Rou.

Limited by his natural potential and age, Wu Chen's skill probably wouldn't see any more miraculous improvements. However, in the current Team Happy, he was an invaluable veteran. In addition, his character's strength gave a boost to Happy's chances in taking the Challenger's League. There was no debate about it; Fire Red Baron went to Wu Chen's Dawn Rifle. Then, the other piece of Orange equipment, False General, was a cloth armor particularly suited to Ghostblades. There was no arguments as to who that went to. Apart from these two pieces of Orange equipment, there were some materials that they stored away from now.

"There's one last ten player dungeon; let's get this all done in one night!" Chen Guo who was usually against these sorts of unhealthy habits didn't even mention breakfast, encouraging everyone to continue and clear the last of the ten player dungeons as well.

"Sure!" No one had any problems with that. They were all satisfied from the continuous First Kill rewards.

"Then let's go!" Ye Xiu said, and everyone's characters left through the teleportation portal in Guizhi City, heading for the last ten player dungeon, The Land of Despairing Spirits in the Forest of Shattered Skies.

Mo Fan's Deception had long since been waiting for them, fearful that he would be forgotten. It was a good thing that Ye Xiu invited him as soon as they arrived. Mo Fan had never been so eager to enter a party before and Deception ran all the way to where Ye Xiu had told him to go, returning to their party.

"Do your best to DPS," Ye Xiu called out their slogan for dungeons.

"Humph!" Mo Fan uncharacteristically responded, surprising everyone. The all looked around to see what expression was on that guy's face.

The ten entered the dungeon, familiarized themselves with the mobs, and began to progress. Yet at ten minutes past eight, the TV suddenly announced: Congratulations to Guild Tyrannical Ambition for the First Kill on The Land of Despairing Spirit's Original Wraith.

"Ah! How could it be!" Chen Guo exclaimed. Someone actually managed to take the First Kill for a ten player dungeon before them. Chen Guo was shocked.

Ye Xiu clicked into the First Kill record and understood what had happened upon reading it. He sighed with helplessness, "Seems like the pro players are awake."

Chapter 877: 20 Player Dungeon, If You're In, Press 1

Hearing this, everyone paused, shocked, and all clicked on the record. In the system announcements, if all the members of a party were from the same guild, then the system would announce their guild's name. You could still view the individual participants if you clicked on it, though. The First Kill namelist of the first boss of the Land of Despairing Spirits, The Original Wraith was a sight to behold.

Desert Dust, Immovable Rock, Dazzling Hundred Blossoms, Dark Thunder...

This line-up you usually only ever saw in pro matches was now placed on this record ever so magnificently. Being able to set a record at such a time meant that the players behind the characters weren't power leellers who were there just to get the characters to the new level limit, but the true owners: the four Gods that had teamed up in Tyranny this season.

The other six were all characters on Tyranny's roster as well. Without a doubt, Tyranny's pro players had just begun a new day of activities. The new update was something the pro players had come to take a look at too, so they would go and run a few dungeons on the way. To say they were aiming for First Clear or Kill rewards was to underestimate these powerhouse teams. Only a poor team like Happy would be aiming for these sorts of rewards. With the foundation that Tyranny had, there was more importance in the taking of the record itself. As for those rewards, they wouldn't do anything to give them an advantage. So the pro players of the big teams weren't particularly anxious or impatient because of the new update. Everyone's daily lives were still the same. Some of the clubs had even emphasized that they should make sure to keep good habits in order to maintain their state for future matches and not to get too involved in the online game...

This emphasis was very much necessary. Pro players were all obsessed with Glory. Asking them to resist the temptations of a new update was an impossible request. Though the clubs may have made such a request, there might still be pro players who stayed up at night, playing on an alt.

However, it was now past eight in the morning, those who had a healthy sleep schedule were due to get up, so these guys could charge into the online game for some action. They might've said it was to familiarize themselves with the new mechanics, but in reality, which one of them wasn't interested in the new update?

When the First Kill for the Land of Despairing Spirit's first Boss was announced, the normal players were a little numb to it. These guys had stayed up for the release, just like Ye Xiu and co, so they were used to the First Kill announcements popping up again and again throughout the night. They all needed a moment to compose themselves, but that was when they suddenly realized that this time, it wasn't Happy that had gotten the First Kill this time!

Tyrannical Ambition!

Then, they clicked into the record and were immediately blinded by the eye-catching names.

The chat for higher ups in each club's guild department also exploded with activity. To them, the new update was the arrival of a very important job. All-nighters were common on days like this. In the past, competing for First Kills and First Clears were a vital part of their job. Now it was a little different. A nightmare like Ye Qiu had darted into the game, bringing with him a team of his own. While the big guilds ran around the dungeons to get a feel for it, they were accumulating First Kills and First Clears like they were going out of style. In one night, the First Clears of four dungeons had been taken.

The guild leaders were going crazy, helpless and wishing for dawn to come soon! They knew, of course, that after the sun had come up, the pro players of each team would come into the game to familiarize themselves with the new updates. Although First Clears and First Kills weren't a part of a pro player's job, they could grab a few along the way!

The number of members on each of the big teams was around ten or so, so ten-player team dungeons were the natural choice. There were only three ten-player dungeons released in the new update and two had already been cleared by Guild Happy already. The guilds of the big teams would, of course, make sure to remind the pro players to go for the dungeon without First Kills or Clears as they prepared to log into the game and try out the new updates.

It was Team Tyranny who had gotten the opportunity.

The current pro player characters that were in the game weren't equipped with their usual set of Silver equipment. In terms of the strength of characters, they were about the same as Happy's all orange characters. However, their skill, tactics, and coordination were far beyond what Happy currently possessed.

For Ye Xiu and co, running a ten-player dungeon took about three hours. However, Tyranny's members had gotten to and dealt with a boss within twenty minutes. When they explored new dungeons, they didn't need to be as cautious as Ye Xiu's party, where unfamiliar mobs and bosses needed Ye Xiu's Lord Grim to go up and figure them out first. They all just went all in for it because they were confident that

no matter what happened, they would be able to deal with it. There was little need to emphasize how Tyranny also had the best Cleric in all of Glory...

So, seeing that Tyrannical Ambition had gotten the First Kill for the first Boss, Ye Xiu knew that they had no chance of getting the First Kills and First Clear for this ten-player dungeon.

"Should we continue?" It evidently wasn't just Ye Xiu who knew. Seeing that Ye Xiu hadn't said anything for a long while, Chen Guo spoke up. "No need," Ye Xiu sighed. They weren't as casual as the powerhouse teams. They weren't here for anything but the First Kill reward, so there was no need to stay in this dungeon that they couldn't obtain a First Kill from.

"Should we leave?" Chen Guo asked.

"Let's leave!" Ye xiu said.

If they weren't aiming for the First Kill rewards, then a ten-player dungeon that took three hours wasn't worth their time.

Getting out of The Land of Despairing Spirits, the energetic group had all become a little downtrodden, Mo Fan included. He didn't really care about First Kill rewards. He was going to use this dungeon to win back some face. Now that they weren't going to run the dungeon any longer, Mo Fan felt like he had energy that he didn't know how to spend, becoming extremely gloomy.

"Maybe we can run a few smaller dungeons?" Chen Guo suggested. Five-player small dungeons didn't have many rewards, but it was better than nothing.

"There will probably be pro players running the small dungeons, too," Ye Xiu said as he opened up QQ and yelled into the chat, "Who's here?"

Whoooooosh....

A bunch of people popped up, all greeting him as "god" or "senior". Ye Xiu made a rough guess that there were about thirty or forty people who appeared immediately. When had this chat ever been so active? It was obvious that they had all begun their online activities already. As for what they were doing, did it even need to be mentioned? If it was usual training, they wouldn't be allowed to be messing around on QQ. They were all enjoying the new update!

"Sup?" Troubling Rain asked. It was evident that they were in a dungeons; even Huang Shaotian only had the time to type three letters and a question mark.

"Have you all eaten yet?" Ye Xiu asked.

"F*ck off f*ck off f*ck off!" Though he might've been rather busy, Huang Shaotian still typed a whole six words.

"What dungeon are you running?" Ye Xiu asked directly.

"The Land of Despairing Spirits," Huang Shaotian replied.

"Pathetic! The First Kill has already been taken by Tyranny," Ye Xiu said.

"Are you trying to provoke me?" Huang Shaotian accused him in a rage.

"Funny isn't it, like you guys aren't rivals. What's there to provoke?" Ye Xiu asked.

"....." When Huang Shaotian was speechless, he had to use more ellipses as well.

"What dungeon is everyone else running?" Ye Xiu chose to speak to the group at large this time.

All sorts of word filled the screen, the names of all sorts of dungeons. With a glance, Ye Xiu saw what he had expected; plenty of small dungeons had been taken already. A single team could run two five-player dungeons at once! But the majority of them were at The Land of Despairing Spirits. It seemed that many had gotten requests from their guilds to grab some First Kills from their guilds.

"You want to avoid taken dungeons so you can continue to grab First Kills?" Vaccaria popped up; Wang Jiexi had guessed Ye Xiu's intentions.

"I have far more First Kills than all of you, ok?" Ye Xiu replied.

Everyone was silent; wasn't this because you shamelessly spent the entire night online?

"Anyone who wants to do a 20 player dungeon, press 1!!!" Ye Xiu began to yell. Blood coughing and sweat dropping emojis came like a flood. This suggestion was just too much.

There were also some who couldn't help but jump out. They were obviously people who viewed Ye Xiu as an opponent.

One Autumn Leaf: "F*ck, what the hell do you mean by that!"

"..." Ye Xiu replied.

Everyone was dumbstruck. Had such a simple sentence made Ye Qiu incapable of retort? That was so strange, but soon enough they knew it wasn't the case.

Ye Xiu said, "Sh*t, I really can't get used to this name speaking to me."

Everyone burst out with laughter.

Everyone knew who was using One Autumn Leaf's name; it was Excellent Era's Sun Xiang! This guy was, indeed, a prodigy. That was something everyone had to admit to, but this guy was too arrogant and looked down on everyone. He might have the skill, but his reputation wasn't very good. Not many pro players liked him.

Sun Xiang was frustrated as well, but his usually dexterous hands seemed to have frozen, unable to type anything in reply. He could only watch as Ye Xiu's newly named "Lord Grim" continued: "How come Excellent Era's people are still in here? Shouldn't relegated people get kicked out? Wasn't that a rule here?"

"There's no rule like that!" Sun Xiang raged, looking through the chat rules. Who would believe that such a harsh rule actually existed?!

It wasn't only Sun Xiang that went to flip through the rules, the spectators did as well. In the end, wow, there really was a rule like that.

Sun Xiang didn't know how to respond at first, but he wasn't that slow. After a moment, everyone realized what had just occurred.

"F*ck, you just added that, didn't you?!" Sun Xiang yelled. Ye Xiu was a veteran among veterans, and that meant that he had been one of the first members of this chat, holding the position of an admin. The pro players were laughing like crazy by the time Sun Xiang had yelled.

"Yup!" Ye Xiu admitted bluntly.

Sun Xiang's hands froze again, unsure of what he should type next.

"So, if you keep spewing bullsh*t, I'll kick you!" Ye Xiu threatened and then turned to yell once more, "Anyone up for a 20-player dungeon? Press 1!!!!!"

Chapter 878: 20 Player Dungeon, Start

1.

After Ye Xiu asked the chat, there was someone who actually pressed 1. Most of the players in the chat were just here to watch. When they saw someone actually raise his hand, of course they would be delighted, but the person who pressed 1 was too much of a heavyweight! Many of the players were dumbstruck. If these Gods allied together to run a dungeon... what type of scene would that be?

"Just you or your entire team?" Ye Xiu replied calmly.

"Entire team." The other side replied.

"Perfect. Each side has ten players." Ye Xiu said.

"Which dungeon do you want to run?" The other side asked.

"Barrier Mountains!" Ye Xiu said.

"Rebel Army Vanguard Camp?" The other side asked.

"I think that's the one." Ye Xiu replied.

"Contact me in game."

"Okay."

After finishing the conversation, the two left at once. The remaining players were left stunned, admiring the chat log between the two Gods.

Ye Qiu. Wang Jiexi.

Lord Grim. Vaccaria.

Clearing dungeons wasn't anything amazing. Right now, all of the pro players were running dungeons. It was just that these two Gods combining forces to run a dungeon was too crazy.

"Twenty-player dungeon! Set out!" After Ye Xiu finished his business in the group chat, he immediately called out to his teammates.

"Twenty players? We don't have enough people." Wei Chen asked dubiously.

"We're going to run it together with Team Tiny Herb to get a twenty player team." Ye Xiu said.

Bang!

Who knew what made that sound. In any case, someone lost had his cool. Everyone traced the sound back to its source, which turned out to be Qiao Yifan, who was always cautious and never overstepped the boundaries.

It had been half a year since Qiao Yifan had left Tiny Herb. Qiao Yifan had only spent a year together with Tiny Herb. However, his days there couldn't be forgotten so easily. His excitement when he was chosen by the team to admiring his seniors when he first joined to his friendship with Gao Yingjie to having no opportunities to perform to his doubt towards himself... Qiao Yifan's invisibility in Tiny Herb wasn't false. Perhaps others might not remember what he had done in Tiny Herb during that year, but for him, many things had happened.

He had left Tiny Herb, or to be more accurate, Tiny Herb had given up on him. Qiao Yifan didn't blame Team Tiny Herb though. Everyone in Team Tiny Herb had been more outstanding than he had been. That was just the reality of things. However, he still hoped to one day improve enough and stand on stage against Tiny Herb, letting them see how far he had come. He couldn't help but occasionally dream of this scene.

He had never imagined that his first encounter with Tiny Herb would be in a dungeon team inside the game. In front of Ye Xiu, it seemed like he always had to be prepared to face the unexpected!

Qiao Yifan felt a myriad of emotions because of a few personal matters, but for Wu Chen, suddenly pulling along Team Tiny Herb to play together for a twenty-player dungeon was simply too shocking. Wu Chen felt the same as many of the players in the pro player group chat. He felt like he was going crazy.

As for Tang Rou and Steamed Bun, their greenhorn minds stayed steady.

Mo Fan cared even less. He just felt pleased at having another chance to run a dungeon.

Normally, Chen Guo would be the most excited, but because Chen Guo was sitting next to Ye Xiu, she had seen Ye Xiu pulling up the QQ chat and advertising. Having seen everything from start to finish with her own eyes, her emotions were quite stable.

"We'll restock and head out!" Ye Xiu instructed, "We'll be running Barrier Mountain's twenty-player dungeon."

Soon afterwards, the two teams gathered together in front of the entrance to Barrier Mountain's twenty-player dungeon, Rebel Army Vanguard Camp.

"Everyone's here?" Ye Xiu saw Tiny Herb's characters. None of them were unfamiliar. All of them were Team Tiny Herb's brave heroes.

"We're all here." On Team Tiny Herb's side, Vaccaria stepped forward. Wang Jiexi talked to Ye Xiu, while measuring up Team Happy. He had seen some of their faces before, but there were a few unfamiliar faces too.

"Before we begin, how will we be splitting the rewards?" Ye Xiu said.

"According to each other's needs!" Wang Jiexi said.

"By class?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Yes."

"What if there are conflicting classes?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Roll." Wang Jiexi said.

"Materials?"

"Fifty fifty."

"Alright, let's do that then." Ye Xiu had no objections to the standard method of distribution, but the others behind them were still in admiration.

Look, that's the aura of Gods. We haven't even started yet and they've already finished discussing how to split the spoils.

"How are we assigning roles?" Next, everyone in the team needed to have a specific role.

"We can take care of tanking!" Wang Jiexi said.

"Of course." Ye Xiu agreed.

Chen Guo had been calm the entire time, but if she could still hold her excitement, she wouldn't be Chen Guo. A dungeon! And who would be their tank? Xu Bin! Who would be the tank character? Angelica!

Glory's number one Knight! To think she would have the opportunity to run a dungeon with him as a tank, this this this... Chen Guo finally couldn't keep her calm. Not crying out excitedly so the team wouldn't lose face took great effort on her part.

"Healer?" This time, Wang Jiexi asked first. His character's line of view couldn't help but look towards Ye Xiu's Little Cold Hands. Wang Jiexi was treating them like a pro team.

For a pro team, the tank wasn't too important, but the healer role couldn't be neglected. What type of person was the person who held such an important role in Ye Qiu's team? Wang Jiexi wanted to know.

"Mm... I'll have to trouble you guys with healing!" Ye Xiu said.

"What? Is there a problem with your side?" Wang Jiexi asked.

"There isn't a problem, but in front of Team Tiny Herb's great healer, being modest is a must!" Ye Xiu said.

"Cough..." An Wenyi couldn't help but cough. Talking big didn't need all the chatter! Just being compared to a champion team's healer made An Wenyi feel ashamed.

Wang Jiexi chuckled. He could see the implications of those words. It probably wasn't Happy being modest, but rather an issue with his skill level!

"Group up. Group up." Ye Xiu shouted and the twenty players joined together.

"You can be the leader." Wang Jiexi arranged directly.

"Sure!" Ye Xiu didn't object, "Then let's go?"

"Go!" Wang Jiexi ordered. Team Tiny Herb's ten players immediately entered the dungeon. Happy's side followed.

"Tank, pull monsters. Healers, watch our health. Everyone else, deal damage." Ye Xiu began instructing.

They were pioneering, after all. Apart from these words, there wasn't much else a shot caller could say.

Glory's number one Knight took up his shield and charged forward. The others readied their skills according to their class. Gao Yingjie's Kind Tree rode his broom and nimbly flew over to Qiao Yifan's One Inch Ash.

"Yifan?" Gao Yingjie's greeting wasn't very certain, even though he had heard the news long ago.

"Yeah....." Qiao Yifan felt a bit apologetic towards Gao Yingjie because he had left without a word. He had never told his best friend what his plans had been either.

"Hey, this kid's got some manners. He took the initiative to say hi?" Steamed Bun Invasion passed by and immediately stopped to comment.

"Ah?" Gao Yingjie was at a loss.

"Not bad, not bad. I think well of you. You don't need to be afraid of the ground! There's me to protect you." Steamed Bun said.

"Oh..." Gao Yingjie replied in confusion. He immediately controlled Kind Heart to attack the monsters, not daring to delay. When this talent erupted, even Steamed Bun was a bit stunned.

"It seems like he's better than even me?" Steamed Bun said to Qiao Yifan.

"Haha...." Qiao Yifan didn't know what to say, but he was quite proud of his friend.

"Yes yes, it seems like it'll be easy! Everyone go, everyone go! Wang Jiexi, don't be a leecher. If you're not the number one damage dealer here, you can't come on the next raid." Ye Xiu observed the battlefield.

Team Tiny Herb was in uproar. Leecher? Can't come? They never thought that there would be a day these words would be placed onto their team captain.

"Number one Knight, stabilize it! You're not thinking of letting an OT happen, right!!" Ye Xiu instructed Xu Bin.

"Great healer! Don't only heal your Tiny Herb friends. Our side has ten fresh health bars too!" After instructing the tank, Ye Xiu started chattering to the healer.

"That's all you've got to say!" Team Tiny Herb's healer, Yang Baiqing, was no stranger with Ye Xiu. After hearing his name mentioned, he couldn't help but reply back.

"There's just..... Nothing worth saying. If I don't say something, won't it seem like I'm doing nothing?" Ye Xiu said.

It was true. Against these small monsters, their skill level was more than enough, but Ye Xiu's nitpicky shotcalling style was difficult to look at with straight eyes.

But in general, their dungeon progress went smoothly and harmoniously. Not just friends like Gao Yingjie and Qiao Yifan, but the others on the two sides started to talk with each other.

"Sister, how fierce!!" Team Tiny Herb's Liu Xiaobie was a hand speed expert. Right now, he was surprised at Tang Rou's ferociousness. It wasn't Tiny Herb's first encounter with Soft Mist. When the tenth server had just opened, Wang Jiexi had led Tiny Herb's members to spar with Ye Xiu on multiple occasions. Their interactions with each other weren't few. At that time, Soft Mist had just been some noob to be crushed by them, but after a year had passed, she had improved by leaps and bounds, making them feel a bit frightened.

"You're very good too." Tang Rou politely replied back.

"How about we see who can kill more?" Liu Xiaobie said.

"Okay!" This suggestion was exactly what Tang Rou wanted, so she happily accepted.

Team Tiny Herb's Xiao Yun was a Battle Mage player too. He was having fun in the dungeon. His thoughts were similar to normal players. He wanted to find a girl to get closer to. Soft Mist was a Battle Mage too, so she was his first choice. However, Liu Xiaobie took her away. He had no choice but to switch targets.

"Girl, your rhythm's pretty good!" After moving closer to Little Cold Hands, Xiao Yun found an opportunity to chat.

"I'm a guy." An Wenyi replied back adeptly.

F*ck..... Xiao Yun's Battle Mage turned away and left.

Chapter 879: Teamwork

Team Tiny Herb did, in fact, have one female player called Liu Fei. However, since they were very much familiar with each other, Xiao Yun didn't have any interest in chatting with her. Looking at Happy's lineup, there was only one other female character: Chasing Haze.

Unfortunately, Xiao Yun's character was a Battle Mage and Chen Guo's Chasing Haze was a Launcher. As soon as the battle started, the two characters had been as far as can be from each other. Running over to Little Cold Hands had already been the limit to the amount of the monsters his character could reach.

If he ran to where ranged attackers like Launchers were positioned, then he would really become a sightseer. Although familiarizing yourself with the new update didn't require the serious and strict attitude that training did, even their Captain Wang Jiexi was doing his all to DPS, so Xiao Yun didn't dare to let down his guard. In the end, he could only admire from afar and sigh. Running back into the mobs, he decided to still aim for Soft Mist and see if there was any chance.

When Tang Rou fought, she didn't hold anything back at all, and Xiao Yun silently hid his shock. If he hadn't already known that she was a girl, Xiao Yun would've thought she was a G.I.R.L.*.

Like the other members of Tiny Herb, he too was amazed by how much Soft Mist had improved after watching her fight. Now, if they were to PKed, they wouldn't dare to be certain of their own victory.

"She's improved so fast. Talented, as expected!" Wang Jiexi had hoped to recruit Tang Rou a long time ago, but had been rejected. Seeing her current skill, he couldn't help but lament aloud.

"Isn't she?" Ye Xiu replied with a smile after hearing his laments.

"Prodigious." Wang Jiexi agreed to that. Even among the pro players of Team Tiny Herb, Tang Rou's valiance was very eye catching.

"What about the others? What do you think?" Ye Xiu asked.

"That Warlock and Launcher seem very familiar with their roles; they're both veterans! I heard that the Warlock is the ex-Captain of Blue Rain?" Wang Jiexi asked.

"Yup."

"That Launcher called Dawn Rifle, how come it feels like I've seen him on the field before?" Wang Jiexi asked.

"He used to be part of Everlasting," Ye Xiu said.

"The ex pro team you eliminated from the Challenger League?" Wang Jiexi said.

"You read the papers?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Qiao Yifan has become very accustomed to the Phantom Demon class as well." Wang Jiexi commented.

"This might just be the class that suits him the most." Ye Xiu said.

"Maybe!" Wang Jiexi replied.

Apart from the few just mentioned, there was also Steamed Bun Invasion, Concealed Light, Deception, Little Cold Hands, and Chasing Haze that Wang Jiexi hadn't commented on, still observing them.

In reality, Ye Xiu knew that this guy wasn't truly here to clear the dungeon, but was mostly here to see how Happy was doing. Although most people would be certain that this seasons Challenger League was no more than Excellent Era's Revival Tournament, Wang Jiexi had never blindly gone with the masses, just like the Magician style he had once used. Though he might've changed his style to cooperate with the team, his personality wouldn't change.

It was very much Wang Jiexi's style to look to the underdog when everyone else was certain of Excellent Era's victory.

Ye Xiu, of course, knew that he was here to observe and Wang Jiexi could clearly see that, so, he didn't bother to hide it. When Ye Xiu asked, he would answer. The aforementioned four's skill was rather eye catching, and no one would be surprised if they were a part of the Pro League.

As for the others...

Wang Jiexi continued to observe as he fought and, by the time he opened his mouth to comment again, he looked around only to see that Ye Xiu's Lord Grim had charged off to fight and was no longer standing beside him.

Soon enough, the team arrived at the first boss of the Rebel Army's Vanguard Camp. Sharp Blades Captain Leo. The mobs they had cleared on the way were all members of the Sharp Blades. "Tank, pull the boss. Healers, watch our health. Everyone else, prepare to deal damage," Ye Xiu said.

With a new section, that was all he had to say as a command. Yet, those who were listening could tell that "everyone else, deal damage" had become "everyone else, prepare to deal damage". With the addition of two words, the entire meaning had changed. So, when Xu Bin's Angelica charged up, everyone stayed where they were, instead of charging with him.

However, they were all experts. They might have been facing a boss, but no one was nervous, casually chatting with one another as they waited. For a moment, Sharp Blades Captain Leo was being taken care of by Tiny Herb's Knight and the two healers. After a few minutes of fighting and still no orders from Ye Xiu, everyone was wondering that this should've been enough to figure out the boss, right? Cleric Yuan Baiqing couldn't help but yell, "We should be able to start now, right?"

Yet it wasn't Ye Xiu who replied, but Chen Guo's awkward voice, "He went to the bathroom..." "F*ck!" Yuan Baiqing's voice was angered, but by then Ye Xiu had come back, immediately replying, "So, how is it?"

"Can we start already?!" Yuan Bai yelled.

"Does anyone else need to use the restroom?" Ye Xiu asked.

"....."

"What the f*ck, man!" Yuan Baiqing raged.

"F*cking hell, are you planning to give up on me?!" Xu Bin said with horror, thinking, if you're angry, don't take it out on me! I've been giving it my all, too!

"If no one needs to go, then let's begin," Ye Xiu said.

"Have you figured out the boss?" Yuan Baiqing asked.

"Of course, I went to the bathroom only after I had the boss figured out," Ye Xiu said.

"..." Yuan Baiqing had no idea how to retort. That guy managed to do what he needed and still had time to go to the bathroom.

"Go on, go on, I don't think I need to tell you guys how to fight this boss; there's nothing surprising about him." Ye Xiu said.

This was something that everyone who had been observing the boss agreed with, so none of them said anything more, all swarming forth to DPS.

"Melee players, be careful of your positioning! Make sure to give the others and the ranged characters space to attack!" This was something Ye Xiu had to mention. Pro players were very much used to running in five man teams when cooperating with other players. Now, with 20 people together, and attacking the same target, too, they weren't very used to the positioning and made it harder for many to attack at a time. This was something vital to hundred man dungeons. The reason for hundred man dungeons being the limit despite the amount of players in Glory, was because Glory didn't let two players stand in the same space. If they didn't watch rhythm and spacing with one hundred people fighting as one against a single target, it could easily become a situation where some attacked and most would just watch, only joining in when those in the front had died, causing the team to wipe.

So, the reason for larger team dungeons being harder was partially due to this. The more people there were, the harder it was for an individual to perform at their best, causing their overall strength to fall collective and making it harder to clear the dungeon.

In a ten-player dungeon, with both ranged and melee cooperating, this problem wasn't as evident, but in a 20 person dungeon it was slightly more apparent. Especially in their team, where there were less healers and more DPSers.

Yet this team was also filled with experts and were able to deal with it much better than normal players. As soon as Ye Xiu spoke, everyone began to pay more attention. Without Ye Xiu having to arrange anything, the members of Team Tiny Herb became a cooperating fighting system.

At times like this, the difference between Happy and Tiny Herb was obvious. Happy wasn't very good at this sort of thing. Especially since Tiny Herb had taken up half the space, leaving them with the rest, their synchronization was messy. Ye Xiu finally had to start speaking up more with his commands, mostly focusing on Happy's side. He didn't need to worry about Team Tiny Herb's positioning.

Under these circumstances, Deception became the obvious odd one out. Mo Fan had no idea what teamwork was. Whatever actions that looked like teamwork was really just Deception charging up to land a few hits after finding an opening, but the current situation wasn't one where he could just charge up upon finding an opening. Many openings were purposefully created for specific uses, but Mo Fan didn't understand this and Ye Xiu didn't give him any orders either, so this guy seemed like he was just causing trouble on purpose and soon caused rage to spread.

The members of Team Tiny Herb didn't express their rage at first, hoping that command would correct him, but Ye Xiu continued to lead the other members of Happy as a successful team, seeming to have completely forgotten Deception existed, completely ignoring him.

Then, when Mo Fan ran to steal another opening, messing up the system Team Tiny Herb had been using, the members of the champion team couldn't take it anymore.

"Hey you! What the hell are you doing?!" Tiny Herb's Berserker, Liang Fang, was a guy with a rather short fuse. Having his pace broken by Deception over and over again, he was the first to erupt.

"That's right, why do you keep snatching our openings?" Xiao Yun asked. Melee classes like them were a lot more affected by Deception's running around.

"My angle of attack sometimes even gets blocked," Sharpshooter Li Ji complained. Deception's influence was very widespread indeed. This was only on Tiny Herb, too; Happy hadn't even said anything! Mo Fan's snatching of openings was indiscriminate; it didn't matter if it was Happy's or Tiny Herb's!

"Leader, aren't you forgetting someone?" Cleric Yuan Baiqing also spoke up. Though he might not be affected by what Deception was doing, it had messed up their rhythm and synchronization. A highly skilled healer would synchronize with the rhythm the team was battling at, like the accompaniment to a symphony. With the pace of the team in chaos, his methods would lose their meaning and he would become especially harried.

The continuous accusations made Mo Fan unsure of what to do. Was his method incorrect?

Chapter 880: Slowly

Even the usually indifferent Mo Fan couldn't ignore all of the criticism coming his way. He stopped playing and Deception stood off to the side foolishly.

When he fought, all he did was make things worse. Not fighting was easier to accept than fighting. Team Tiny Herb had no objections. Their team immediately started operating perfectly again.

On Happy's side, without Mo Fan causing trouble, although their coordination wasn't as practiced as Team Tiny Herb's, under Ye Xiu's continuous instructions, their teamwork wasn't bad either. After all, they were only fighting a dungeon boss. There weren't too many variations to the battle. Team Happy wasn't lacking in individual skill. It was only the coordination between them that needed more practice.

Because they needed to keep up their level of coordination, none of them had the spare time to see the expression on Mo Fan's face, the person who had incited Tiny Herb to complain. They could only see that Deception was sitting on the side and staring into space with no idea what to do. For a person like Chen Guo with a sharp mouth but a soft heart, she felt sympathy for him long ago.

But she also knew that this probably wasn't outside of Ye Xiu's expectations. Ignoring Mo Fan when giving out instructions was definitely intentional. If not, with Mo Fan's skill, if Ye Xiu was willing to bring him into the group and Mo Fan listened to the orders, there shouldn't have been any problems. The problem was that Ye Xiu had no such intention. Mo Fan didn't even have an opportunity to refuse in spite.

Now Mo Fan was just standing awkwardly to the side. Through his view of the battle, he realized where the issue lay.

When the two teams operated, opportunities to attack would often be left behind. However, these opportunities were intentionally given to others, but not to him.

The movements and attacks of both teams covered for each other, linking and flowing smoothly together. Everyone had something to do. No one was idle, especially on Team Tiny Herb's side. The synergy between each member of the team was more perfect. Their coordination appeared relaxed,

natural, and unforced. His previous "seize opportunities to attack" strategy completely disrupted their flow. If the other side appeared as one person, his interjection was equivalent to putting a malignant tumor in that person.

Yes, a team's cancerous tumor.....

Mo Fan didn't know where he had heard this term from, but he realized that he seemed to be one. He was one on Tiny Herb's side. It was the same for Happy.

In the previous ten-player dungeons, he couldn't output a noteworthy amount of damage.

In this twenty-player dungeon, he had directly been given the cold shoulder with no way to deal damage.

Mo Fan understood there was a relationship between these two outcomes. He could still fight in the ten player dungeon because there was a lot more room to move and attack. There were plenty of openings. but for this twenty player dungeon, against a boss and the team's high-level coordination, the window for an opening was much more tight. To find an opening, there was only one method. Integrate into the team. If he didn't, it would only be like before. As soon as he made a move, he would be yelled at. That wasn't integrating, but using a knife and dissecting the team.

Then, how should I go about doing that?

Mo Fan didn't plan on standing by idly and watching. He needed to find a way.

He knew that Ye Xiu definitely had a way of integrating him into the team, but Mo Fan would rather die than speak up and ask for help. Mo Fan was determined to rely on himself. He carefully observed the teamwork on both sides and pondered over how he should be a part of it. He needed to seize an opening without hindering others.

The battle continued.

Because the teamwork on both sides was well-practiced, everyone knew what to do, so there wasn't much need for any instructions unless a big mistake happened.

But Ye Xiu kept on ordering about, commanding the players on Happy to do this and that.

Was there really a need? Many didn't think so. Against monsters, the shotcalling had been beyond simple. It was practically everyone doing their own things. Facing this boss, the command became extremely detailed. They thought Ye Qiu was just making a big fuss over nothing.

But Tiny Herb's captain, Wang Jiexi, didn't think so. He listened very carefully to Ye Qiu's orders. From time to time, he would look over to see how Happy was operating.

He's giving that Ninja openings! Wang Jiexi saw through it.

The previous Team Happy members that he mentioned before had all managed to catch his eye in some way or another. In comparison, Little Cold Hands, Concealed Light, and Chasing Haze were somewhat inferior. Apart from them, there was Steamed Bun Invasion and Deception. Wang Jiexi couldn't get a good read on them, so he didn't make any comments on them for now.

But from their technical skill, there was no need to question their skill. However, when evaluating a pro player, technical skill alone wasn't everything.

This Steamed Bun Invasion sometimes made some strange and incomprehensible decisions. Even Wang Jiexi couldn't make heads or tails out of it because he couldn't see the intentions behind these decisions. It just looked like he was playing mindlessly.

As for Deception, Wang Jiexi had previously observed that while he was very determined, it just felt like he wasn't compatible. When they began fighting the boss and he kept jumping in and disrupting the coordination of both sides, Wang Jiexi finally understood. His technical skill was at a pro level, but his team awareness was practically zero. This guy should be receiving more instructions from the leader, but Ye Qiu didn't say a word.

In the beginning, Wang Jiexi couldn't make any sense of the matter, but after noticing Ye Qiu's commands, he understood that he was secretly urging the ninja to understand the importance of teamwork.

However, would that guy be able to understand it?

Wang Jiexi turned Vaccaria's line of sight towards Deception. In-game characters were expressionless, so Wang Jiexi couldn't penetrate into his mind. However, Wang Jiexi could clearly see the openings left by Ye Xiu's side, but time and time again, Deception stood there, wasting these openings. Wang Jiexi even felt somewhat angry. He wanted to tell that piece of wood how to integrate himself into the team.

Besides Wang Jiexi, no one else realized this point. Everyone was doing their own part and had begun ignoring the previously annoying Deception. Wang Jiexi waited and waited. He was starting to feel numb. He was only feeling numb though. He reckoned that Ye Qiu was probably feeling extremely impatient, upon seeing Deception not realize it. From his commanding, it didn't sound like he was irritated though.

Wang Jiexi was just thinking about all of this, when Team Happy exposed another unnecessary opening. This opening could be taken easily, allowing the player to integrate into the team. At this moment, Deception, who had been staring blankly for a long time, finally moved. A shadow flickered. Wang Jiexi was alerted. He turned Vaccaria's line of sight to see where Deception would go.

Sure enough, he's going there!

Wang Jiexi saw where Team Happy's opening lay, as well as Deception's movement direction. It was precisely this spot.

Rush in and attack.....

So he's finally starting to understand.

As the team captain, Wang Jiexi was very meticulous towards these sorts of things. It was as if he were a coach. As soon as he saw Deception finally catch an opening, it was like a game of Tetris, when you stacked the tetrominoes high up and then cleared away four lines at once with an "I" block. But before he could finish feeling that bliss, he saw Deception pull away and let that opening flash by.

"What's he doing?" Wang Jiexi was shocked. Soon afterwards, he understood why.

Wang Jiexi didn't know whether to laugh or cry at the reality of things. Deception was too inexperienced. He rushed in and attacked once. He didn't know how to take advantage of this opportunity to integrate into the flow and had no idea what to do afterwards. As a result, he decided to withdraw to avoid being a malignant tumor.

"My condolences!" Wang Jiexi sent Ye Xiu's Lord Grim a message revealing his sympathy.

"Same to you." Ye Xiu replied. He knew what Wang Jiexi was pointing at, but in terms of guiding a new player, Wang Jiexi had gone to even greater lengths for Gao Yingjie.

Wang Jiexi sighed. He continued to watch Ye Xiu patiently help Deception using this method, but after this Deception took his first step, he once again started worrying people again. This guy was good at finding opportunities. He caught all of the openings that Ye Xiu left for him, but the problem was that he always only hit once and then retreated, waiting in satisfaction for the next one to come. It didn't seem like he was aware that he had already opened the door, but instead of going through it, he seemed to want to play around by jumping in and out. No wonder it had to be so troublesome. What a stubborn guy! These were only Wang Jiexi's thoughts. He didn't know too many details about the relationship between Mo Fan and Ye Xiu.

Even after the first boss fell, Deception failed to completely make it through the door.

First Kill announcement.

Because the two guilds had joined together, the announcement did not mention the guild names, but the team members involved were still listed.

The uproar triggered by this announcement was far different from before.

The pro players were fine. Those in the chat group knew that Wang Jiexi and Ye Xiu had joined hands to run a twenty player dungeon. The normal players, on the other hand, saw the resplendent character names of Team Tiny Herb, as well as those half-praised half-hated guys of Team Happy.

What's going on? How did those guys from Team Happy ally with Team Tiny Herb and run a dungeon together?

The normal players just couldn't understand. In the dungeon, the Tiny Herb players were going crazy. Wang Jiexi spoke to Ye Xiu in a serious tone: "This is no good. No good at all."

"I think it's quite reasonable!" Ye Xiu said.

"Reasonable is no good!" Wang Jiexi seemed to be unable to find a reason to dispute Ye Xiu's words. In the end, he vehemently objected: "Do you think that just because you're an unspecialized, you need every piece of equipment? That's too much of a cheat!"