

Avatar 881

Chapter 881: Self-Taught

The first Boss of their 20 player dungeon dropped three pieces of equipment, all either blue or purple. This was something even Happy didn't care about, let alone Tiny Herb. Even so, everyone still divided up the equipment with the method that they had agreed on: by necessity of classes. Then they found out that Lord Grim had a right to all three, rolling the dice for each.

Wang Jiexi had expected this sort of shamelessness from Ye Qiu, but his demands weren't completely unreasonable. Theoretically, unspecialized characters did need equipment from all classes, but there was no way Wang Jiexi would just allow that sort of behavior. If it were all blue and purple, then he wouldn't mind, but orange equipment was useful for pro teams too. Lord Grim's need for all-class equipment was just too much of a competitive advantage for him.

"Then what do you propose?" Ye Xiu asked helplessly.

"Choose one class," Wang Jiexi was always someone with ideas.

"Have you no shame? I'm a class that needs equipment across all the classes and now you're as cruel as to ask me to give up on 23 of them?" Ye Xiu retorted.

"It's only fair. Otherwise you're too much of a bug," Wang Jiexi replied.

"No way can I accept that," Ye Xiu declared. "Just one class, at most two," Wang Jiexi made a small compromise.

"Just tell me what your limit is!" Ye Xiu expressed that he refused to bargain with Wang Jiexi over this any longer.

"That is my limit!" Wang Jiexi responded.

"Four class types," Ye Xiu suggested.

"Not possible!" Wang Jiexi rejected decisively. Four class types was 16 out of the 24 classes.

As the two gods argued, the members of the teams exchanged helpless glances. Two Gods at the Peak of Glory Argue Over Dungeon Drops, this might have a chance at becoming the headlines of Esports Home if they knew what was happening!

"Fine, fine," in the end, it was Ye Xiu who made the biggest compromise. "But at least three classes."

Going from wanting all 24 classes to three was a huge compromise. Wang Jiexi didn't fixiate on his two class limit and also compromised, agreeing. The Tiny Herb members all believed that their Captain had won this debate, cheering.

"Which three classes do you want?" Wang Jiexi didn't hesitate to make the negotiations completely clear.

"Battle Mage, Ghostblade, and Cleric!" Ye Xiu didn't hesitate either, giving an answer that was obviously planned ahead for.

Wang Jiexi paused for a moment, but understood Ye Xiu's reasoning after looking over the class lineups for each of their teams.

Tiny Herb and Happy had three overlapping classes, which were none other than Ye Xiu's requested Battle Mage, Ghostblade, and Cleric. That meant, the equipment they would come into competition over would all be for these three classes. Now that Ye Xiu had set his Lord Grim to these three classes as well, he had increased the chances of Happy's victory in the competition over those specific pieces of equipment. It was too late for Wang Jiexi to regret his decisions by now.

With the negotiations over, Ye Xiu then pulled up the DPS chart to comment.

"Hm, Tiny Herb's members did very well. Everyone has to look towards them as examples." Ye Xiu sent the DPS charts into the chat. The highest ranked was Wang Jiexi's Vaccaria, and after that was a column of Tiny Herb members. With more refined teamwork and synchronization, Tiny Herb's DPS was miles ahead of Happy in the Boss fight.

Apart from the two Clerics, the worst DPSer was Deception.

This time, he hadn't even done any better than Chen Guo's Chasing Haze or Luo Ji's Concealed Light and had been left in the dust.

For one, he had frozen for a long time in the middle of the match. Afterwards, he had only occasionally jumped in to grab openings. He hadn't gone with the flow and his attacks weren't continuous. It would be weird if his his DPS was high!

"A certain someone needs to work really, really, really hard!" Ye Xiu lamented aloud.

Mo Fan's emotions were tumultuous. After setting his resolve to improve his DPS again and again, only to do continuously worse, even worse than Chasing Haze and Concealed Light, Mo Fan was unable to raise his head.

However, Tiny Herb's members were much more professional than normal players. They didn't mock and disdain someone with such a terrible DPS, and continued on without any comments.

Their attitude didn't cheer Mo Fan up at all.

The reason no one commented was because no one cared. Mo Fan might like being on his own, but he didn't enjoy being ignored like this.

I already know what to do; I'll show all of you when we get to the second Boss. Mo Fan's thoughts were so, but they were too naive. For the second Boss, Mo Fan's Deception continued to jump in and out to deal damage, using the same method he was familiar with and thought to be right.

Without fighting as a part of the team, what achievements could he obtain? After the second Boss had been taken down, he was still the last on the DPS charts, worse than Chasing Haze and Concealed Light.

How is this still possible!?" The silent Mo Fan couldn't help but yell.

What a clueless guy! Tiny Herb's members thought to themselves. With your method, having such a low DPS was only expected.

With such results, Mo Fan naturally realized that the way he had been playing was still incorrect. He still didn't actively seek help, stopping to observe during the third Boss.

Everyone ignored him again. Tiny Herb continued their perfect DPS while Ye Xiu continued to give everyone a role.

A perfect symphony, just waiting for Mo Fan to become an appropriate tune to harmonize with them, instead of jumping in with a bang and running straight back out. Deception didn't act at all during the third Boss fight, reducing his DPS to a 0, ranking him at the very bottom of the list, even lower than the Clerics. When Clerics were bored, they might throw out a damaging skill, putting them above Deception.

No one knew if this guy had made any discoveries. They had finally progressed to Boss number four. With the powerful Team Tiny Herb as their allies, their progress was even smoother than it had been in the easier 10 player dungeons. From the DPS charts, it was evident that Tiny Herb was the group holding down the fort, far above Happy in both healing and DPS. Happy's members didn't really care to much about how fast they were progressing anymore, having guessed Ye Xiu's motive and were waiting to see when Mo Fan would be fully enlightened.

The fourth Boss fight started. This time, Deception didn't just spectate, standing with Happy's attack team from the start.

Ye Xiu began to lead and Happy's battle system grinded into action. Mo Fan also quickly found the place left open for Deception and finally didn't desynchronize. He was in the middle, working with the system.

Ye Xiu was elated. Mo Fan might have some problems with the way he was cooperating, but at least he finally understood what they were trying to do now.

Should he speak up to bring him under command? Ye Xiu was hesitant.

In truth, when he and Mo Fan first met, they had fought side by side. Back then, Ye Xiu had taken command and their teamwork wasn't bad at all.

However it was different today. When the two first met, they had no bones to pick! And now, Mo Fan had only come to Happy after having been harried to the point where he couldn't even play the game properly anymore.

There was bad blood between them now! That was why Ye Xiu didn't order this guy around. He could guess that if he said East, that guy would probably go West on purpose, so Ye Xiu had decided to silently guide him from afar, hoping that Mo Fan would become interested of his own violation, and figure out where his problems lay, adjusting these areas accordingly. Now, Mo Fan had finally taken a huge step. If he could accept being ordered around by Ye Xiu, then everything would be that much easier. However, Ye Xiu was afraid that if he spoke, it would only have the opposite effect. So, he decided to keep using the same method, not saying a word, and just creating openings for Mo Fan to take by himself, learn by himself.

Everyone watched his performance and knew that he was working hard, struggling through figuring out what he should do without any pointers.

The Tiny Herb members who didn't understand the situation started to become a little sympathetic towards Mo Fan, inwardly thinking that God Ye Qiu was too cruel! He didn't give him any guidance at all. There had to be a limit to how strict you were, right?

The fight with the fourth Boss was like fighting through disaster for Mo Fan. When the fourth Boss fell, he felt like a mess. His mind was on the verge of blanking, forgetting everything he had done. He only had one feeling: he was chasing after a speeding train, wanting to crawl onto it, but was always getting thrown off. How pitiful he had been was easy to imagine.

When the results for the fourth Boss came out, Mo Fan's score was still bad, still last.

However, while he might've not improved in rankings, but everyone could see his improvement in data. Fighting to follow the rhythm, his DPS had a great improvement compared to before, when he only darted in for a single blow when an opening revealed itself. Tiny Herb's members were on the precipice of giving him a round of applause, yet all Ye Xiu said was "keep it up, everyone."

There were also five Bosses in twenty player dungeons. The two teams cooperated, taking the First Kills as they went, and finally arrived at the last section. By then, everyone had forgotten their original intentions, and focused on Mo Fan's Deception instead.

After opening fire on the last Boss, the members of Tiny Herb kept throwing glances at Happy's side every now and then.

Deception was stubbornly trying to synchronize with the pace of the team. For him, who had never been taught or tried to learn such a thing, it was a tough job.

The other members of Happy had, in fact, practiced cooperation in their daily trainings. They couldn't compare to Tiny Herb, but they weren't some rogues either.

Mo Fan had set an impossible task for himself, learning to run before he learned how to walk*, and he was figuring it out himself, too. Yet, everyone could tell Deception had definitely improved since the last Boss.

This guy, he had taught himself!

Chapter 882: Twenty Player Dungeon Rewards

The final boss was more powerful than the previous four bosses, but facing these formidable players, it wasn't anything to look at. Everyone was paying more attention to Deception's transformation than the boss. In the end, the boss was mowed down.

Boss First Kill, dungeon First Clear, both system announcements were released. It was the fifth and sixth time these eye-catching names were displayed to the world. The players were all looking at each other cluelessly.

Ye Qiu, Wang Jiexi.....

If those two people were truly the ones playing on those characters, this First Clear record was just too beautiful. Who were these two? Since the start of the Glory Pro League to now, of the eight

championships, these two had won a combined total of five of them. And now, these two had actually teamed up together to clear a dungeon. This First Clear record felt like a historic moment for them. All of the players witnessing these names listed out felt like they were a part of this history.

But the players creating history didn't think much of the record. After the boss fell, they checked the DPS charts immediately. Deception was currently the star of the show. Everyone's eyes were on him.

In terms of placing, Deception was still at the back of the pack, but in comparison to the previous boss, his DPS had clearly improved. The self-taught genius Mo Fan was improving at lightning speed.

Mo Fan wasn't in a hurry to chase after a higher ranking. When he checked the DPS charts, he felt very pleased at the improvement. He wanted to hurry up and start another dungeon, so he could continue to practice, but these guys were now dilly-dallying, receiving the First Kill and First Clear rewards. Mo Fan was feeling impatient.

First Kill and First Clear rewards. These were what the two sides valued the most.

"Let's confirm the distribution plan again." Wang Jiexi's attitude seemed as if he were playing fighting Ye Qiu in a match.

"Distribution will be according to each other's needs." Ye Xiu said.

"Materials will be split fifty-fifty." Wang Jiexi added.

"Unspecialized needs everything." Ye Xiu said.

"..."

"I'm just joking, I'm just joking. I only need Battle Mage, Ghostblade, and Cleric class equipment." Ye Xiu said.

"You've promised!" Wang Jiexi said.

"Why do I feel that you don't trust me?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Because I'm used to treating you as an opponent and not a teammate." Wang Jiexi said.

Afterwards, the First Kill and First Clear rewards were received.

The amount of rewards given for a twenty player dungeon would certainly be more numerous than that of a ten player dungeon. Before, the rewards had to be split between ten players, but with twenty players, ten more players needed to be accounted for.

The first boss First Kill gave them two pieces of Orange equipment.

Everyone hastily checked the stats to see which class it was most suited for.

"We neglected one point." Wang Jiexi suddenly spoke up.

"Hm?"

"If none of us need the equipment, is everyone going to roll or just one representative from each team?" Wang Jiexi said.

"Or maybe we just give it to the unspecialized who needs everything?" Ye Xiu said.

"Let's just have representatives from both sides roll for it." Wang Jiexi completely ignored Ye Xiu. Instead of picking someone from Tiny Herb to roll, he just took it on himself and rolled.

A beautiful 99.

"Fine, then let's start rolling. Who's going to go on your side?" Ye Xiu returned the favor by ignoring Wang Jiexi. Tiny Herb's side booed. Ye Xiu could even hear some boos from Happy's side.

"I've already rolled a 99." Wang Jiexi said.

"You're forcing us to roll a 100!" Ye Xiu said.

"Go ahead." Wang Jiexi said.

"I'll show you the might of our boss." Ye Xiu said and indicated for Chen Guo to step forward.

Chen Guo trembled with fear. Oftentimes, she couldn't change her fan mentality. When she saw that her opponent was God Wang Jiexi, she couldn't help but panic.

Chasing Haze rolled a 42. A crushing defeat.

Vaccaria took one of the two pieces of Orange equipment.

"Loser first!" Ye Xiu shouted.

Chen Guo stared blankly.

"It means you roll first." Ye Xiu could only explain.

As a result, Chasing Haze rolled again. Her roll was even more tragic than her previous one. 25. There was only a 25% chance of her winning. Chen Guo wanted to cry: "I don't want to roll anymore. Someone else!"

"Don't panic. There are two types of victories. One where you're better and the other where your opponent is worse, see..."

Ye Xiu wasn't even able to complete his sentence. Wang Jiexi's Vaccaria had already rolled. It wasn't too high, a 61, but it was enough to bully a 25.

"This isn't scientific!" Ye Xiu stirred, "You're cheating."

Boooo. You're a God. Bickering over a roll is too shameful!

Team Tiny Herb took both pieces of Orange equipment. However, the two items that needed to be rolled for by both sides were equipment that neither of them needed.

For the seconds boss, there were two more pieces of Orange equipment. This time, they didn't need to be rolled. One was suitable for Blade Masters, so Tiny Herb's Liu Xiaobie took it for his Flying Sword. The other was suitable for Brawlers. Happy's side took it for Steamed Bun Invasion.

The difference was that on Happy's side, Steamed Bun Invasion directly took it, while captain Wang Jiexi's Vaccaria took it for his team.

For the third boss, a battle arose for a piece of Cleric equipment.

"I'll go!" This time, Wang Jiexi wasn't fast enough. Their team's Cleric, Yuan Boqing, went out to battle. His character Aweto* rolled.

82. A high chance of victory.

"Haha." Yuan Boqing's laugh carried a hint of provocation.

"Little Hands, you're up." Ye Xiu called.

An Wenyi's Little Cold Hands rolled a 75. Loss.

"Tsk, the pressure's on!" On Happy's side, Ye Xiu's Lord Grim also had an opportunity to roll, so he clicked his tongue.

"Hurry up." Yuan Boqing said.

"Go die!" Ye Xiu shouted. Lord Grim rolled.

83!

"Hahahaha, this is what you call real skill." Ye Xiu laughed.

Yuan Boqing was furious!

He wasn't angry about losing an Orange equipment, but losing to Ye Xiu was irritating, especially since it was only by one point. Nothing could be more infuriating.

"Little Colds, you take it." A healer's cloak was handed to Little Cold Hands.

The other piece of equipment wasn't needed by either side.

"Let's go!" Ye Xiu said and rolled this time.

An invincible 100.

"Who's the best?" Ye Xiu asked and dropped it into his inventory.

"How do you know that none of us can roll a 100?" Yuan Boqing shouted. If a roll was a tie, it wasn't who went first wins or anything. It would be a reroll.

"Then you roll!" Ye Xiu said to Yuan Boqing.

Yuan Boqing didn't move. A 99% chance of losing was truly too high.

At this moment, God Wang Jiexi was calm. He rolled a mediocre 51 and ignored it.

The fourth boss didn't need to be rolled for. There were six materials because they didn't know the usage of these materials, there was no point discussing who needed what. As a result, each side randomly grabbed three materials.

For the final boss, each side had equipment that was needed. Tiny Herb's Knight, Angelica, took one. The other was Launcher equipment. Happy had two Launchers, so they obviously took it.

The distribution for the First Kill rewards for the five bosses were now complete. There were no weapons. Chen Guo expressed her disappointment.

Then, the most important part came, the First Clear rewards.

Receive!

Four pieces of Orange equipment. Ten materials. Sure enough, the First Clear rewards were worth three times as much as First Kill rewards.

The materials were easy to split. Each side randomly took five. When everyone checked the stats for the equipment, everyone was stunned.

Among the four pieces of equipment, two were suitable for Ninjas. There was even a weapon.

Ninja Kukri.

Level 75 Ninjato.

Weight: 2.3kg

Durability: 23

Attack speed: 8

Physical Attack: 769

Magic Attack: 767

Strength +36

Intelligence +36

Back Attack +30%

Seal Ninjutsu Critical Strike Chance +12%

Attack Speed +2

Underground Tunneling Technique Level +2

When an attack strikes, there is a 5% chance of inducing a Dizzy to the target lasting four seconds.

There weren't any abnormal stats. It was a steady improvement over a Level 75 Orange weapon. Apart from this Ninjato, there was also a cloth belt.

The two pieces of equipment were given to Deception without contest. Everyone was thinking that perhaps the system had taken pity on this guy, so it gave him two pieces of equipment?

Apart from these two pieces of equipment, it was another roll war. In the end, each side won once and each took one. Now, the twenty player dungeon, Rebel Army Vanguard Camp was completed. From a rewards perspective, to only see one weapon out of all the First Kill and First Clear rewards was quite unsatisfactory.

There wasn't just one twenty player dungeon. In the end, Ye Xiu asked if everyone wanted to continue. Mo Fan definitely wanted to, but he quietly waited. As for the others, everyone was a bit tired after staying up all night, but when they thought about all of the First Kill rewards that were waiting, if they slept, the rewards would mostly be gone by the time they woke up. The pro players were active right now!

When Happy and Tiny Herb took down the twenty player dungeon first clear, Tyrannical Ambition had snatched the final ten player dungeon. The five player dungeon first clears were being competed for by the various club guilds. All of the names on those records were undoubtedly pro characters.

"Let's keep going!" Seeing that everyone was still full of spirit, Ye Xiu spoke out.

"Oh, you guys aren't going to take a break after staying up all night?" Wang Jiexi said.

"Hm? You could tell we've been up all night?" Ye Xiu said.

"The record board is filled with your names!" Wang Jiexi said.

"As expected, it couldn't be hidden from you!" Ye Xiu sighed.

Another round of boos. That wasn't anything hard. As expected? A sigh?

"Then, let's find another twenty player dungeon to run?" Ye Xiu said.

"This time... getting a First Clear might be a lot more difficult." Wang Jiexi said.

"Oh?"

"Take a look at the chat group." Wang Jiexi said.

Ye Xiu immediately checked the pro player chat group. Following his method of forming groups, there were all sorts of messages asking people to press 1 to join their group. From the chat record, several twenty player groups had already been formed. They were probably in the middle of dungeons at this point. Everyone here was a pro player. In-game challenges were a walk in the park for them, so the clear speed between them wouldn't be too far off. For a dungeon speed records, which were a race against time, might be more intense, but for First Clears, they were off by several minutes, so there wasn't much room for competition. By the time they got to the entrance of the dungeon, the other side's First Kill record would probably be announced.

Chapter 883: First Kill Conclusion

It was rare for the pro player chat group to be so lively. Usually, during the season, at least half of the pro players every week weren't in a good enough mood because of their match outcomes, but right now, their conflicts were entirely in the game. For pro players, First Kill and First Clear records weren't anything too important. Their main purpose was to familiarize themselves with the new update, so apart from those in the chat group forming parties together, there were also many game-related discussions going on as well. If one didn't know these were Glory pro players, the chat group appeared like a normal chat group.

"Have all of the twenty player dungeons been taken?" Ye Xiu charged out and asked.

"It seems like it." Someone replied.

"Has anyone formed a fifty player group?" Ye Xiu called out.

All of a sudden, countless people sent out blood spurting emojis. You old man, you're beyond shameless! You want to run a fifty player dungeon? Afterwards, are you planning on running a hundred player dungeon?

This time, his call didn't receive a reply. After all, a fifty player dungeon wasn't like a twenty player dungeon. For a twenty player dungeon, only two teams were needed to run it, but for a fifty player dungeon, five teams would need to coordinate. Which team wasn't busy right now? Don't look at how there were people constantly chatting in the chat group. That didn't mean they had nothing to do. It was just a dungeon, after all. For pro players, how hard could it be? Dungeoning while chatting in QQ was no different from releasing extra energy.

"Fifty player dungeon! We're receiving early bookings. Anyone? Anyone?" Ye Xiu had guessed that no team was idle at the moment, so he left everyone some leeway. There was still no reply. Ye Xiu was helpless. He returned to the game and saw that Team Tiny Herb was still there!

"No one wants to join." Ye Xiu said in the game.

"You actually wanted to run a fifty player dungeon..." Wang Jiexi said. Ye Xiu's noisiness hadn't only been seen by him. Quite a few Team Tiny Herb players in the chat group had seen it too.

"If we can, why not? But it looks like we won't be able to." Ye Xiu said helplessly.

"If we find people from our guilds, beating the dungeon would be too difficult." Wang Jiexi said.

"Yeah..." Ye Xiu agreed. For dungeons, the more players required, the harder it was, even more so with a five level suppression. The difference between pro players and normal players was day and night. Even with a God commanding them, normal players might not be able to keep up with the pace. Bringing them to challenge these dungeons right now was too unrealistic.

"It looks like you're not interested in running dungeons without any First Kills?" Wang Jiexi said.

"Yeah." Ye Xiu nodded his head. In reality, he didn't care so much about the record itself, but rather the rewards they would receive for the records.

For a poor team like Happy, the update was an opportunity. Even for the pro team powerhouses, despite having an enormous advantage over Team Happy in terms of materials, upgrading Silver equipment wasn't something that could be completed in a short amount of time. Gathering and studying these new materials from the update would require a nontrivial period of time. During this period of time, if Happy could obtain large amounts of Level 75 Orange equipment, in terms of equipment, they could greatly close the gap between themselves and the other pro teams.

During this period of time, pro teams might continue using their Level 70 Silver equipment or use exceptional Level 75 Orange equipment. In terms of basic stats, everyone was on the same playing field. The only advantage Level 70 Silver equipment might have was that they fit the player better. Compared to Happy who had Level 75 Orange equipment now, the disparity was minute.

As a result, Ye Xiu hoped to obtain as many Level 75 Orange equipment as possible because Happy wasn't like other pro teams with a powerful guild, even in comparison to those low-mid-tier teams.

So although the drop rate for Orange equipment was very low, with such large guilds and the fan foundation, their ability to obtain Orange equipment was far higher than Happy's.

As for Happy? Their guild had only just started. Wu Chen had brought with him Guild Everlasting, but Guild Everlasting had been in relegations for two years and had taken a blow for being under Happy's umbrella now. They were in a half-dead half-alive condition, so their strength was very weak at the moment.

Under these conditions, Ye Xiu couldn't avoid being petty and intentionally aimed for those First Kill rewards because Happy didn't have the qualifications to be as imposing as those pro teams.

By relying on these First Kill rewards, the profits from their hard work weren't small. In the entire Glory, they undoubtedly had the most Level 75 Orange equipment at the moment. However, there was still quite some distance before they could fully equip the entire team. It also seemed like their stable method of obtaining Orange equipment through First Kill rewards no longer existed. Ye Xiu couldn't help but feel rather sorry.

Wang Jiexi was a team captain. He thought about issues the same way that Ye Xiu did. With Happy's situation, it wasn't hard to guess Ye Xiu's thoughts. He smiled at this moment: "How about we swap pointers? We can do add stakes to it."

"Hahaha." Ye Xiu gave a hollow laugh. Lord Grim turned to Happy's members: "Disband. Sleep!"

"What? You're scared?" Team Tiny Herb's Yuan Boqing might be a Cleric, but his personality was quite hot-blooded. He shouted out provocatively.

"We're not scared!" Ye Xiu smiled, "I just feel like if it comes to facing you guys, just me is enough. There's no need to trouble everyone!"

"That's true." Wang Jiexi laughed. After saying that, Vaccaria turned to say to everyone: "Disband. Just me alone is also enough."

"Hahaha." Everyone in Tiny Herb laughed. Yuan Boqing added: "We won't fight, but we won't disperse either. Staying here to watch is fine, right?"

"Yuan Boqing, how arrogant! I've put up with you long enough! Do you dare to 1v1 me?" Ye Xiu picked out his name.

"F*ck, you're picking a fight with a healer? So you can even do that!" Yuan Boqing shouted.

"I'll permit you to pick any class you'd like." Ye Xiu said.

"Why don't you go to the side to cool off!" Yuan Boqing said. As a pro player, he could play other classes too, perhaps even better than most normal players, but facing another pro player, switching to a class that he didn't main was looking for death.

"To be more fair, I won't use my main, an unspecialized. I'll pick another class too like let's say a Battle Mage? There's no room for argument there, right?" Ye Xiu said.

"You f*cker....." Apart from cursing, Yuan Boqing indeed couldn't refute.

"Haha, if don't dare, that's fine with me." Ye Xiu said.

Yuan Boqing wanted to cry. What could he say? If he said he dared to, wasn't that looking for death? If he said he didn't dare to? That motherf*cker, it had nothing to do with whether he dared to or not. How did the subject get so twisted to such a point?

"Why not swap pointers with me?" In the end, God Wang Jiexi was the most calm. He easily pulled the topic back.

"With you? I've fought against you who knows how many times. It's too boring. I'll go to sleep!" Ye Xiu said.

"More like you're scared." Yuan Boqing jumped out to call out, but then he stared blankly.

"F*ck, instant retreat..." Tiny Herb's Liu Xiaobie said stupidly. Right after Ye Xiu finished his sentence, Lord Grim immediately disappeared. He decisively logged off without any hesitation. The others on Happy hadn't even dispersed yet!

"Sleep..."

Ye Xiu stretched. He stood up and moved around a bit. Everyone in the room was looking at him as if they couldn't look at him straight. In the end, it was Mo Fan, the person who spoke the least, that glared at Ye Xiu with a face full of disdain: "Despicable! Shameless!"

Ye Xiu glanced at him and replied with two words: "Leecher! Deadweight!"

Mo Fan's face instantly turned blue and black. He really wanted to retort, but he had no choice but accept it. In the dungeon, his DPS had truly been a mess.

"Everyone, don't sleep too late!" Ye Xiu called out to everyone.

"Sigh, there are no more records to get. What a pity!" Chen Guo sighed.

"Our harvest today was already quite good." Ye Xiu said.

"That's true." Chen Guo nodded her head. If she weren't with this group, she would never have imagined such earnings. Not long ago, she was just a normal Glory player, but now? She had a bunch of records under her name and had fought together with the best pro players. For an ordinary player, this type of experience could only be dreamt about.

Chen Guo sat at her seat and stared in a daze up until Tang Rou was about to leave and called out to her: "You're still not going to sleep?"

"Oh... I'm going." Chen Guo immediately got up too.

"Little Tang, our team is amazing!" Chen Guo suddenly said.

Tang Rou was surprised. She then smiled: "It'll be even more amazing later."

"Yes, it definitely will be." Chen Guo smiled. She went back to her room with Tang Rou, but she didn't sleep for very long, when her phone rang, waking her up. Chen Guo checked her phone. It was Esport Home's reporter, Chang Xian. She immediately picked it up.

"Little Chang, what's up?" Chen Guo asked.

"Hi Sis Chen." Chang Xian greeted Chen Guo. Even though Team Happy wasn't able to occupy the cover page of the papers after eliminating Team Everlasting in the second round, Chang Xian still maintained a good relationship with Happy. He had never slept over here, but he would always drop by Happy Internet Cafe every few days, getting familiar with the cashiers and employees at Happy Internet Cafe. When he saw Chen Guo, he would chat with her. He talked about this and that. It wasn't just limited to work. He was clearly trying to become friends as a way to establish a relationship with them.

Over time, Chen Guo got used to his behavior.

When he ran by the Internet cafe or chatted with her online, it would never be for anything too serious. When he had business to talk about, he would always contact her by phone first. As a result, when Chen Guo saw it was Chang Xian calling her, she knew that it wouldn't just be small talk.

"It's like this, Sis Chen. Do you remember what day it is today?" Chang Xian asked.

Chapter 884: Return Day

What day is it today?

Though Chen Guo was half-asleep, this question wasn't difficult for her to answer. If it was Chang Xian asking, then it must be related to Glory. For Glory, what day was it today?

"The update officially goes online!" Chen Guo blurted out.

"What else?" Chang Xian asked.

"The eleventh server also opens." Chen Guo said.

"Yes, what else?" Chang Xian asked again.

"What else?" Chen Guo was at a loss. After thinking about it for awhile, she wasn't able to come up with an answer.

"On this day last year, Ye Qiu announced his retirement." In the end, Chang Xian told her the answer.

Chen Guo was stunned.

Indeed. Even though Ye Xiu had arrived at Happy Internet Cafe a day earlier, Team Excellent Era had officially announced his retirement last year today.

"In other words, according to the Alliance's rules, if Ye Qiu wished to return to the scene, he can now do so." Chang Xian said.

Chen Guo understood. Chang Xian wanted first-hand knowledge of Ye Qiu's return.

How proactive! Chen Guo felt moved. In reality, she didn't have any information to give him. If she had wanted to report it, she would have taken the initiative to contact Chang Xian, but Ye Qiu's return..... Chen Guo wasn't really sure what he had in mind. Did he plan on announcing his return now that his retirement period had ended?

Chen Guo got distracted while holding up her phone. For a moment, she forgot to say anything. On the other side, Chang Xian unexpectedly maintained the silence and didn't urge her to say anything either.

Chang Xian was a newbie, but he had a certain level of reporter's sense.

In the previous interview, he had asked questions related to Ye Qiu and Happy. Captain Ye Xiu's reply had been recorded. That day, Ye Xiu had said: You could say he's here. You could also say he's not.

Facing this mysterious reply, Chang Xian pursued it further. The other side had replied with a "You'll know when the time comes."

When was when the times comes?

Because of Chang Xian's lack of experience, his interview questions had been arranged poorly. At that time, it wouldn't have been proper to ask such a question, but after pondering over it, he felt like the time would come at a special moment. For example, Ye Qiu's fulfilling his full year of retirement.

From that day onwards, when Chang Xian checked the calendar, he would never forget Ye Qiu's retirement period. Once the date reached today this year, it would mean Ye Qiu could return to the pro scene.

So when the day came, Chang Xian impatiently contacted Chen Guo, and this time, he didn't want to mess up because of his own inexperience. He stayed patient and calm. Up until now, he had only stated that Ye Qiu could officially return.

This method was undoubtedly much smarter. Even though he didn't raise a question, he had revealed the subject of their conversation. Now, he needed to see how Chen Guo would respond. Chang Xian patiently waited.

Chen Guo wasn't aware that her mind had wandered off a while ago. After snapping back to reality, she felt like Chang Xian had just finished talking. She replied: "Right, he can return."

"Then, does he have any plans in store for his return?" Chang Xian asked. In reality, he hadn't confirmed that Ye Qiu really was in Happy, but by directly jumping to this question assuming that Ye Qiu was inside Happy, he would be killing two birds with one stone.

"I'm not sure." Chen Guo said.

"Oh..."

"But Ye Qiu will definitely be back." Chen Guo was certain.

"Everyone is hoping that this day will come soon." Chang Xian said.

"It will definitely come." Chen Guo said.

These powerful and resonating words stunned Chang Xian. His intuition told him that Chen Guo didn't have a clear idea of what exactly Ye Qiu planned to do. These seemingly certain confirmations sounded more like a fan's wishful thinking.

"I don't know.... If there's maybe a chance for me to interview him?" Finally, Chang Xian carefully requested.

"This..... I'll have to ask him before I can give you a reply." Chen Guo said.

She didn't know, but her reply made Chang Xian wild with joy. He could finally confirm that Ye Qiu was in Happy. As long as he followed Happy closely, he didn't need to worry about not meeting this God. Chang Xian had forgotten though that his senior, Cao Guangcheng, had reported for Excellent Era for eight years, yet had only been able to get an interview with Ye Qiu on QQ once.

"I hope I'll be able to get this opportunity." After hearing a definite reply, Chang Xian became more confident and patient. His heart was thumping loudly. He could already begin to imagine what type of questions he would ask when he saw Ye Qiu.

"Mm, I'll contact you in a bit." Chen Guo said.

"Okay. Then, I won't keep bothering you, Sis Chen." Chang Xian said.

The two hung up. Chen Guo didn't hurry over to ask. At this moment, everyone in Happy was probably still sleeping! Chen Guo rolled over and continued making up for her lack of sleep.

At the interview station, Chang Xian hung up the phone with a big smile on his face. Cao Guangcheng happened to see it.

"What are you so excited about?' Cao Guangcheng asked with a smile.

"Ye Qiu." Chang Xian happily replied.

"What about Ye Qiu?" Hearing this name, Cao Guangcheng's heart twisted. His feelings were complicated. Eight years. As the reporter closest to Ye Qiu, he could only get a QQ interview at best. It was a stain on his career as a reporter.

"Ye Qiu is at Team Happy! Maybe I'll even get the chance to interview him." Chang Xian said excitedly.

"Haha." Cao Guangcheng smiled. Ye Qiu was at Happy. That wasn't a secret was it? Who didn't know that? As for getting an interview because you knew where Ye Qiu was? Cao Guangcheng laughed at that logic. He really wanted to pull Chang Xian over and let him take a good look at him. Cao Guangcheng, a gold medal reporter in the Glory community, had known that Ye Qiu was very very close to him, but an interview opportunity? Far far away....

Young people! Cao Guangcheng sighed. He wasn't jealous of Chang Xian's "opportunity". He patted Chang Xian's shoulder: "Keep up the good work."

After saying these words, Cao Guangcheng returned to his room.

Chang Xian wasn't aware of Cao Guangcheng's peculiar mood. He was still immersed in happiness at verifying Ye Qiu's whereabouts. Following afterwards, he ran over to his computer to search up Ye Qiu's past. He had begun actively doing research.

Team Happy.

When everyone got up, it was already late at night. They had stayed up all night and campaigned through higher-level dungeons non-stop, so they had been exhausted.

After washing up, the ten went to the practice room one after the other. They went to their respective seats and logged into the game. And at the same time, logging on to their QQ, checking their emails, going to websites they frequented, everyone had their own habits.

After logging into the game, everyone subconsciously went to check the Heavenly Domain dungeon records, the Level 75 ones of course.

The break wasn't over yet. All of the remaining twenty player First Kills had been obtained. Apart from these records, even a few of the hidden boss First Kills for five player dungeons had been taken.

After all, five player dungeons could be run more times per day than ten player dungeons. These teams would run them again and again. If they found a hidden boss, they obviously took care of it.

When they checked the chat group, it was just as lively as it had been that morning. All sorts of discussions were happening. Some of these were related to records too.

"In the end, most of the First Kill records were taken away by Happy!"

"That guy Ye Qiu didn't sleep last night. He and his group ran dungeons again and again and again. How could they not have taken them all?"

"Is that guy really thinking of having his current team topple Excellent Era in the Challenger League and returning to the Alliance?"

"Wasn't it said that there is no Ye Qiu in Team Happy's registration list?"

"It's the Challenger League. Members can often be switched and even added in during the later stages."

"Maybe he's waiting for the retirement period to end! Speaking of which, that's today, so he can return, right?"

"It doesn't matter if he can come out of retirement or not. I don't think the Challenger League prohibits retired players from participating either way."

"But logically, the Challenger League is an official tournament, so shouldn't it be restricted?"

"The problem is that he isn't restricted!"

"It's been overlooked."

"It doesn't even matter if he announces his return! In any case, he's not going to join a team during the winter transfer period. He's definitely planning on charging through with that Team Happy!"

"If Ye Qiu returns and joins Tyranny....."

"You're joking. How could Ye Qiu go to Tyranny?"

"I'm just saying what if! If Ye Qiu joins Tyranny, Tyranny's main five players, tsk tsk..."

"F*ck, don't talk nonsense. That'd be too scary."

"Hahaha, you're already trembling!"

"That roster would seriously be terrifying." Someone added.

When everyone saw the name, everything went silent for a moment.

Lord Grim.

Everyone knew that the person sitting behind Lord Grim was Ye Qiu.

"A God is lurking..." Someone joked.

"What level are you guys?" ye Xiu asked a very normal question.

"We haven't leveled. We've been dungeoning all day. In terms of experience, it's worse than running Level 70 dungeons." One person replied.

"Of course. It looks like you guys had better hand over your characters so they can level."

"I wonder how many stat points the new quest rewards give."

"We don't know about skill points either."

"The new cap is 5500!"

"Then in proportion, we should be able to get 400 points."

"F*ck, we finally get more skill points." The person speaking probably didn't have a high number of skill points on his account and felt sorry.

"Don't be happy too early. The new Level 75 skills haven't appeared yet! That might make allocating skill points even more difficult."

The conversation switched topic again to something more ordinary. More normal topics made the players, who were usually battling it out, more relaxed. It was a rare period of time for true friendship to bloom.

At this moment, Chen Guo finally found Ye Xiu: "Right, today that Little Chang called asking about you coming out of retirement. What are your plans?"

Chapter 885: Mental Burden

"Yeah, I can come out of retirement. Time flew by so fast." Ye Xiu's voice carried a trace of nostalgia. It had already been a year since he had departed from Excellent Era.

'But there's no need to announce my return right now. In any case, I won't be able to rejoin the pro scene this season. I would have to wait until next summer.'" Ye Xiu said.

"True." Chen Guo nodded her head.

It wasn't only the reporter, Chang Xian, who paid close attention to the end date of Ye Qiu's retirement period. Besides Cao Guangcheng, who had completely lost hope in ever getting an interview with Ye Qiu, all those with a bit of acuteness to Glory news were aware of the double specialness of this day.

After all, Ye Qiu was a legendary figure in Glory history. A year of retirement wasn't long enough for his fame to have fallen from an immortal's to a mortal's. What's more, news of Ye Qiu constantly popped up. Rumors of his return circulated for a long time. The fierce Team Happy in the Challenger League only redoubled Ye Qiu's image. These were all reasons for why numerous people followed him closely.

Unfortunately, everyone waited for today in vain. No news of Ye Qiu coming out of retirement appeared in any channel. The rest was all just endless guesses and gossip.

At Club Excellent Era, it was a nerve wracking day.

Ye Qiu had formed his own team to push his way through the Challenger League. Of course they needed to be on guard against Ye Qiu in every way possible. When Ye Qiu announced his return, who knew what things he would say. As a result, Excellent Era had made the necessary PR preparations. The manager, Cui Li, even called everyone on the team to gather specifically to address this issue. He indirectly reminded everyone that if an interviewer asked any related questions, they must not be careless.

Cui Li was talking about this issue solemnly when he heard a disdainful humph. Cui Li looked over to see who it was and felt his head hurt.

Su Mucheng.

When Ye Qiu was still here, no one would have ever thought that Su Mucheng would be a huge thorn in their side. In everyone's eyes, Su Mucheng had always followed Ye Qiu around like a well-behaved child. She never said too much and never caused trouble.

But now? While she still took her matches seriously, the previous Su Mucheng from before had completely disappeared.

She didn't conceal her hatred and disgust towards Excellent Era. Sun Xiang, Chen Yehui, Cui Li, and Tao Xuan had come across her refusals both tactfully and vehemently. That previously well-behaved girl seemed to have changed into a completely different person overnight.

Truthfully, Cui Li had tolerated her for a long time now. He was becoming less and less polite with Su Mucheng because, at this point, Cui Li knew very well that after this season ended, Su Mucheng would certainly transfer and leave. In fact, early in the summer, Excellent Era had considered sending Su Mucheng away, but because of all sorts of reasons, it didn't end up going through. Now from the looks of it, once this season ended, they would lose her. Whenever Su Mucheng was mentioned, he would get all sorts of headaches.

In this meeting, Su Mucheng once again expressed her disdain, making Cui Li even more nervous. Su Mucheng's relationship with Excellent Era had fallen apart long ago. Although she still took their matches seriously, that was required because of her professionalism as a pro player. As for everything else, she probably wouldn't side with Excellent Era. Would Su Mucheng comply with what Cui Li hoped for her to do?

That cold humph was her reply, and facing a player of her status, the Club was powerless to do anything to her. It wasn't like they could put her under house arrest.....

Vice captain Xiao Shiqin noticed Cui Li's awkward situation, but he was helpless too.

It had been half a year since he had joined Excellent Era. Through all sorts of channels, he had pretty much gotten the full picture on the conflict between Ye Qiu and Excellent Era.

Excellent Era's way of handling the matter was indeed unscrupulous, but Xiao Shiqin could empathize a bit with the executives of Excellent Era. The other Clubs seemed to be in harmony, but that didn't necessarily mean that their executives were particularly incredible. It might just be that their teams didn't have an individual like Ye Qiu.

Xiao Shiqin didn't have too many thoughts of gossiping about the dispute towards Excellent Era and Ye Qiu. He was more concerned about a much more terrifying reality.

Excellent Era had forced Ye Qiu out, but that hadn't stop him. Ye Qiu started anew from the new server, preparing step by step. He formed a team and joined the Challenger League. He had never given up for a single moment.

On the contrary, Excellent Era had been affected by this matter ever since it started. It had already been a year, but from the expressions he saw on many in Excellent Era when he mentioned anything regarding Ye Qiu, the topic seemed to be extremely taboo. It seemed like this matter had cast a shadow in Excellent Era's heart.

Ye Qiu all alone started from zero.

But unexpectedly, it was Excellent Era that was pressured with the mental burden. Xiao Shiqin was beginning to suspect that Excellent Era miraculously getting demoted last season might have been because of this mental burden. Now that Ye Qiu had directly become their opponents in the Challenger League, this mental burden seemed to have grown even heavier.

In Xiao Shiqin's eyes, Cui Li convening this type of meeting was an unwise decision. The team urgently needed to be rid of Ye Qiu's shadow, but you just have to feel the need to bring the issue of Ye Qiu to the table? Aren't you just making the problem worse?

This cannot continue!

Xiao Shiqin thought to himself. Just when he was about to say something, who would have thought that Su Mucheng would speak first.

"Manager Cui Li, aren't you overthinking things?" Su Mucheng said.

Cui Li was still feeling conflicted over Su Mucheng. He didn't expect Su Mucheng to speak up. Su Mucheng had always been too lazy to bother with them.

"I actually feel sorry for you." Su Mucheng continued, "You've worked together with him on so many things, yet you don't understand him at all. He's a pro player and he's very professional. He has dedicated everything to Glory, to competing. Did you think that because you've treated him like this, he's set on getting revenge? You're wrong. He's coming back because this is where Glory lies. He's in conflict with you because he's disappointed that you guys fell so far as to drop to the Challenger League.

Him treating you as an enemy has nothing to do with you guys being Excellent Era, nor does it have anything to do with you guys forcing him into retirement. It's simply because that's the nature of competition. That's why, Cui Li, you don't need to worry. He won't take advantage of announcing his return to say anything bad about Excellent Era because in his eyes, you guys are simply a competitor inherently no different from those player teams that he's beaten along the way. The only difference is that you guys are a strong team, so he'll be even more serious and put in even more effort to face you guys. So manager Cui Li, if you don't want to lose, then hurry up and focus on practicing. This meeting is just a waste of time. It's completely unnecessary, so I'll be going now."

Su Mucheng got up and left the conference room.

The room was completely silent. Just when everyone was wondering how long this silence would last, someone finally broke it. Someone stood up.

"I'll be going to practice."

Qiu Fei.

This rookie had only just been promoted from the training camp this season. To think he dared to speak out against the Club's manager. "I'll be going to practice." By saying that, it meant he agreed with Su Mucheng.

Ignoring everyone else's gaze towards him, Qiu Fei left the conference room. The remaining people looked at one another, occasionally sneaking a glance at Cui Li.

This time, their captain Sun Xiang spoke up: "Haha, that child. He's really got a personality. How interesting."

F*ck! Everyone slapped their forehead. Bro, I think you're misreading the issue here.

It wasn't Xiao Shiqin's first time witnessing Sun Xiang's stupidity. He didn't bother commenting on it. From the looks of it, this meeting wouldn't be able to continue on like before, so Xiao Shiqin might as well just speak to Cui Li: "Manager Cui, how about we take a break?"

"Okay. Then, everyone can go back!" Cui Li used this as a pretense. All of the players left one by one. Cui Li walked out last gloomily, but discovered that Xiao Shiqin had intentionally lagged behind. He immediately understood that this God wanted to speak with him!

"Manager Cui, I have some thoughts on this matter that I wish to speak to you about." Xiao Shiqin saw that everyone had left and promptly began speaking.

"Mm, vice captain, please do." Towards this God that they had went all out this season to invite, Cui Li didn't dare to neglect him.

"It's like this..." Xiao Shiqin began speaking candidly about his thoughts on Excellent Era's current situation.

"Right now, Ye Qiu is an opponent we need to face. We cannot let this burden continue pressing on us. In terms of strategy, we should look down on him. In terms of tactics, we should redouble our efforts." Xiao Shiqin discussed what he thought would be the correct approach.

Cui Li listened to Xiao Shiqin's plan and felt very moved. The cost of the transfer for him in the summer was completely worth it. The two who had been traded away, Liu Hao and He Ming, would never have been as calm as Xiao Shiqin, especially that Liu Hao. He would have probably been thinking up all sorts of schemes to fight against Ye Qiu!

But then again, Xiao Shiqin was more of a spectator who could see a more clear picture with wider parameters. An outsider like him would be the only one who would be neutral towards Ye Qiu. Fortunately, this outsider had woken him up at a crucial moment. Cui Li had also become aware that his worries about Ye Qiu had already intangibly increased the burden on their shoulders. They needed to give up on this attitude and treat Ye Qiu as just another opponent like those player teams they defeated before.

Hm? That sounds familiar? Cui Li thought about it and suddenly recalled what Su Mucheng had talked about a few minutes ago. He suddenly went into a daze.

"Manager Cui, what do you think?" Xiao Shiqin saw that Cui Li was lost in a daze and hadn't spoken in a long time, so he asked this question.

"You're right. We should rid ourselves of these chains." Cui Li nodded his head. He had made his decision. In the future, he needed to communicate more with this vice captain. As for Chen Yehui, he needed to call him over and remind him.

Chapter 886: One Step Closer

After working day and night, they had taken all the necessary first kills from the Heavenly Domain dungeons. All that was left were dungeons of larger scale, like those involving 50 or a 100 players.

There was no exact answer for whether a group of pro players could clear those dungeons higher level than themselves because no one had tried before. It wasn't possible for a pro player to hang around in game all day. This was only a special occasion where they had a small break during the season, so it was not like the summer at the end of the season. There was a match waiting for them after these two weeks were up, so they couldn't muck around and slack off during this period of time either.

After chatting casually with the pro players in the pro player chat, Ye Xiu returned to the game.

"What are we doing today?" Everyone asked.

"Making a guide." Ye Xiu said.

"Guide?" Everyone stared blankly.

"I'll be making a guide, you guys use this time to practice!" Ye Xiu said.

Everyone scattered afterwards. Seeing that they weren't going to dungeon today, Mo Fan became disappointed immediately. He didn't expect that Ye Xiu would turn around and instructed Wei Chen: "You go help them practice in the dungeons!"

Wei Chen nodded.

Team Happy didn't have the specialized training software the pro teams did. This was why all of their training contents were achieved by manipulating various kinds of environments in game. Of course, there was no lack of content for training in a dungeon, especially training which involved aspects of teamwork and mutual understanding.

The dungeon's entry was limited, so they couldn't practice repetitively, but this didn't put a dent in the players' resolve. The entry was limited, but their accounts were not, so Happy prepared side accounts of all classes. Everyone would use the side accounts, equip them, and run the dungeons.

"But if it continues like this, when are we going to reach Level 75?" Chen Guo was doubtful. Their characters were not like pro characters of pro teams in the first place. Those guilds could level continuously for 24 hours. For the available time they had, part of it would be spent on training side accounts. Chen Guo thought it was quite a pity.

"Compared to levelling up, it's more important to maintain their daily training." Ye Xiu said. "With our strength, it's unlikely for us to lose just because our opponent has the advantage in level. In addition, they might not even have this advantage either. We spend more time playing the game than most players."

Chen Guo thought it was reasonable, so she didn't speak anymore. Due to Ye Xiu's absence, the team was missing one person, but Happy's current guild strength wasn't exactly sitting at zero, so they were still able to call for someone to take his spot. However, a normal person wasn't able to pick up the burden of covering for Ye Xiu in combat ability. Even the role of the main tank, which Ye Xiu was always in charge of, couldn't be replaced by a player specialized in the Knight's class.

In the end, they found a healer. The main tank's job was taken over by the valiant girl, Tang Rou. The group found a ten-player dungeon and immediately entered it.

As for Ye Xiu? He also pulled out a group of people from the guild.

Hearing that they were going to enter a Level 75 dungeon, the players were quite enthusiastic in signing up. Normal players wouldn't even dare to dream about entering a Level 75 dungeon, even if it was just a small five player dungeon, but how could the people who joined Guild Happy not know about Lord Grim's capabilities? Last night, those people from Happy were able to take down all kinds of First Kill records. This attracted a lot of admiration from players of other guilds.

Now that Lord Grim was about to lead them to complete a dungeon, even though it wouldn't be a first kill, it was enough to be enthusiastic about.

Chen Guo was more familiar with the players in the guild, so it was Chen Guo who recommended a few decent players in the end.

After entering the dungeon with the small team, Ye Xiu immediately started to study the dungeon in detail. The dungeon guide he was making this time was different from the efficient guides he had made in the tenth server, which aimed to break the record. Instead, he was aiming for a safe guide that aimed to complete the dungeon consistently. Evidently, Ye Xiu wanted to mobilize the guild's strength of Happy early on. Otherwise, it would take forever for just the ten of them to collect enough equipment for themselves.

No one knew how much more effort it would take to lead a bunch of normal players instead of pro players, but this could also reveal more problems, so the guide would just have to be more specific. After all, the guidebook Ye Xiu was working on this time wasn't for pro players, but for normal guild players.

After coming out of the dungeon, Ye Xiu's thoughts were merely in its rudimentary form, but the normal players were almost excited to death because they were able to get a Purple Level 75 equipment from this dungeon. The probability of getting a Purple equipment in a five player dungeon was low enough, so the chance of getting an Orange was even lower. Purple equipment were already rare enough to most normal players.

This process continued for the second and third time. After all, it was truly difficult for a normal player to kill a mob that was five levels higher. As a result, making the guide was much more difficult for Ye Xiu.

One day, two days, three days.....

Ye Xiu worked hard on the guide, but on the other team, Mo Fan was not relaxed at all. Even though Ye Xiu wasn't present, Wei Chen's competence in leading the dungeon was enough. Of course, it wasn't hard to come up with sets of fighting methods that required coordination. As for Mo Fan? Wei Chen wasn't Ye Xiu, so he didn't hold back like Ye Xiu did. Wei Chen would directly call Mo Fan out when leading.

Since Mo Fan realized the reason he couldn't have a high damage output was because he didn't fit into the team's fighting style, he didn't reject the way they fought. Under Wei Chen's command, there were many puzzle pieces that fell into place for him: Ah, so it's meant to be like this.....

However, for a rookie in training like Mo Fan, understanding by itself just wasn't enough, he still made errors and mistakes continuously. Wei Chen's way of commanding was also much ruder, words like 'idiot', 'dumbass', and 'retard' flowed out of his mouth like a river. Which person received a majority of these insults? Mo Fan, of course.

Mo Fan was also stuffed with anger from the insults, but Wei Chen's insults weren't unreasonable. As an unfavourable scrap picker, Mo Fan had heard all kinds of insults to his face and behind his back, so his tolerance for insults wasn't bad. When the statistics came out after the boss was defeated, his results were always disastrous, but whenever it was time to check the DPS charts, the outcome was too devastating to even look at.

They were currently in a ten-man dungeon, and it was different from a twenty-man dungeon where it would have been impossible to find the location without entering the system. In the dungeon, Mo Fan performed by himself, so his statistics were higher than Chen Guo and Luo Ji's, but now that they had been integrated into the system, Mo Fan's result in his damage output was now worse than those two.

They were currently running ten player dungeons, so unlike twenty player dungeons, it wouldn't be so bad that he couldn't find something to do within the team. In the past, for this dungeon, Mo Fan dealt more damage than Chen Guo and Luo Ji when he fought alone, but now that he had been integrated into the team system, Mo Fan's damage output couldn't even compare to those two's.

Fortunately, he knew that the problem didn't lie in their fighting style, but because his own skills had not yet reached the fighting style's requirements.

Fortunately, he understood that this wasn't an issue in strategy, but rather his ability to integrate and coordinate properly with the others.

Mo Fan continued to work hard, and his statistics slowly improved after every boss.

Mo Fan continued to work hard. With every boss that they defeated, his DPS improved.

Three days had passed and Ye Xiu was finally able to produce one guide. As for Mo Fan, his damage output results were finally able to surpass Chen Guo's Chasing Haze and Luo Ji's Concealed Light. However, from what they could see, those results were still too unstable.

Three days had passed now. Ye Xiu had finally finished his first guide draft. As for Mo Fan, he had finally surpassed Chen Guo's Chasing Haze and Luo Ji's Concealed Light on the charts. His achievements so far were still rather subpar though.

But for Chen Guo and Lou Ji, this was saddening enough for both of them.

But for Chen Guo and Luo Ji, this already hurt their hearts.

Only a few days had passed, and Mo Fan had almost already gotten used to this kind of play style. This guy's foundation was enviable for players like these two.

It had only been a few days, yet Mo Fan had pretty much grasped how to coordinate with the team. His grasp of the foundations made these two players extremely envious.

Chapter 887: Guide

Ye Xiu's guide this time was different from his guides in the tenth server. At that time, the purpose of his guide had been for dungeon records, which required high precision. No matter how well he wrote that guide, it was simply not possible for every player to follow along.

But this guide? The main purpose was to teach players how to clear the Level 75 dungeons. Although the guide had certain requirements, Ye Xiu wasn't aiming for efficiency, so the easier it was, the more people could use the guide.

This type of guide wasn't just for the guild elite teams to use, but rather the general population. As a result, using the guide as their guild's sole weapon wasn't an option.

Although Guild Happy was still weak, the rain and wind that followed Ye Xiu in the Heavenly Domain definitely caught the eye of the club guilds. It wasn't possible that his guild had no spies in it. This type of dungeon guide didn't require a text document to read. Just by following a team a couple of times, an experienced player would be able to replicate the strategy on his own almost perfectly.

When the time came, the spies would share the information that they had learned, so why not just take the initiative to knock on their doors?

As a result, once the first guide was completed, Ye Xiu sent a mass message to all of the guild leaders on his friends list: "Guide, guide, would anyone like a guide?"

"Hm? What guide?"

The first one to reply was Tyrannical Ambition's Jiang You. This guild leader had personally experienced the buying and selling of guides in the tenth server, so he was especially sensitive to this type of news and reacted swiftly. Afterwards, the other guild leaders followed up. No guild sat by idly.

"A Level 75 dungeon guide that teaches you how to beat the dungeon even with a level disadvantage, allowing you to compete for all sorts of records." Ye Xiu mass messaged again and described his guide with attractive words.

Guild Happy had filled the record board with First Kills and First Clears. Ye Xiu himself was a God, so the guild leaders didn't question the efficacy of the guide. However, they also knew Ye Xiu wasn't here because of his sense of altruism, so one of the enlightened guild leaders asked: "What price?"

"It's not that expensive. A Level 75 Orange equip. Any would do." Ye Xiu said.

Unless it was a dungeon record reward, the drop rate for Orange equipment was very low. However, the club guilds had a vast playerbase and didn't lack in strength. With this guide, countless players could immediately begin clearing these dungeons. Considering the number of players and teams that could run the dungeon at a time, the production of Orange equipment was eventually ensured.

No Level 75 Orange equipment had appeared in the market yet, but that didn't mean the price was very high. This time, Ye Xiu's asking price was quite conservative. He was worried about the guild leaders calling him out for being shameless, leading them to think about the deal more carefully. Once they pondered over it, they would most likely figure out that this wasn't the only means to obtain this guide. If he gave an asking price that these club guilds considered trivial, these big shots would be too lazy to bother haggling and simply slam down the hammer.

"Sure." As expected, many of the guild leaders nodded their heads, but they didn't forget to ask: "But we don't have any at the moment! We'll pay you when we get one."

"Alright." Ye Xiu replied. Apart from those guilds who held records, none of the other ones had any Level 75 Orange equipment, so their words weren't false. Speaking of which, these guild leaders had no reason to act as shamelessly as little thieves. Even if the two sides were competitors, relying on such a despicable and low method was too unscrupulous.

Soon afterwards, he asked for the guild leader's emails and started sending out the guides. At this moment, he received a message from Loulan Slash, who appeared rather distressed: "God, is this necessary? It's just an Orange piece of equipment and not anything major, but you still want to trade it for a guide? Doesn't that seem kind of pointless?"

As a matter of fact, to these powerful guilds, an Orange piece of equipment was nothing. Loulan Slash's mind was very clear. No matter how good of a relationship he had, when it was time to settle a debt, he would not hesitate, but this matter made him feel rather gloomy. He clearly felt that an Orange piece of equipment shouldn't qualify to be elevated to the status of "even brothers accounts should be settled without ambiguity." Ye Xiu's actions made him feel uncomfortable.

"Oh, don't mind it. I just mass messaged all the guild leaders in my friends list." Ye Xiu

"Oh so it's like that!" Loulan Slash felt relieved.

"I'll send you a guide in a bit. With our relationship, the fee obviously isn't needed." Ye Xiu said.

"Of course." Loulan Slash was very happy.

He soon sent the guide to everyone. Not long afterwards, the guild leaders PMed him: "What? That's it?" Ye Xiu had only sent them a five player dungeon guide.

"Did you think an Orange equip would be enough to trade for every single dungeon?" Ye Xiu justified.

"So you're saying one dungeon, one Orange equip?" All of the guild leaders asked.

"Yes."

"Will there be any other dungeon guides?" Everyone asked.

"Do you guys still need them?"

"Of course!"

"Then yes!"

"Hurry up and send them."

"Wait! I'm still in the process of creating them." Ye Xiu replied. In fact, not only had he not written them yet, he hadn't even done any research on them yet.

The first guide was sent out just like this. Afterwards, each guild had their own arrangements. After Ye Xiu gave the guide to Chen Guo and Wu Chen, he continued with his work.

Second guide, third guide.....

After Ye Xiu wrote these guides, he directly sent them to the guilds. If it was too much, no one said anything. It wasn't a twenty million dollar trade or anything.

At midnight every day, the dungeons would refresh. Ye Xiu would go with everyone and run ten player dungeons. During that time, he noted if he could also create a guide for that ten player dungeon, but after observing for awhile, he gave up in the end. The difficulty of a ten player dungeon was much higher than the difficulty of a five player dungeon.

Ye Xiu joined the team and naturally took up the role as the leader. It was rare for Mo Fan to get a peaceful atmosphere, but Wei Chen was too used to yelling at him. Even though he wasn't leading anymore, as soon as he saw that Mo Fan was doing something wrong, he called him an idiot, a fool, a dumbass, and so on, just like he had before. Mo Fan could only grind his teeth and quietly endure the insults. On the DPS charts, his numbers continued to improve. He was constantly getting better and he knew it.

Club Excellent Era.

After the talk with Xiao Shiqin, Cui Li went to talk with Chen Yehui, requesting him not to focus on Ye Qiu and concentrate on their guild's long term development instead.

Chen Yehui hadn't been in the meeting between Cui Li and the team, so he naturally had no idea why Cui Li suddenly said that to him. After thinking about it, he hadn't crossed paths with Ye Qiu recently. Their club hadn't suffered any losses because of Ye Qiu!

Even so, Chen Yehui acknowledged Cui Li's words.

"Don't focus on Ye Qiu? Are you saying our biggest competitor isn't Ye Qiu this season?" Chen Yehui said.

"It's still Ye Qiu, but we can't lose our cool just because of him. Don't you think we put too much pressure on ourselves because of how highly we hold Ye Qiu? In terms of tactics, we definitely won't underestimate him. No one knows how terrifying Ye Qiu is better than us. However, in terms of strategy, we need to look down on him so our team can maintain a calm mindset."

Chen Yehui more or less understood Cui Li's intentions. What he was puzzled about was that Cui Li was talking about the team. What did that have to do with the guild?

"Since the update, what has Ye Qiu done?" Cui Li suddenly asked again before Chen Yehui could complete his thoughts.

As soon as Cui Li mentioned this matter, Chen Yehui forgot about whatever strategy or look down; his heart was fretful: "Have you not looked at the game? Have a look."

Chen Yehui turned his monitor with the game screen on it for Cui Li to see. Then, he opened up the Level 75 dungeon record boards.

The four Guild Happy names on the First Clear board stood out. Apart from that, there were a bunch of other names. Cui Li immediately noticed Lord Grim. After looking at the other names, he stared blankly: "These are.... Tiny Herb's players?"

"Yeah, the night the update came out, the pro players were all sleeping, so Ye Qiu led Team Happy and achieved a bunch of First Kills. Once morning came and the pro players logged on to see the update, the other records were split, but at that moment, Ye Qiu collaborated with Team Tiny Herb and took down a twenty player dungeon together." Chen Yehui explained.

"Oh." Cui Li replied.

"I feel like the players on our team still have plenty of energy. At this moment, why didn't we let them go for any records?" Chen Yehui was very depressed about it. He had talked to Cui Li about the matter of Team Excellent Era having energy to spare. When the update was dropped, he felt like it was the perfect opportunity. Who would have thought the Club would remain idle and let Ye Qiu take the spotlight? If Excellent Era's players had stayed up all night yesterday, wouldn't half of those records be under Excellent Dynasty's name?

"See, see. I told you before to pay attention to calm yourself and keep your heart steady. Now you've gone over the top. I decided to reconsider sending our pro players to go into the game and beat Happy. The center of our work should revolve around studying the new update. In particular, working together with the technology department and make sure they get what they need. As for the pro players, they need time to familiarize themselves with the update too. They don't have as much free time as you think." Cui Li said.

This time, Chen Yehui was completely dumbstruck. What's going on? Suddenly, Cui Li, who had been in the trench with him, had leaped out.

You're going to let Ye Qiu continue his rampage?

Cui Li added again: "As for Happy, just think of them as another club guild like in the past and do what you need to do."

Chen Yehui was about to cry. He couldn't help but retort: "Like in the past? In the past, what guild had a God like Ye Qiu watching over them?"

Chapter 888: Sweep Away

Chen Yehui's retort stumped Cui Li. For a moment, he didn't know how to respond.

A God watching over a guild for a long period of time had never happened before. However, how much of a difference could one person make?

Cui Li couldn't come up with any suggestions. In the end, he could only act like he was a leader: "You're more experienced with matters in the game. I trust that you'll be able to deal with it accordingly."

Chen Yehui really wanted to cough up blood on Cui Li's face. Fortunately, he could also see that Cui Li only appeared to be casting the matter aside. That didn't mean he had truly flung it aside. He just couldn't come up with any good suggestions for the time being.

How do we deal with Ye Qiu?

This topic had been studied by every team in the Alliance for seven years. Only one team managed to luckily escape this predicament: Ye Qiu's home team, Excellent Era.

But now, the Alliance no longer directly competed with Ye Qiu, so they could turn a blind eye towards him and be worry-free. On the other hand, Excellent Era would need to face Ye Qiu in the Challenger League.

There was only way to return to the Alliance through the Challenger League.

The single subject that Excellent Era hadn't bothered studying for seven years now needed to be compensated in this short amount of time. Whether it was in the game or in a match, they would need to face Ye Qiu.

Ask other teams for help? No. That would be too disgraceful.

Cui Li was conflicted.

Excellent Era had forced Ye Qiu to retire because they knew that Ye Qiu was too difficult to deal with. As a result, they didn't want him to run to another team and cause trouble for them. They didn't think that he would be so stubborn and refuse to give up even after being forced out of the competitive scene. He even became Excellent Era's biggest problem.

Look down on him in strategy, pay attention to him in tactics!

Cui Li's mental state started to become unbalanced again. He immediately recited those words silently to himself. After reciting these words twice, a lightbulb suddenly flashed in his head.

The responsibility of dealing with Ye Qiu still fell onto this person!

Xiao Shiqin. How to deal with Ye Qiu was a problem that Xiao Shiqin had certainly worked with during his career on Thunderclap. And Excellent Era had all sorts of detailed information on Ye Qiu. Why not let Xiao Shiqin study those thoroughly?

This year had gone by too chaotically. Cui Li slapped his forehead.

"I still have business to take care of. I'll be going." Cui Li patted Chen Yehui's shoulder and said goodbye. He had an idea on how to deal with Ye Qiu, so he left. Chen Yehui was still standing there in a daze though.

The week break for the update flew by. In the blink of an eye, it was already 12/14. The ninth season of the Pro Alliance would resume again.

In these eleven days of intense leveling, there was very little difference in the leveling speed by the pro team's characters. After these eleven days, all of them had reached Level 75. It was confirmed as soon as the first day began. According to the dungeon and monster experience gained, all of the clubs had calculated everything accurately. If it wasn't enough to get these characters to max level, how could they allow the pro players to take their pro characters into the game and familiarize themselves with the update instead of power leveling?

In terms of levels, the pro characters had no advantage.

Since they could reach Level 75, other characters being power leveled all day and all night naturally hit Level 75 too.

That didn't only include the core characters of the club guilds. Among the normal playerbase, there were many who leveled like crazy too. During this time, all of them knew that whoever reached Level 75 first would have certain advantages. Reaching Level 75 first meant getting a head start in dungeons and getting a head start on acquiring stronger Level 75 equipment.

The club guild players weren't worried about this point though because they had obtained guides from Lord Grim and had started clearing Level 75 dungeons long ago. For them, leveling wasn't as pressing a matter.

In the six new Level 75 Heavenly Domain maps, there were a total of 10 five-player dungeons. Ye Xiu worked sedulously on his guides. Even though they would be able to reach Level 75 quickly through power leveling, it didn't mean Ye Xiu's guides had no value to them. Once their players reached Level 75, they would begin challenging these dungeons for the first time. Familiarizing themselves with every dungeon would take a lot more time than reaching Level 75.

However, with Ye Xiu's guide, everything was now easily solved. If the dungeon could be beaten by lower level players, then once the players reached Level 75, it would be even less of a problem for them.

Each five player dungeon guide required one piece of Orange equipment. With ten guides, that meant ten Orange equips from each team. There were twenty teams in the Alliance. Excluding their friends, Heavenly Sword, there were nineteen teams for a total of 190 pieces of Orange equipment. A character in Glory could equip a total of thirteen pieces of equipment including their weapon. 190 pieces of Orange equipment was enough to fully equip fourteen characters.

Of course, Ye Xiu never indicated what type of Orange equipment he needed. The club guilds weren't so nice as to give him their best ones. Out of these 190 pieces of Orange equipment, Ye Xiu reckoned that there wouldn't be a single weapon among them. From what the guilds paid him, his prediction became reality. Ye Xiu could do nothing about it. After all, he didn't know what Level 75 equipment each guild possessed and had no way of demanding anything specific.

Moreover, these Orange equips came from the dungeons that Ye Xiu wrote guides for, which meant these items all came from five-player dungeons. Orange equipment from five-player dungeons would be of a different quality than those from higher player raids. If not, why would raids be more difficult? Why would anyone bother running fifty-player or a hundred player raids?

In any case, Level 75 equipment was still superior to Level 70 equipment.

Ye Xiu and the others could only gaze at the equipment and lament at their own inadequacy*. As of right now, no one in Team Happy had reached Level 75. That didn't affect their victory yesterday in the Challenger League though.

As for the Pro Alliance, their matches wouldn't be as sloppy as the Challenger League matches. Countless players held their breath for these matches, ready to see the new Level 75 skills in action. They wanted to see how these skills were used in the hands of pro players.

The results were rather disappointing though.

Their disappointment wasn't because of the Level 75 skills themselves, but rather that it seemed like all of the pro players had agreed upon beforehand not to use these new skills. In this round of matches, twenty teams played a total of thirty individual matches, ten group arenas, and ten team matches with 142 participating players. However, not a single player used a Level 75 skill.

The commentators, guests, and post-match analysis revealed the entire story. It was because the pro players still needed to study these new skills more, so they wouldn't rashly use them in such an important match. The newly obtained Level 75 Orange equipment from the game still gave the spectators a sight to see.

Very few Silver equipment had been replaced by Level 75 Orange equipment. However, all of the Level 70 Orange equipment had been completely swapped out.

For small teams, this was good news. Their characters relied heavily on Orange equipment. Now that their Orange equipment had also improved, their character's strength naturally improved a level too.

As for those important ace characters that relied on Silver equipment, for now, their Silver equipment could not be upgraded to Level 75 in a short amount of time. Level 75 Orange equipment didn't lose out to Level 70 Silver equipment in terms of stats, but in terms of bonuses, the majority were slightly lacking.

Consequently, it can be seen that before Level 75 Silver equipment replaced Level 70 Silver equipment, because of the value of Level 75 Orange equipment, the disparity in character strength between strong and weak teams would be much narrower. It would have some impact on the direction of this season's end results. Countless Glory experts made this kind of analysis.

In the game, as characters continued to hit the level cap and continued to acquire Level 75 equipment, dungeon clear records, raids, and wild bosses began being brought up.

Wild bosses once again became the most valuable commodities. But as countless guilds were wiped out, everyone knew that it was too early to battle these Level 75 wild bosses. It would be best to study those large raids first and strengthen their characters.

However, those were only the thoughts of ordinary people. To a God, wild bosses and raids could be carried out at the same time! However, there were too few Level 75 players at Happy at the moment, so their group's strength was a bit weak.

Speaking of which, everyone in the team felt a bit ashamed. None of their characters were Level 75 yet, but in Guild Happy and even Guild Everlasting, there were already Level 75 characters. There were too many crazy levelers out there.

"Let's also spend some time to level up." Ye Xiu said. Their team's leveling speed wasn't fast, but their dungeon runs went smoothly. They were the only team that could run all of the ten-player dungeons every day. As for the other clubs, even though they were Level 75 and had Level 75 equipment, they were still working out how to clear these ten-player dungeons. Everyday, their teams would get wiped out. Then, the teams could only cry as they regained their lost experience.

Twenty-player raids didn't need to be discussed. Just take the ten-player raids and add an even worse to it.

Fifty-player raids, hundred-player raids... were the same as wild bosses. For now, they weren't considered.

In the blink of an eye, a week passed.

Happy had yet to meet another strong opponent in the Challenger League, so they continued to steamroll their way through it. In the game, they spent this week leveling up, so everyone finally reached Level 75. At this moment, Level 75 five-player dungeon records were already being contested. Blood filled the air.

But that night, all ten five-player dungeon speed records on the record board were replaced with Guild Happy's name. If it wasn't because they were limited by the number of dungeon runs possible in a day, they might have taken up spots 1 to 10 for each record with Guild Happy's name. Guild Happy's records completely left the records by other guilds in the dust.

Rumors said that a player who had experienced the pioneering in the tenth server saw the record board and fainted on the spot. When he woke up, he hastily asked the surrounding players today's date and asked whether he was in the Heavenly Domain or in the tenth server.

After hearing the reply, everyone sighed: "So the nightmare was real. What happened in the tenth server is being replicated in the Heavenly Domain."

How could this be considered a reenactment though? Team Happy's current team was much more elite than their team in the tenth server. Tang Rou and Steamed Bun were no longer noobs like before.

Seeing all of these Orange equips, Chen Guo couldn't conceal her joy.

"They truly deserved to be record rewards. They're better than those equips from those guilds." Chen Guo praised. The 190 Orange equips that the guilds paid were truly low-end goods among the Level 75 Orange equipment circle.

Chapter 889: Cannot Endure

Team Happy's characters were half-equipped with Orange equipment. Any extra Orange equipment was thrown into the guild storage and was more than enough as motivation for guild members to courageously contribute to the guild. Guild Happy was currently growing at lightning speed along an expressway.

The other guilds could not do anything about their growth. However, Guild Happy sweeping through the dungeon records wasn't something they could just sit and ignore.

It wasn't a problem that could be resolved just by relying on the guild's strength though. This was a battlefield for the elites. Their side didn't have a God or a pro player watching over. How were they supposed to compete with Happy for dungeon records?

These matters were related to the club, not the team or the pro players.

In the regular meeting convened at each of the clubs, the guild departments reported it as an important problem.

In the tenth server, when Ye Qiu had summoned the winds and rain, the guild departments only relied on their own efforts to resist. But this time, in the Heavenly Domain, Ye Qiu raised an even fiercer storm and swept across the lands. So far, he had only swept through the five-player dungeons, but they were certain that ruling over ten-player, twenty-player, and even greater raids was only a matter of time. Perhaps it was because of their previous experience in the tenth server, this time, the guild departments did not fight back. By raising this issue in the regular meeting, they expressed that this issue required the strength of the entire club to resolve.

But it wasn't an easy problem to solve for the clubs either. Did they need to send pro players to fight for these records?

A single time wasn't a big deal, but if they failed and it affected the conditions of their players in a match, not only would they not be taking back a sesame seed, they would be losing a watermelon along the way.

Because as soon as a dungeon record was set, everyone knew that their opponents wouldn't just be Ye Qiu, but the other clubs as well! If your guild can send out pro players, so can ours. As a result, the pro players would all be competing for dungeon records. At that point, would they still be competing in the Pro League?

Maybe they could reach a compromise? Send out their subs to try?

But thinking about it again, their subs winning a wrestle against God Ye Qiu? What a bold and imaginative dream!

The clubs were unable to find a situation. The fifteenth match of the season taking place on the 21st was imminent. No matter the case, the League was their number one priority. For now, this problem would have to be put aside. Once this round was over and they finished analyzing their gains and losses from these matches, by the time they began figuring out how to deal with these dungeon records, everyone realized that it was only a few days until Christmas.

According to the usual Glory schedule, starting from Christmas to New Year's to the Spring Festival, this period of time would often have seasonal events. In the pro scene, their grand event was the All Star Weekend.

No one knew what the contents of this year's Christmas event would be, but from past experience, these events were gifts to the players. The rewards would often be bountiful. During this event period, the club guilds would focus their efforts on doing a good job on these events. Dungeons and wild bosses could even be put aside.

Yes, put aside.....

The clubs clearly felt like procrastinating because they didn't have a good solution at the moment. Seeing that it was almost Christmas, they let out a sigh of relief.

While the clubs relaxed, Happy was still advancing rapidly. After sweeping the ten five-player dungeons, it was now time for the three ten-player dungeons. This time, Happy wasn't spending close to three hours challenging the dungeon for their first time. Everyone was fully equipped with Level 75 equipment. After hitting the level cap, they received the extra stats and skill points. For these ten-player dungeons, they would be aiming for the dungeon record.

Right now, they only had one opponent for the ten-player dungeon records: the system's initial minimum record.

This record wasn't easy to beat either. Normal players needed a good amount of time to familiarize themselves with the dungeon before having a chance at breaking it. In theory, a character only had a single chance everyday to run a ten-player dungeon, so the amount of practice was limited. But rules were dead and people were alive! A character could only try once, but multiple characters meant more tries, no?

Team Happy's conditions were limited. They didn't have any special training programs. As a result, this ten-player dungeon had become practice for training their team coordination, so their familiarity with the dungeon didn't need to be mentioned.

They set all three dungeon records in a single day. Moreover, their record times just barely beat the system's bottom line.

It was only by a bit. Everyone was still thinking to themselves. But the same day, these three dungeon records were set again. The record holders were still Happy and their current times only surpassed their previous times by a tiny bit.

It was still Team Happy, but the characters were different. Normal players who didn't understand the situation might be misdirected, but the club guilds knew clear as day what was going on.

Breaking a record by just a little bit seemed very normal, but that was usually in the mid to later stages. In the initial stages, because their research on the dungeons weren't thorough enough, when a new strategy came out, a big leap would be made. The record time would often jump around between record holders for a period of time.

But right now, Happy had broken the record twice and just by a bit. In their eyes, they could tell at a glance that these guys were holding back and intentionally exercising control! These guys knew for certain that no other team could even attempt to challenge a ten-player dungeon record. No one could compete against them, so they kept on beating their own records a bit at a time in order to acquire those dungeon record rewards.

The club guilds yearned for this type of method in their dreams. Whenever a new level cap came out, the reason that they leveled like crazy, using all sorts of ways to improve as fast as possible, was because they wanted to be ahead of the other guilds by half a step. With just a bit of freedom over their competition, they would have the chance to do what they wanted.

But with the current state of affairs, this type of opportunity was difficult to find. Right now, Team Happy was doing what normal players couldn't do and living this type of blissful life. The club guilds were envious and jealous of them. If they had enough account cards, how many times could they set a record today?

It was only twice though because Happy didn't have so many account cards. Apart from their own characters, the extra account cards being used had been power leveled by game studios. Power leveling right now was at its highest price, but they couldn't care about that right now. Compared to taking care of a club and a team, this kind of expense was nothing.

Were these ten-player dungeons going to be toyed around with by Happy just like this?

Just when the various club guilds were shaking their heads in pain, someone finally acted.

Excellent Dynasty!

Because Team Happy hadn't been going all out, leaving room to improve for these records, when Excellent Dynasty came out full force with their team, the times improved by an enormous jump. When everyone took a look at the list of characters holding the record, One Autumn Leaf, Life Extinguisher.... all sorts of famous characters. Excellent Era had been relegated this season, so they no longer appeared in the Alliance matches. Numerous fans felt incomparably reminiscent. They could only run over to the Challenger League to see these resplendent characters. Now, they had run to the game.

When the other guilds saw this scene, they knew that it was a confrontation between two direct competitors. Their clubs were afraid of affecting their players and didn't dare to make any rash movements. However, Excellent Era was slaughtering their way through the Challenger League like a butcher with a meat cleaver. Seeing Happy abusing everyone like a tyrant, how could they bear it?

Indeed!

Excellent Era couldn't endure it anymore.

After talking with Xiao Shiqin, Cui Li had made it clear that they would be ridding themselves of Ye Qiu's shadow, but once he heard Chen Yehui reporting Happy's string of explosive movements in the Heavenly Domain, he was still swayed.

Excellent Era had two advantages over Happy.

Their first advantage was having more experienced pro players. Their second advantage was having stronger pro characters.

For the former, the other side had Ye Qiu and a bunch of unknown guys who seemed unreliable but weren't as simple as they looked. The other side was constantly improving and the disparity between them was constantly shrinking.

For the latter, they originally thought that Happy had no way of closing this gap in a short amount of time, but who would have thought that after almost three years, they would finally come out with a new update and raise the level cap.

With the level cap being raised, although leveling to 75 only took eleven days, upgrading their Silver equipment from Level 70 to 75 wasn't a matter of just eleven days.

Excellent Era had stronger characters because they had stronger equipment. But with the level cap raised, their Silver equipment would require weeks to upgrade. However, Happy could close the gap between themselves and Excellent Era during this time through Level 75 Orange equipment. Their advantage that they had considered as firmly set in place was currently fading away!

Especially with Happy's current efficiency at gaining Level 75 Orange equipment.

Running dungeons, obtaining First Kills, selling guides, setting records. They had two teams too, using the ten-player dungeon clear speed records as their playthings.....

Cui Li believed that if Excellent Era still sat by and watched indifferently, it would be negligence on their part in terms of tactics. As a result, Cui Li looked for Sun Xiang and Xiao Shiqin, asking for their thoughts.

Attacking Happy from the game.

When Sun Xiang heard this idea, he instantly felt invigorated. His fighting spirit made Cui Li extremely happy. As for Xiao Shiqin, he quietly sighed to himself. Sure enough, Ye Qiu's influence on this team was rooted deeply. It wasn't something that could be pulled out with just a few words. Perhaps the only way to completely rid of themselves of Ye Qiu's mental shackles was to beat Ye Qiu. But how were they going to beat Ye Qiu while carrying this type of pressure on their shoulders?

Xiao Shiqin discovered that he was facing a problem that couldn't be solved. He also felt worried. But no matter what, beating Ye Qiu had already become his most important task. Cui Li represented the club's interests. It seemed like he wanted to start fighting Ye Qiu and Happy from the game. However, Xiao Shiqin knew clearly that in-game matters were complicated. It wasn't as simple as a one versus one or a five versus five battle. On stage, Excellent Era held an absolute advantage. But this type of advantage was crippled when brought into the game.

Chapter 890: Where the Crucial Point Lies

"Uh, if it's a confrontation in game, I'd recommend not using our pro characters." Cui Li seemed to have made his decision, so Xiao Shiqin did not refuse and only put forward a small suggestion.

"Annoying. What's there to be scared of?" Before Cui Li could respond, captain Sun Xiang expressed his displeasure with Xiao Shiqin's recommendation. Sun Xiang had come to Excellent Era for One Autumn Leaf to begin with, so no matter what he did, he wanted to use this character. Previously, when he followed Liu Hao to the game, he had done so without the club's knowledge, so he naturally didn't dare to use the team's character, but now it was the club's idea, so Sun Xiang wasn't willing to use an alternate account.

Cui Li noticed Sun Xiang's fierce fighting spirit today and didn't want to lower his morale. In the end, he waved it off: "That's not a big problem. Just don't bring any Silver equipment."

Sun Xiang had actually wanted to go into the game fully equipped with Silver equipment, but since the decision had been made, he could only respect it. Soon afterwards, Excellent Era gathered together a team of ten players and contacted Chen Yehui to swap out their equipment. Then, they tackled a ten-player dungeon full force.

"How unfortunate. If we could bring our Silver equipment, we could guarantee a time that they could only dream of." The team had broken the record already, yet Sun Xiang was still grumbling about his current character.

Although Guild Excellent Dynasty was who knew how many times larger than Guild Happy, in just this short amount of time, they weren't able to gather as many pieces of Orange equipment, let alone complete sets of them. For these pro characters, after swapping out their Silver equipment for Level 75 Orange equipment, they were indeed weakened because they didn't have a full set equipped, which was why Sun Xiang was complaining.

After exiting the dungeon, the ten players headed to the next ten-player dungeon along with a group of Excellent Dynasty elites personally led by Chen Yehui,

"Excellent Era has come out."

Chen Guo said, while looking at Ye Xiu. Everyone in Happy had seen the record too. When she checked the record board, One Autumn Leaf's name was among the list of names. If Ye Xiu saw it, would he be affected? Chen Guo couldn't help but worry.

"It looks like we can't relax." Ye Xiu said, "Let's go dungeon."

It turned out that Happy still hadn't attempted breaking the ten-player dungeon record today.

"Wu Chen, have your guild keep a lookout for Excellent Era's movements." Ye Xiu called out to Wu Chen, and sent his own message to Guild Happy. At the same time, he looked for Heavenly Justice, Conquering Clouds, Radiant, and his other alliance partners to also help out.

With so many people scouting, a reply came back not long afterwards. A bunch of people from Excellent Dynasty were marching majestically towards Barrier Mountains.

"Barrier Mountains. Everyone hurry and gather together!" Ye Xiu called out to everyone.

Seeing that Excellent Dynasty was heading towards Barrier Mountain, Excellent Dynasty had at least already teleported to the nearest main city and had reached that map.

The players on Happy headed over there, while gathering together. Afterwards, they rushed towards Barrier Mountain's ten-player dungeon, Sealed Mountain Thief Hideout. There was never only a single dungeon entrance. Ye Xiu didn't know which entrance Excellent Dynasty's people entered from. He only knew that they needed to hurry and beat this dungeon before they did.

"Work hard, everyone. This time, there can't be any leechers. Concealed Light, five summons. Chasing Haze, be more brave with your attacks!" Before entering the dungeon, Ye Xiu called out and had Lord Grim rush in. Wu Chen's Dawn Rifle and Chen Guo's Chasing Haze began attacking in coordination with each other and blasted the Sealed Mountain Thieves on the left and right watchtowers.

Chen Guo began tensing up.

Because she knew that they were truly aiming for the fastest possible time now. For the previous dungeon runs, they usually tried hard in the beginning and then relaxed in the later parts. At first, they would fight quickly. Then, once they had won enough time to beat the record, they didn't take the dungeon as seriously. However this time, in order to pursue the fastest time possible, they couldn't make any mistakes. Despite these circumstances, Ye Xiu still wanted her to be braver.....

"I'll press my luck!" Chen Guo was thinking too much. She definitely wasn't someone who flinched from danger. She didn't want to be their reason for failure. Chasing Haze closely followed Wu Chen's Dawn Rifle. The two were practically duplicates of each other. Whatever Dawn Rifle did, Chasing Haze copied. Even though she would always be slower by half a step, Chen Guo felt like she wouldn't make a mistake this way.

After fighting for awhile, Wu Chen noticed it and didn't know whether to laugh or cry: "Stop copying me! My current play style doesn't fit with your Launcher."

Chen Guo was startled. When she thought about her previous playstyle and looked at Dawn Rifle's weapon, she suddenly came to a realization.

Dawn Rifle's weapon: Handcannon Scarletfire Baron. Because of the various fire element buff bonuses, Wu Chen had changed his skill tree and emphasized skills that dealt fire damage. This type of skill allocation wasn't uncommon. Launchers had a playstyle called "Fire Cannon", which focused on buffing the fire element damage and using other skills to complement it. Wu Chen was a Launcher pro player, so he was familiar with all sorts of playstyles for his class. Playing a "Fire Cannon" playstyle wasn't anything unfamiliar to him.

Chen Guo's Chasing Haze was different. Her Launcher belonged to a different school of thought: "Heavy Artillery". The skill allocation was very different from "Fire Cannon". Right now, she was drawing a tiger using a cat as a model. Wu Chen was mainly using skills like Flamethrower as damage-dealing skills, but Chasing Haze only put in a skill point into those skills and used them as control skills.

Fortunately, the problem had been discovered early on. Chen Guo hastily corrected herself and stopped copying Wu Chen's Dawn Rifle, relying on her own skills to fight.

"You can do it!" At this moment, Ye Xiu suddenly came over to give her a word of encouragement. Chen Guo was surprised by it and suddenly felt her heart warm up. Even though she was the worst player among everyone here, she had never been ignored. She was a part of this team!

The spirited Chen Guo didn't suddenly become a pro, but she performed much better at least. Not only did she not cower away, she didn't make any mistakes.

The team progressed rapidly. Happy was very familiar with this dungeon. The signal flare shot out, when the first boss Vanguard Brother Wolf fell, could be blocked. When aiming for a dungeon record, it was an extremely crucial segment. If Excellent Era didn't pay attention to this detail, they would undoubtedly be defeated.

"Pay attention, pay attention. Everyone pay attention. When he falls, everyone stop him with everything you have!" Ye Xiu shouted.

"We know. As if you need to tell us!" Wei Chen said.

The final hit. Brother Wolf was at the brink of death. He pulled out a gun from his waist and was just about to shoot. At this instant, everyone attacked, including Little Cold Hand's Cleric. They focused their attacks onto the hand that held the gun.

All sorts of sound effects exploded. Brother Wolf couldn't control his hand and the gun flew out. It landed on the ground. Brother Wolf didn't have enough strength to pick it back up. His eyes were filled with unwillingness and despair. He reached out towards the gun and then fell...

The speedrunning team didn't care about the stupid storyline. After the gun flew out of his grasp, the team pushed forward. Everyone in Happy knew that as soon as the gun dropped, this boss segment was over. They were trying to break a record. There was no time to watch Brother Wolf's bitter struggle.

They crushed the small monsters and then killed the second boss with their usual strategy. Afterwards, by the time Advisor Frigid Eagle screeched "Why are you guys here?", Happy had already surrounded him and attacked. This boss wasn't difficult.

The pertinent plot wasn't triggered and the following segment had no monsters. The fourth boss, Brown Bear, became a boss that didn't need to be fought. For a normal dungeon run, the boss drops mattered much more than speed, so an optional boss wouldn't be skipped, but for a speedrunning team, they would obviously choose not to waste time on an optional boss. Team Happy quickly rushed towards the final boss.

At the same time, in the Sealed Mountain Thief Hideout, One Autumn Leaf brandished his spear. In Sun Xiang's hands, One Autumn Leaf swept everything in his path. The hidden troops arranged by Frigid Eagle were annihilated by him alone.

"With me! Hurry! We need to set a record that those guys can only dream of!" This guy called out fervently to the team. He was clearly excited. From their current progress, this time's Sealed Mountain Thief Hideout was going even smoother than the previous dungeon. How could Sun Xiang not loudly cheer?

The team quickly pushed forward. Compared to when Happy first attempted the dungeon, they were who knew how many times faster. Just destroying the hidden troops and crushing Frigid Eagle simultaneously wasn't something that Team Happy had been able to accomplish on their first run.

Unfortunately, Team Happy would never encounter this situation again. Team Excellent Era hadn't been like Ye Xiu and the others, using these dungeons to practice technical skill. Towards the first boss, although they noticed that they should stop the signal flare from shooting out, they didn't know the correct method to do so.

To knock the gun out of the hand, it wasn't just a matter of attacking. Enough damage had to be dealt at that instant to send the gun flying.

The damage requirement was quite high too. It was only after Happy swapped all of their equipment for Level 75 ones and used their highest damage skills that they could do it.

Team Excellent Era chased the half-health Frigid Eagle into the courtyard and then faced the fourth boss Brown Bear. The fight was as easy as ever. It wasn't nearly as nerve wracking as when Happy went in and out of the rooms.

"Good, continue forward!" After clearing these two bosses, Sun Xiang shouted and One Autumn Leaf rushed towards the final boss.

While they were eliminating the waves of monsters, a system announcement suddenly popped up. At Sealed Mountain Thief Hideout, Guild Happy had once again set a new record.

"Haha, so they're struggling to the bitter end?" Sun Xiang laughed. But when he looked at the time, he suddenly froze.

30 minutes 20.47 seconds.

Are you joking? How could that be?

Sun Xiang was completely dumbfounded so much so that the great Battle God, One Autumn Leaf, was actually sent flying by a small monster.

The new record set by Happy took took less time than it took them to even reach the final boss.....