

## Glory 161

### Chapter 161 – It Isn't Easy Being an Expert

Toya finally fell.

Even though he had entered the Enraged state with higher speed and faster cast times, it was..... no use. In front of Ye Xiu, these were of no use. Lord Grim seemed like a machine specially designed against him, mechanically precise without any mistakes. Every one of the skills used by Toya was completely suppressed.

Whether it be by interruption or by being the first to attack....

With countless variations and numerous methods, it was fortunate that Toya wasn't an actual person, otherwise he'd be so sad that he'd have coughed up blood from being suppressed so hard.

Toya fell and the system announcement popped up.

Another incontestable record appeared once again .

Full Moon Guild, 28:01:27.

Compared to Blue Brook Guild's record of 30:45:66, their record beat it by 2.5 minutes. Compared to the other records set, it was just as ridiculous. Every time Ye Xiu beat a record, it was always by so much more, so much so that it made others feel hopeless. For Blue Brook Guild's record to have lasted so long, that meant that no other guild was able to beat it by even one second. Only Ye Xiu could beat it by 2.5 minutes.

A pile of messages immediately stormed onto the world channel.

Full Moon Guild? Why Full Moon Guild?

Lord Grim! Lord Grim again.

Wasn't Lord Grim from Blue Brook Guild? Why did he run to Full Moon Guild?

Steamed Bun Invasion! When are you going to pay me back for that 5 Gold I lent?

The messages were a complete mess. There was even one that mentioned Steamed Bun Invasion's name.

Steamed Bun Invasion replied on the world channel: "Don't worry. Once I gather up 10 Gold, I'll return it to you all at once."

Sending a message on the world channel had a cooldown. A message could only be sent every two minutes, so the other side couldn't reply immediately. Plus, most of the messages on the world channel were just jokes, so it'd be much faster and better to reply in private. But with this reply, quite a lot of players copying him and sending payment reminders on the world channel. In a short moment, a bunch of "Man, when are you going to return to me my girlfriend?" came out, making many speechless.

Maple Tree was naturally unimaginably excited and started chatting friendly with members of his guild. There were very few that wouldn't acknowledge that a guild like Full Moon Guild could set a record like

that. Those people were rather narrow-minded. When the announcement came out, many in the guild began paying attention to what type of equipment would be rewarded.

When a new record was set, there was a 100% chance of acquiring a Purple equipment. It was just that Blue Brook Guild, Tyrannical Ambition, those sorts of guilds didn't care. They only wanted the record for the fame. They had seen plenty of low-leveled Purple equipment, so they simply didn't put it in their eyes.

Only Maple Tree, a guild leader of that level, would feel excited about what Purple equipment would come out. He couldn't be blamed. Even as the guild leader, he didn't have a single piece of Purple equipment. He couldn't even compare to Lord Grim and the others. When he saw them today with their newly switched Purple weapons, Maple Tree's eyes nearly popped out.

Purple weapon! Don't look at how the big guild's elite teams all had them. In reality, they were quite rare. For example, in his guild, if a Purple weapon came out, the player who got it wouldn't care if it fit his class. Whoever got it could sell it for a lot of money! The more thoughtful players would give their teammates some sort of small compensation. The selfish, well, they wouldn't do anything. The dispute that followed had existed since the very beginning of Glory.

Maple Tree felt quite good because the end reward was Purple Revolver, which perfectly suited his class. Moreover, the labourers he hired hadn't rolled for it, so it went directly to him. He was naturally extremely excited.

Maple Tree was still chattering in the guild channel! Lord Grim went to his side: "The record's set."

"Yes, yes. Thank you! Thank you!!" Maple Tree recovered and immediately thanked him.

"The Scarlet Moon Set?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Oh oh oh!" Maple Tree was so happy he forgot. He had brought the Scarlet Moon Set with him and traded Ye Xiu at once. The four parts were the Head, Chest, Belt, and Legs. It was missing the Shoulders and Shoes.

Ye Xiu received them and went to trade Tang Rou.

"What?" Tang Rou accepted the trade.

"Equipment for you." Ye Xiu put the four parts of the set into the trade window.

"From where?"

"Maple Tree just gave them! We helped him set a record!" Ye Xiu said.

"Oh." Tang Rou confirmed the trade and wore the newly obtained equipment. This set naturally had its own style when it was all put together. Tang Rou had the main parts to it, so the general style was already clear. Her body was covered in scarlet leather with a belt strapped around her waist. Soft Mist immediately looked a lot stronger.

"Anything for me?" Steamed Bun Invasion snuck in a question.

"Not yet." Ye Xiu said.

Steamed Bun Invasion wasn't happy, but it wasn't towards Ye Xiu, rather it was towards Maple Tree. He charged at him: "Noob guild leader, you're too stingy. Give me a set too!"

"Ah? There's no more....." Maple Tree said in confusion. The trade had already been completed. Why was there more?

"Stingy." Steamed Bun Invasion disdained.

Maple Tree coughed blood. If he didn't add a bonus, that was stingy?

"Steamed Bun, don't worry. This deal was already agreed upon beforehand. Soft Mist first and then you." Ye Xiu said.

"Okay, okay. No hurry. Ladies first." Steamed Bun Invasion said.

"We still have two more runs. Maple Tree, are you still going?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Oh.... me....." Maple Tree was now happily chatting with his friends and guild, so he didn't really want to go. But they had just helped him set a record, so if he just suddenly turned his head and refused them, that wasn't too good right?

Maple Tree was suffering over his decision, when Ye Xiu said: "Then we'll continue!"

As he said that, the four players had already left the party and made their own party on the side. They then left Full Moon Guild too.

"Wha....." Maple Tree wanted to say something, when the four directly entered the dungeon. They didn't even find someone else to add.

So my contact with these experts ended just like this? Maple Tree was suddenly at a loss.

The dungeon continued. Only having four players wasn't a problem for these experts. Since they weren't trying to set the record this time, they went around the entire map and killed every monster in every nook and cranny of the castle. Even excluding the fact that the dungeon BOSS always dropped a Blue or higher equipment, the dungeon was still the most profitable place, whether it be in money or experience, the rewards were much greater than in a leveling area. For most of the players, they could let go of not doing other things, but they had to use up all of their dungeon entries. The current dungeons could still be done three or four times, but the higher leveled the dungeon or the larger the scale of the dungeon, the fewer entries they would have. There would even be some dungeons that could only be run once a week. The progress was saved, but they were dungeons that couldn't be completed in a single day.

After clearing all of the monsters, they had to clean up the BOSS. This time, Ye Xiu wasn't dedicated again and didn't fight Toya with all he had like last time. He was the same as yesterday, just casually directing everyone and played with Toya from time to time.

"Hey, why aren't you playing seriously!" Tang Rou had objections. She didn't like it when people were hiding their strength.

"You mean like last time?" Ye Xiu said.

“Obviously.”

“I’m already old. How can I always play like that? You youngsters have more strength.” Ye Xiu said.

“How old are you!” Tang Rou was angry.

“In terms of eSports, I really am pretty old.” Ye Xiu said.

“So what? You can clearly play very well.” Tang Rou said.

“Look at it like this.” Ye Xiu said, “The theory is the same as in other sports. Young people grow stronger and rely on their bodies to win. But after a few years, they have to rely on their experience and knowledge. They have to use their brains to win. Against young players’ bodies, they could occasionally compete with them, but if they frequently clashed, they would only shorten their lifespan as an athlete. It’s the same as in eSports. Using extremely fast hand speed to compete in mechanics, that’s the style of you young players. But for people my age, it’s better if we do that less.” Ye Xiu said.

“It can’t be that exaggerated.” Tang Rou said.

“In a few years, you’ll understand. Do you really think being an expert is that easy?” Ye Xiu laughed.

As a result, Tang Rou didn’t say anything more and continued to fight BOSS Toya. Ye Xiu didn’t fully exert himself either. His overall performance was about the same as Tang Rou. Because of this, they had some trouble finishing Toya off.

They didn’t add anyone else and they once again went in as four. Afterwards, they finished using up all of their Desolate Land entries.

“Everyone, I’ll be going off first!” Su Mucheng said habitually. Once they finished the dungeon runs, she would go offline first.

Tang Rou and Steamed Bun Invasion said their farewells. Ye Xiu obviously wouldn’t say anything. Su Mucheng was practically sitting next to him! He took off his headphones and turned his head to ask: “Are you going back?”

“Yup! I’m going back!” Su Mucheng also took off her headphones. She logged out of the game and mouse, ready to shut down the computer.

“NO NO NO! That’s the server computer, my young lady. Please don’t shut that down!” Ye Xiu sweated madly. He almost charged at Su Mucheng to stop her.

“Oh, I forgot.” Su Mucheng also jumped in fright. She also knew what would happen if she shut down the server computer. It was just that she was so used to shutting down her computer, so she forgot.

“So dangerous.” Ye Xiu wiped away some sweat. Su Mucheng was a pro-player. Her hand speed was fast. It was lucky that he was even faster.

“I’ll be going then!” Su Mucheng got up and saw Ye Xiu turn off the computer monitor.

“See you!”

“I don’t know when I can come next time. The Internet Cafe still is really dangerous, right?” Su Mucheng said.

“Yup!” Ye Xiu nodded.

“Sigh, I’ll be off then.” Su Mucheng regretfully left the reception desk.

“Are you hungry? Do you want something to eat?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Okay!” Su Mucheng quickly came back.

“We have Braised Beef, Mushroom Chicken, Tomatoes and Eggs, Pickled Pork, Shrimp, Fish, all kinds of different instant noodles. Which one would you like?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Oh..... I’ll take the Mushroom Chicken.” Su Mucheng thought hard before replying.

“Wait just a moment.....” Ye Xiu had already gotten the Mushroom Chicken noodles and went to get boiling water.

## Chapter 162 – Half the Screen

When Ye Xiu came back with the cooked instant noodles, he saw that Su Mucheng had moved a wooden stool next to his seat. She had changed the settings for the game to a windowed screen. Her hand moved the mouse as if she were searching for something.

“The noodles have arrived.” Ye Xiu announced.

“Put it here!” Su Mucheng tapped the table beside her. The reception desk at Happy Internet Cafe had two layers. The outside layer was the front desk, while the inner layer was a regular table that things could be set upon.

Ye Xiu put the noodles on the table and went back to his seat. He saw that Su Mucheng was looking for something on the Internet.

“What are you looking for? I’ll help you look.” Ye Xiu put his hands on the keyboard.

“That Year We Were Holding Hands.” Su Mucheng said.

“The new drama?” Ye Xiu said as he typed it in. With one search in a video platform, several links popped up.

“It’s not really new. Yunxiu recommended it. I hadn’t seen it before.” Su Mucheng said. Chu Yunxiu, Team Misty Rain’s ace player. She was also the player that Ye Xiu regarded as the number one female player in terms of tactics and skill. The Alliance didn’t have many female players. Compared to the male players, they belonged to a disadvantaged group, causing them to be relatively close to each other. They had their own special circle. They also had their own exclusive QQ (similar to Skype) group, which had all the female Alliance players; from those who were retired to those who still played to those who were new.

Ye Xiu obviously didn’t have the qualifications to join the QQ group, but since he was close to Su Mucheng, he would sometimes see it. If no one knew anything about it, they wouldn’t think that it was a gathering of Glory pro-players. They talked about clothing, makeup, celebrities, astrological signs, and

gossip in the Glory community..... At least, during the few times Ye Xiu had snuck a peek at it, he hadn't seen any discussions about serious things like tactics and techniques. It couldn't even compare to a normal guild in Glory. At least in those, experts would sometimes exchange pointers!

"What episode are you on?" Ye Xiu asked.

"12."

Opening up the 12th episode, Ye Xiu handed the earphones over to Su Mucheng.

"I've worn them for so long, that my ears are already hurting."

"Then turn up the volume, so you won't need to wear them."

Su Mucheng turned up the volume. The first sound that came out was clearly from Glory's lifelike sound effects as well as Steamed Bun Invasion's voice. Ye Xiu opened up the settings and closed the game's sound and voice. He then typed: "Steamed Bun, let's practice our hand speed. To do so, if you're going to say something, type it out instead."

"Yes! I like this practice. Wanna compete to see who can type out the most words in a minute?" Steamed Bun Invasion immediately went into serious mode.

"Line Canyon!" Ye Xiu declared and then headed towards it.

The game was quiet, though it seemed like Ye Xiu was very suited for this. A song drifted from the headphones hanging on Su Mucheng's neck.

"This song sounds awful." Ye Xiu said.

"Yeah, skip ahead." Su Mucheng said.

"How much?"

"2 minutes 43 seconds."

His mouse moved and the cursor flashed from the game to the web browser. He skipped ahead exactly 2 minutes 43 seconds.

The screen was then split in half. One half was a TV show while the other half was a game.

With Ye Xiu's skill level, this dungeon was too easy. He would glance at the TV show from time to time. As for Su Mucheng, she was just watching the TV show, so she didn't need to completely focus on the game. She would glance to see the battles in-game from time to time.

"Are the noodles ready to eat yet?" Su Mucheng said.

"Go ahead!"

"Are you going to eat?" Su Mucheng took the noodles and asked.

"I'll drink two sips of soup."

"I'll wait till you finish these two monsters." Su Mucheng saw that Ye Xiu was busy dealing with two wild monsters.

The two monsters were defeated quickly. Ye Xiu made his Lord Grim move forward as he took two sips of the soup.

“Not bad. Whoever cooked these instant noodles is quite good.” Ye Xiu said as he handed the bowl back.

“It’s not bad!” Su Mucheng took it and began eating.

In game, Lord Grim arrived at Line Canyon and partied up with Tang Rou and Steamed Bun Invasion. Seven Fields and Sleeping Moon had also run over to join the party. Those two would almost always mix in with Brother Expert when a chance came. They didn’t really play with their guild anymore. Even today, when their guild came together as one happy family, the two didn’t think much of it.

The dungeon went by smoothly and in the blink of an eye, they reached the first BOSS.

The romance in the TV show still hadn’t made any headway. The female lead knew from episode one that the male lead was her childhood friend, but the male lead still thought of the female lead as a newly-made friend.

“Tsk tsk. This guy’s so stupid.” Ye Xiu commented on the male lead.

“Mine, mine! Light Source set!!” Su Mucheng saw that the fallen BOSS had dropped the Light Source Top. Light Source was a Level 30 Launcher set.

“Got it!” Ye Xiu chose to roll for it and the others immediately renounced it.

“It’s just Level 30 equipment.” Ye Xiu felt that Su Mucheng had been too excited. She was a pro-player, so besides self-made equipment, it didn’t make sense for her to be so excited about any other equipment.

“It looks so pretty.” Su Mucheng said.

Ye Xiu was speechless. For god-level experts like him, their skills are amazing, their knowledge is exceptional, but towards Glory’s clothing, hairstyle, fashion, etc, any random female player would be better than them. In this area, female players were gods and they were noobs.

The speechless Ye Xiu threw the Light Source upper-garment into his backpack. The dungeon continued as did the TV show.

Line Canyon took the five of them around for 30 minute runs. It was a bit shorter than the 45 minute episodes.

After two runs, the episode had finished. Just as the next episode was playing, Ye Xiu felt his left shoulder drop.

“You falling asleep?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Yeah……” The head on his shoulder made a noise.

The third run continued. Ye Xiu’s movements became steadier. His movements were so steady that even the smoke from the cigarette ash in his mouth wouldn’t tremble.

They advanced through the dungeon while the TV show continued playing.

After killing the final BOSS, the three dungeon runs were completed and the TV show had finished as well. The ending song played from the headphones, but Su Mucheng didn't tell Ye Xiu to turn it off. Ye Xiu turned his head and looked. The furry girl's eyes had already closed.

"Ha ha ha ha, today's luck is pretty good! Three parts of my Dark Mark set actually dropped! Are you guys jealous of my luck?" Steamed Bun Invasion swiftly typed out, practicing his hand speed.

"Not bad, not bad. Soft Mist, shout out the Scarlet Moon upper-garment you got in the world channel. You should be able to trade it for the shoulders or shoes that you still need." Ye Xiu said. A part from the Battle Mage Scarlet Moon set had also dropped, however, Soft Mist already had it. Luckily, equipment could be traded, so everyone could trade for the parts they needed.

"Okay." Tang Rou answered. In a short moment, Soft Mist sent a message for a trade to the world channel.

"Keep sending them out until someone contacts you." Ye Xiu instructed. Tang Rou really needed this type of instruction too. She was completely new to games, unlike Steamed Bun Invasion.

"Are we still going to Boneyard?" Seven Fields and Sleeping Moon asked.

"Hmm, not now!" Ye Xiu replied.

"Okay!" Everyone answered. Right now, Boneyard wasn't worth it for the experience. Ye Xiu also didn't need any materials from the dungeon. Besides, getting the materials for the Thousand Chance Umbrella by himself wasn't practical.

"Okay."

Everyone scattered. Those who wanted to dungeon went to dungeon. Those who wanted to Arena went to the Arena. Those who wanted to trade equipment went to trade equipment. Ye Xiu had Lord Grim randomly clear monsters in the nearby area.

"I've traded it!" Tang Rou messaged.

"Good. You're only missing one now." Ye Xiu said.

"It really is better than normal equipment." Tang Rou said.

"Of course!" Ye Xiu replied, "Level 30 sets won't need to be switched until Level 40."

"Oh." Tang Rou answered without saying anything else. After a short while, she got up to move around. She went to fill up her tea cup and as usual, walked to pay a visit to the receptionist desk. But this time, she jumped in fear. What was that furry thing leaning on Ye Xiu? Tang Rou's face stared in astonishment. Ye Xiu turned and gave her a helpless look.

"Who's that?" Tang Rou finally figured out that it was a person.

"Uh..... Mu Mu." Ye Xiu used the nickname Tang Rou liked.

"Ah?" Tang Rou was astonished, "So she was playing here?"



“Yeah!” Ye Xiu said.

“She fell asleep?” Tang Rou asked.

“Yeah.”

“She should go upstairs to sleep. She can sleep in my room.” Tang Rou said.

“Don’t worry about it. Here is good!” Ye Xiu smiled.

“Make sure she doesn’t catch a cold.” If she were Chen Guo, she would have grabbed her sister and carried her to bed, but Tang Rou didn’t make him. After saying this, she went back to her seat.

“Mu Mu sounds disgusting when it comes from you.” Su Mucheng looked like she was sleep talking.

“Yeah. I almost vomited those instant noodles.” Ye Xiu said.

“The instant noodles are in my stomach.” Su Mucheng said.

“I also ate a bowl tonight.”

“Really? What flavor?”

“Simmered Beef.”

“Was the cook good?”

“Very good. The same as your bowl.”

“That’s good.” Su Mucheng finished and then became silent.

“When are you planning on going back?” After a long while, Ye Xiu asked.

“When are you off your shift?” Su Mucheng asked.

“Seven.”

“Then me too!”

“Okay.....”

“It’s kind of cold.....” Su Mucheng shivered.

“Obviously. Everything you’re wearing is just a disguise!” Ye Xiu said as he took off his jacket and put it on Su Mucheng.

“Where was I in the show? I kind of forgot.” Su Mucheng said.

“It’s not your fault. The show sucks.” Ye Xiu said.

“You’re looking down on Yunxiu’s tastes again.” Su Mucheng said.

“I remember all of my opponent’s weaknesses very clearly.” Ye Xiu said.

Chapter 163 – Shot At Even When Lying Down

That night, Ye Xiu didn't conduct any more intense activities. However, many people in the tenth server felt uneasy because of his presence.

Records! It was obviously because of the records.

In the end, Desolate Land's dungeon record was broken. Lord Grim once again proved his indispensability towards records. And Full Moon Guild, the name which made all the big guilds feel sick, took their spot on the Desolate Land leaderboards.

Even worse, Full Moon Guild's players weren't humble at all.

In a guild, the guild leader's temperament greatly affected the entire guild. Maple Tree's personality, which knew no difference between the heavens and earth, crumbled a little after seeing the extraordinary coordination between Lord Grim and the team. But after breaking the record, he thought of how he fulfilled his role in the team perfectly and couldn't help but consider himself a member of the expert team. His personality, which had crumbled a little, flared up again.

Full Moon Guild's members stopped chatting in the guild channel. They changed to the world channel. Their flaunting there made others feel envious. The other guild leaders grinded their teeth in hatred. They had hired someone to break the record for him. Why were they acting like they were so amazing? Many players in the world channel sneered at them, but Full Moon Guild was able to counter them. They brought up Blue Brook Guild and Tyrannical Ambition as similar examples. If these amazing guilds did what they were doing, why should they be ashamed of doing the same?

Getting shot at while down, Blue River and Cold Night felt gloomy, but there was nothing they could say because this was reality. Even the guilds who hadn't been able to invite Lord Grim could argue against Full Moon Guild. Asking Lord Grim for help setting a dungeon record had always been a task on their daily agenda. If they scoffed at Full Moon Guild and then went to ask Lord Grim for help, wouldn't that be the same as slapping their own face?

With this, the entire world was now aware of Lord Grim's substituting acts, so the records set by Lord Grim only had so much weight to them. This was why many players looked down on Full Moon Guild including Blue Brook Guild and Tyrannical Ambition.

New server! New players, born as cows and not afraid of the tigers, were everywhere. But then again, no matter how strong the tigers were, it was only a game. What was there to be afraid of? Playing games is for fun. Nobody spends money on a game to treat it as bitter work. This was why there were many people who said whatever was on their mind. Blue Brook Guild? Tyrannical Ambition? Hmph.

As the players cursed more and more, the braver they got. Slowly, Blue Brook Guild and Tyrannical Ambition were put on the same level as Full Moon Guild; second-rate guilds. They were trash that couldn't set a record if they didn't ask for a substitution. The current number two spot on the Desolate Land leaderboard was still held by Blue Brook Guild. But this reality was completely ignored by the players.

Blue River and Cold Night didn't have enough time to deal with this development. The two couldn't help but think of an old proverb: the bird in the lead will be shot!

As the two guilds who looked for Lord Grim first, were they really going to be discredited like this? Putting it this way, it was quite alarming to hear about. But at this moment, the entire world was voicing their dissent towards their actions. The three guilds would sometimes be mentioned by their name too, which made them feel frightened.

"I say, this isn't right." Cold Night messaged Blue River.

"It's all because of that idiot, Full Moon!" Blue River typed furiously. If those stupid guild members hadn't run to the world channel to make a mess all over the place, where would they have gotten all this hate? If all the hate didn't come out, how could they have been shot at even while lying down? They were big guilds and they paid careful attention to their reputation. Right now, they were being put on the same level as that second-rate guild. Plus, they were thought of as having no strength. The damage done was just too high.

But even if they burned down all of Full Moon Guild, the problem would still be there. There was only one way to counter these remarks; set a new record to shut everyone up.

However, the record king Lord Grim blocked their path like a huge mountain. No matter how hard they tried to get over it, they wouldn't be able to. There was also no way they could rope him in. They were all saying how asking Lord Grim for help meant that they had no strength!

After this short discussion between Cold Night and Blue River, they fell silent. Currently, their guild was amidst a huge crisis.

Even the other guilds were at a loss. In their current situation, inviting Lord Grim to help set a record was a shameless deed. No one wanted to ruin their reputation. Even if they pulled Lord Grim into their guild, a move like that would bring a lot of criticism from other players.

In short, the name Lord Grim still ensured a dungeon record. But at the same time, his name lost value if it were used. This was because using Lord Grim to set a record for a guild would only receive negative comments from everyone. This was completely opposite from why big guilds were setting records. However, thinking back, Lord Grim was now like a parasite; whichever guild he floated to would be regarded as diseased. Putting it like this, it would be quite nice if the enemies had him!

For example, Herb Garden and Excellent Dynasty were quite happy. Their archenemies Blue Brook Guild and Tyrannical Ambition were being ridiculed in the world channel. This was extremely satisfying!

Excellent Dynasty's Chen Yehui was in the game as well and watched the scene unfold. No one could have predicted that things would turn out this way.

Chen Yehui was originally very happy with what happened to Tyrannical Ambition but as he continued to think about it, he suddenly recognized another point and immediately became even happier!

Killing two birds with one stone!

Ye Qiu. What a blunder!

Chen Yehui couldn't hold back his happiness! He looked at the time. It was extremely late, but he believed that disturbing Liu Hao with the news about what happened was worth it.

Chen Yehui went offline and then called Liu Hao.

“Hello?” Liu Hao answered the phone with a tone of drowsiness. He had been sleeping nicely until he was suddenly awoken. No one would be happy, but Liu Hao suppressed his anger. The huge mistake he had done before had made him aware that keeping calm was very important.

“Good news, Liu! Ye Qiu’s about to run out of luck.” Chen Yehui shouted.

“Oh? This really is good news. But no matter how good the news is, you could have just told me tomorrow. Only bad and urgent news should be reported at night, so we can figure out a plan quickly, right? Okay, I’m tired. I’ll talk to you later!” Liu Hao finished and then hung up the phone.

The buzzing noise from the phone left Chen Yehui somewhat at a loss. He recognized that Liu Hao’s words were very reasonable. Good news could come later, nothing bad would happen. But the earlier something bad is handled, the better the chances they could have to fix it.

He just didn’t want to believe that only after two weeks, Liu Hao unexpectedly became so rational. So rational that it almost seemed cold and ruthless.

Just how big was his previous wound?

Chen Yehui silently put down the phone. His happiness from before dimmed down.

Liu Hao’s reasoning meant that he had an even more important goal. Ye Qiu was no longer his main opponent. He had already given the task to someone else. It had been thrown to Chen Yehui to deal with.

Chen Yehui felt disturbed.

He managed the guild. He put a lot of effort into the Club’s development. Nicely put, he could be considered a behind-the-scenes hero. However, there was no longer any chance for him to be in the spotlight like a pro-player ever again.

And the person who made him lose that chance was Ye Qiu!!

Chen Yehui suddenly clenched his fists.

It was Ye Qiu who judged him as having no talent and not putting enough effort.

On what basis? On what basis could he deny me so easily with just that? On what basis could the Club kick him from the pro-player list, then make him go online to manage the guild?

Ye Qiu!

The reason Chen Yehui and Liu Hao mingled together so well was because of their deep hatred for this name. But he never had the chance. His position was far beneath the power of Excellent Dynasty’s team captain. Until he noticed Liu Hao. Speaking of this, he was the one who successfully roped in Liu Hao. He had demonstrated himself as a lesson to Liu Hao, making Liu Hao hate Ye Qiu more and more, day by day.

But now, Liu Hao had already stepped on Ye Qiu and had even risen up in the Club. But himself..... besides venting his resentment, what did he have to gain?

Liu Hao no longer thought messing with Ye Qiu was worth it anymore. He had already found a new goal to pursue. And himself? Was he still going to play this little game with him? Was he destined to be at such a low position?

Chen Yehui thought about it and slowly unclenched his fist.

In the game, Plantago Seed had been disturbed greatly by Lord Grim as well. Team Tiny Herb's pro-players didn't know how hard it was to get these materials, so they had recklessly gambled it all away to Lord Grim. These were all uncommon materials! Even with their guild's size, it wasn't easy to gather those materials.

In reality, Plantago Seed really wanted to give them a suggestion: the Arena could be accessed in all servers. You guys can go to the old servers. Those Herb Gardens were a lot bountiful than they were.

But..... Plantago Seed hated to give up the chance to be with these pro-players. They were his idols, who he looked up to.

Holding on to just this, Plantago Seed clenched his teeth and swallowed the suggestion.

However, the ridicule towards Blue Brook Guild on the world channel really did make him happy. After a few cheerful moments, Plantago Seed felt like he should share his happiness with others. And the person who he wanted to share it with the most was Blue River!

He opened up his friends list and looked.

Blue River wasn't online! Plantago Seed really felt sorry for him.

Chapter 164 – Asking For Help Separately

Tyrannical Ambition's Cold Night wasn't online either.

The two of them were the same. They had both lost control of the situation in the tenth server. They felt that they needed to ask headquarters for help, so they logged out and ran to the Heavenly Domain.

Both of them knew each other's IDs in the Heavenly Domain and they were both friends too. When they came online, they saw each other on their friends list and had a tacit understanding of each other's situation.

Blue River hastily contacted his guild leader Changing Spring.

Changing Spring had originally said that he had wanted to go and see exactly how great Lord Grim was, but he never had the opportunity to do that. They had asked Lord Grim for help with Boneyard, but at that time, Lord Grim had gathered his own team, so there was no spot available for him.

After Boneyard, Lord Grim's strength was recognized by their guild. The dungeon record completely exceeded what they had imagined. As a result, there was no need to personally appraise his strength. All they could do was try their best to win over Lord Grim!

In the end, after fighting over and over again for him, Lord Grim was won by Full Moon guild. And that guild was the one that had caused such a disaster for Blue Brook Guild. Blue River didn't know what to say.

Changing Spring was also cautiously bringing his guild's experts to try and set records. The dungeons in the Heavenly Domain were on a completely different level, however. Sometimes, they weren't even able to complete the dungeon in a single run. Even for an elite team from the Three Great Guilds, if too many players died, there would be a part of the dungeon where they wouldn't be able to continue towards.

The Blue Brook Guild's team was currently in such a predicament.

A forty player dungeon. One run every week. They had sacrificed over half of their team in order to get past two-thirds of the dungeon. In this state, however, they had no way of advancing so Changing Spring eventually made the decision to give up.

Everyone exited the dungeon; their morale was low. Soon after, they saw Blue River, who was supposed to be in the tenth server, waiting outside with his main account Blue Bridge Spring Snow.

Changing Spring had known that Blue River was coming. Although he wasn't in a very good mood, no matter how he felt, he couldn't just ignore Blue River, so he kindly went over and asked him what the situation was. The players who were there were all the elite experts of Blue Brook Guild. Since they weren't outsiders, they gathered around him so they could listen in.

After he explained what was going on, when Changing Spring hadn't even said anything yet, someone from the group of players sneered.

Blue River didn't even need to look to know who it was. He was on good terms with nearly everyone there. However there was one who he didn't get along with: Poplar Beach.

Speaking of which, how unlucky. After going over to the tenth server, he had only come back to the Heavenly Domain twice and coincidentally, he met that guy twice as well. It looked like his luck had been quite terrible recently!

"Super expert? Hilarious. Who went to pioneer in the tenth server again?" Poplar Beach acted as if he was speaking to himself.

Blue River couldn't avoid getting a bit angry. He had just told them the record Lord Grim had set. Just from this achievement, who here couldn't see that this guy wasn't so simple? Poplar Beach obviously understood, but he still felt the need to mock him.

"This Boneyard record is a bit too abnormal." Changing Spring directly ignored what Poplar Beach said, "That record can't be right."

"Yeah!" Quite a few experts agreed.

"Did he hack the leaderboards?" The players gathered there liked to think this way. This was because they were so familiar with the game. Since they believed that such a record wasn't possible, their only explanation for it was hacking. However, that couldn't be taken seriously. Glory had gotten rid of external hacking long ago.

"Desolate Land's record doesn't seem as abnormal." Changing Spring noted.

"Yeah. It was made when they just hit Level 30, but their equipment was pretty inadequate and their fifth player's skill was mediocre." Blue River said.

“Tsk tsk, and they broke your record like that? Guild leader, let me try! I can guarantee that we’ll take this record back. In this situation, all we have to do is set a new record and prove ourselves to the tenth server’s new players, right?” Poplar Beach interrupted again. Even though he was putting down Blue River, his judgement of the problem was still accurate.

The reason Blue River returned was because he was looking for help like this. He needed experts! When the guild sent players over to pioneer in the tenth server, the guild couldn’t afford to send too many elites. For example, the only tenth server players who were qualified to be a part of the elite team in the Heavenly Domain were probably just him and Thousand Creations. In addition, there were players on the team that were stronger than the two of them.

Ignoring everyone else, only talking about Poplar Beach, Changing Spring had clearly said that Blue River wasn’t as good as him.

With a team of experts of this caliber, they’d definitely be able to beat any guild’s elite teams in the tenth servers. They might even be able to beat Lord Grim’s record.

“Where are our account cards over there from?” Changing Spring asked.

There was no choice. In order to log-in, you had to use an actual card. If you asked others to substitute, they had to be able to obtain the cards in order to do so.

“I have the data. I’ll send it to you in a bit!” Blue River said.

“Okay, then I’ll get people to contact you.” Changing Spring said.

“I’ll be going.” Blue River said and then logged out.

“Guild leader, let me go too!” Poplar Beach actively signed up. Even though he didn’t feel too good about Changing Spring constantly ignoring him, he was still very polite towards him. For an arrogant person like him, his ambitions weren’t limited to just Blue River’s spot as one of the Five Great Experts. He also had the ambition to take over as guild leader.

Unfortunately, his current records against the guild leader are 11 losses 2 wins. Changing Spring was more skilled than he was. This was why whenever he talked to Changing Spring, he didn’t dare say anything rude.

“Let’s wait until Blue Bridge sends us the data. Once we know where the cards are, we can talk.” Changing Spring calmly said, expressing his attitude clearly: You’re not anything special. You’re dispensable.

“We did really badly on this run! How many times have we run this? We were wiped out two-thirds of the way through? Think about where we went wrong. Okay, you guys can go!” Changing Spring suddenly said. After explaining some things, his players went offline. The others all left as well. Only Poplar Beach and his companions stayed. They were all in the same mood.

These players were all relatively new experts in Blue Brook Guild with Poplar Beach as their leader. They all liked to show off. Today, Poplar Beach’s flaunting had been ignored, making their little group feel depressed.

“The guild leader clearly favors Blue Bridge!” One person said.

“There’s no choice. He’s a guild leader! Of course he wouldn’t want any internal conflict in the guild. Just take a look at how he intentionally averted the duel between Blue River and Poplar Beach and you’ll see what I mean.” Another person said.

“Yeah! He even sent Blue River over to the tenth server. How low.”

“Do you guys even know where that Lord Grim came from? That record is truly abnormal.” Even though they all liked watching Poplar Beach mock Blue River, they still expressed their astonishment over this record.

“Boneyard..... It really is freaky! I say we should study it for a bit.” Poplar Beach said. He wasn’t blindly arrogant. For example, when facing the stronger Changing Spring, he maintained his cool.

On Blue Brook Guild’s side, Changing Spring and Blue River discussed and chose people to go over to the tenth server. On Tyrannical Ambition’s side, Jiang You heard Cold Night’s description of the current situation and knitted his brows.

“How could things have turned out like this? If it’s like this, no one wins. How was Lord Grim able to come up with all of this?” Jiang You was puzzled.

“Lord Grim? I’m afraid that things didn’t go his way either. To have met with Full Moon, such a stupid guild, he’s probably feeling depressed too!” Cold Night said.

“We can’t bother with him right now. We need to rely on our own strength to take back this record!” Jiang You’s decision was the same as Blue Brook Guild’s. The two were in the same plight. The two tenth server guild leaders also had the same intentions.

“However, right now, Blue Brook Guild is in the same situation as us!” Cold Night said.

“Sigh, substitution..... There was never anything glamorous about any of it. But in this situation, we put ourselves in this situation. Blue Brook Guild will probably also try and find people to run Desolate Land, so we shouldn’t compete against them in that dungeon. If we compete with them, one of us isn’t going to be able to get the record. We’ll give them Desolate Land. We’ll go to Line Canyon and set a stable record. Aren’t we almost Level 33?”

“Yeah.” Cold Night nodded his head. Line Canyon was Level 30-33, so the highest records were made by those who were Level 33.

“But there’s still one thing we need to do before all of this.” Jiang You said.

“What thing?”

“Find Lord Grim.” Jiang You said.

“Him again?” Cold Night was surprised.

“Yes..... However, this time we’re not asking him to set a record. Instead we’re going to ask him to not touch the dungeon record. The price for that will be same as him setting one.” Jiang You said.

After saying this, the two suddenly fell silent.

After a while, Cold Night trembled and then said: “No way right?”



“So you also thought of it.....” Jiang You’s voice was much steadier.

“This guy. Could he have calculated everything up to this step? From now on, he wouldn’t even need to do anything. If we want to set a record, instead of buying him to set the record, we’ll do the opposite and pay him to not set the record???” Cold Night said in disbelief.

#### Chapter 165 – Record Kidnapping

The two of them stood like broken machines amidst the barren desert in the Heavenly Domain. The sand from the large gale seemed as if it was going to bury them.

Lord Grim!

Without a guild, there was no way they could figure out his origins. There also weren’t any signs of background powers assisting him. The tenth server’s dungeon records were solely controlled by his technique. He had even taken control of all of the guilds.

In the new server, dungeon records were extremely important for a guild’s development.

The new server was practically filled with new players. No matter how famous a guild’s name was, in the new server, they would simply be unknown to the eyes of new players. How could they establish their name towards new players? It was through dungeon records. These were undeniable reflections of a guild’s strength.

However, all of the tenth server’s guilds had now been turned into jokes. In the eyes of everyone else, whoever Lord Grim helped would obtain the record.

Ignoring the new players, the big guilds themselves recognized the importance of having Lord Grim when competing for the records and for him.

Once he started to act, there would be no chance for them. The new players had no information about the records, but those who were experienced could immediately tell how ridiculous Lord Grim’s records were. It was impossible for them to achieve records like this, so if they didn’t look for Lord Grim, they couldn’t do anything.

In the end, the big guilds hadn’t prepared well enough for this situation. How could they have imagined that such an overwhelming expert would appear. If the tenth server continued to be like this, it really would become a new age. None of the big guilds would have enough strength to take over. Experts. Experts were originally the biggest advantage that big guilds had in the new server. But with the presence of Lord Grim, their experts were worthless. Since it’s like this, what advantages did they have? They couldn’t just continue spamming in the world channel that they were one of Glory’s greatest guilds, could they?

“Hmm..... I’m also unsure whether this was all just a coincidence.” Cold Night said.

“If it’s not, then not only does this guy have terrifying skill, but he has smarts too.” Jiang You said.

“Should I go back and try to negotiate with him?” Cold Night said.

“Yeah, you should go.....”

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Glory Tenth Server.

Blue River wasn't aware of this issue yet. He was still creating a dungeon team with Changing Spring. When Cold Night returned to the tenth server, he checked his friends list, but didn't see Blue River online.

In his friends list, Lord Grim's name was still lit. The world chat had calmed down quite a bit though. Right now, almost five o'clock, it was a period where there were only a few players online. With the passing of the wave of discussions over the dungeon records, the world chat had returned to its normal state.

However, Cold Night knew that even though the discussions had ended, it didn't mean that the matter was over. Their guild's image had been damaged. If they didn't hurry and seize a record, they might actually fall in the tenth server.

"Brother, are you there?" Cold Night sent Lord Grim a message. During the evening, it was quite normal for a player to be AFK (away from their keyboards).

"Here." Ye Xiu had been quietly killing monsters in the wild the entire time.

"I want to discuss about Line Canyon with you." Cold Night said.

"Line Canyon? My level isn't high enough yet!" Ye Xiu replied.

"Brother, do you really not know what I mean?" Cold Night carefully prodded. He really couldn't afford to offend him! Cold Night held his breath.

"Tell me." Ye Xiu replied.

"This time, for Line Canyon's record, we hope that brother won't act." Cold Night said.

"Oh, the price for that is going to be even higher!" Ye Xiu replied.

The reply came instantly. There weren't any shocks or doubts. He directly moved to the discussion over to the price. If this guy said he hadn't planned anything beforehand, who would believe him? Lord Grim clearly knew better than he did. Lord Grim had prepared everything long ago. Cold Night felt depressed. He had no choice but to follow up and ask: "What's the price?"

"Eight Scarlet Scorpion Tails, eight Scarlet Stingers, a Scarlet Berserker Blade, an Amber Crystal, and 40 threads of Sandworm Silk."

The reply was once again instant. It looked like he prepared the price long ago too. Cold Night was still depressed. He went over the materials one by one and wanted to cry.

Scarlet Scorpion Tails and Scarlet Stingers were both from Line Canyon's hidden BOSS, Scarlet Scorpion Assassin. The Scarlet Berserker Blade was the hidden BOSS Illusion Swordmaster Ahong's Saber, an Orange weapon. The Sandworm Silk dropped from the other hidden BOSS, Sandworm. As for the Amber Crystal, that was a drop from the Line Canyon's wild BOSS, Ronin Alpine.

Even just gathering these five items was extremely difficult.

This was because these items came from every single uncommon BOSS in Line Canyon. According to the number of materials requested, even if these items dropped from the BOSS 100% of the time, they would still have to face the hidden BOSS dozens of times. Just look at Ye Xiu's two days of dungeoning. He ran the dungeon for a total of six times, yet he hadn't met a single hidden BOSS. If he had to gather the materials by himself, even if he cleared Line Canyon until he couldn't get experience from the dungeon anymore, he still wouldn't be able to gather all of them.

And in order to get the Scarlet Berserker Blade, a player would have to first be lucky enough to meet the hidden BOSS. He then would have to get lucky enough for the Orange weapon to drop.

The Amber Crystal was even more troublesome. Wild BOSSes couldn't simply be cleared; They had to be stolen through PK. The first kill on Desolate Land and Line Canyon's wild BOSS had already been completed. These two kills were both done when Ye Xiu wasn't online, which was why no one had asked him to participate. One of these kills was stolen by Herb Garden, while the other was done by the Tyrannical Ambition. But just thinking about how much they had put in to get this far made his heart ache.

No matter how fierce the fight for dungeon records were, there was no way it could compare with the type of direct PVP needed for the wild BOSS.

After calculating everything, Cold Night almost coughed up blood. He didn't even want to think about the price of these items. Even gathering them was strenuous enough for him.

Their guild had already begun clearing Line Canyon for some time. They had already gathered enough Scarlet Scorpion Tails and Scarlet Stingers, but they hadn't found a Scarlet Berserker Blade yet. They were still rather far from 40 threads of Sandworm Silk and the Amber Crystal was even more of a dream. Let alone, Tyrannical Ambition, no one in the entire tenth server had one yet! Wild BOSSes could only be cleared three times a week!

This list of items was clearly not the marked price for his substitution anymore. It was truly much higher.

"Brother, you're too savage."

Haggling over the price was a must. Cold Night restrained himself and calmly negotiated with Ye Xiu. Even though his previous impression of this person wasn't bad, a feeling of grief and anger rose in his heart now. Cold Night felt as though he had been negotiating with a kidnapper. The hostage was the record. If you didn't agree to my conditions, then I'm going to clear your record!

But after negotiating for a while, the other side didn't seem to have any intentions of easing up. Cold Night was still discussing gloomily, when a system message suddenly popped up. Blue River had come online.

Cold Night's heart shook. He suddenly had an idea.

"Old Blue!" Cold Night called.

"Yeah?"

"Which record are you guys planning to set?" Cold Night asked.

“What?” He had to be wary against opponents. They couldn’t throw away their caution even though Tyrannical Ambition and them weren’t archenemies like Herb Garden. Blue River was on guard.

“Let’s communicate this well! Wouldn’t it mean that we’d have to beat each other if both of us clear Desolate Land? This isn’t the time for us to fight.” Cold Night said.

“You’re right. Then this time, each of us will take one dungeon. We’ll clear Desolate Land. We won’t touch Line Canyon, what do you think?” Blue River said.

“Okay. With this, everything’s good.” Cold Night said, “When are you guys planning to set it?”

“Tomorrow during the day!” Blue River said. He had already distributed the cards. But it wouldn’t be convenient right now for the experts to run and get the cards, so it’d be better to wait until the next day.

“Old Blue, I’m just afraid that the records that we set will still be beaten by Lord Grim!” Cold Night said.

“That..... I don’t think he’d do that. In this situation, do you think someone’s going to look for him to set a record?” Blue River said.

“If no one asks him, then what if he himself goes to set it?” Cold Night said.

“Sets it himself?” Blue River froze. If Lord Grim set it himself..... that was also a possibility. They only needed one more person for their team. And in addition, the other side had a fifth member they could use! They had previously seen the fifth person. Among them was that Blade Master, who was still in their guild. It was just that they never saw him online ever again, making Blue River feel very puzzled.

“If no one goes to ask him, why would he put in an effort to do that?” Blue River said.

“If no one asks, how could he be satisfied?” Cold Night discovered that Blue River was a little thick. Everything was already laid out for him. Was he still not able to think of Lord Grim kidnapping the record?

But with this, Blue River finally got it: “So you’re saying.....”

“I had been talking with Lord Grim just before and in the end, that guy..... said that not touching the record required a fee.” Cold Night informed Blue River of this startling news.

“Did he really say that?”

Cold Night directly copied the list of items Lord Grim had given him and sent it over. This list had too much of an impact, making Blue River feel a wave of heat.

“But do you think he’ll be able to beat our record?” Blue River replied. They were also experts. Actually, they also had an estimate of what the limit for the record was. No matter how skilled a player was, as long as they hit the limit, that player wouldn’t be able to beat it.

“You look at Boneyard’s record.” Cold Night said.

Blue River stared blankly. Boneyard’s record really was a legend. That record was simply inconceivable.

“According to you, then even if we wanted to set a dungeon record, we’d have to see what he’s up to? If not, then there’s no point in obtaining a record?” Blue River said.

“That’s what I feel…….”

“That would mean that he’d become an enemy to all of the guilds…… can everyone endure that?” Blue River said.

“I don’t know about that. But I do know that right now, the only way for us to pass this wall is to break our way through.” Cold Night said.

Chapter 166 – I Get a Little Lonely Sometimes Too

Blue River and Cold Night weren’t wrong.

If Lord Grim continued with his kidnapping of the record, then the matter wouldn’t just be between him and both of their guilds. The big guilds would unify and propose a way to resolve the issue; whether that was by bribing him or by killing him.

But at the moment, the crisis was only between their guilds. Even if the other guilds knew about Lord Grim’s snatching nature, they wouldn’t come out and help them immediately. They would watch them struggle first. If the two guilds actually fell, then that’d be great news for them.

“What do you plan on doing?” Blue River asked Cold Night.

“I don’t know. I wanted to see what you were thinking.” Cold Night said.

Blue River hesitated. Should he pay the ransom or fight against the kidnapper and compete for the records from now on?

Blue River had already clicked on Lord Grim’s name several times, but he hesitated each time. Record-related matters weren’t trivial. If they were, then he wouldn’t have went over to consult Changing Spring. But since he had just gone to see him, if he went back again, it’d make him seem less capable. Poplar Beach and his gang would definitely mock him for that.

But…… if they knew that he went to pay the ransom, then Poplar Beach and his gang wouldn’t say anything good about that either. Requesting help from the headquarters had already made him look shameful. In all of the new servers’ history, such a situation had never occurred before. For all the previous times, the experts that had been sent used their own strength to start anew.

This time! He definitely couldn’t pay the ransom.

Blue River made a decision. He had to demonstrate his worth.

“I’ve decided to set the record first and then worry about the rest later.” Blue River didn’t click on Lord Grim’s name and instead sent a message to Cold Night.

“Oh? You’re going to ignore Lord Grim’s actions?” Cold Night said.

“Yes!”

“Okay…… I hope that everything goes smoothly.” Cold Night said, but he still felt a bit of uncertainty within his heart. Was Blue River really going to set the record or was he just saying that to avoid giving me a bargaining chip? After all, if word came out that they had paid the ransom to Lord Grim, it would

also hurt their reputation. Which is why when he discussed matters with Blue River, Cold Night didn't say what he had decided on doing. When talking with other guilds, they had to always be on guard.

After verifying Blue River's attitude on the matter, Cold Night decided to hold back his troops for now. In any case, they still needed some time to prepare for the Line Canyon record. For today, at least, it was impossible for them to do it.

The day gradually brightened. Being Su Mucheng's pillow for the entire night, Ye Xiu's shoulder had become sore long ago. But once he heard the quiet snoring, Ye Xiu knew Su Mucheng had really fallen asleep.

However, it was almost seven o'clock. Some of the customers at the Internet Cafe had already tidied up and were ready to leave. It was almost time for a shift change as well, so there was no way for them to continue staying here like this.

"Hey, hey." Ye Xiu turned his head and said, "It's time to wake up."

"What time is it?" Su Mucheng asked drowsily.

"6:50." Ye Xiu said.

"It's not even 7 yet, another ten minutes....." Su Mucheng said and even shifted her head to a more comfortable position.

"Hurry up! I still have to take care of the customers who are getting ready to leave! You were lucky today. No one came to buy food at night." Ye Xiu said. Usually, if anything happened to the machine or if the customers wanted something to eat or drink, it was his responsibility as the manager to take care of it. But it had been particularly peaceful today. It seemed as if everything magically went well for the all-night customers, allowing Su Mucheng to get a good night's rest.

"Really? Then I really am lucky!" Su Mucheng finally lifted her head. She rubbed her eyes and constantly yawned.

"Cover up well. The customers are coming over." Ye Xiu said.

"Oh." Su Mucheng wrapped herself up like when she first arrived. Her appearance right now wasn't too revealing. Everyone was about to leave now!

Su Mucheng left the receptionist desk and watched as Ye Xiu helped the customers log out. Some of the customers, who weren't leaving yet, paid to continue using the computers. All-night had its own price, while the morning had a different price.

"Brother Ye!" At this moment, the cashiers and managers with the morning shift arrived. Most of them lived close to each other, so they all ate and walked over together.

"Almost done." Ye Xiu called out to them. He quickly finished up and left the receptionist desk. The morning shift took over. Ye Xiu's workday was done.

"What would you like to eat?" Ye Xiu asked Su Mucheng.

"Anything is fine....." Su Mucheng clearly wasn't fully awake yet. She still looked a bit drowsy.

“Okay, then it’ll be the usual!” Ye Xiu said. The two of them left the Internet Cafe together.

Chen Guo had gotten up early today. As she went downstairs, she happened to see Ye Xiu leave the Internet Cafe with a girl. Her first thought that the girl was Tang Rou, but after getting a better look, she could tell that the girl wasn’t her. She had lived with Tang Rou for a long time, so she would be able to recognize her just from a rear view.

“Who is she?” Chen Guo ran over to ask others. Everyone shook their heads. Ye Xiu hadn’t introduced her to them.

“Little Tang?” Chen Guo turned around and called out to see if Tang Rou was there.

Tang Rou was there, but she was in the middle of playing a game. So she couldn’t hear her with headphones on. But since she sat in the same place everyday, Chen Guo quickly grabbed her.

“You woke up very early today?” Tang Rou turned around and saw Chen Guo.

“Yeah.” Chen Guo replied and then directly asked: “Who’s that sister together with Ye Xiu?”

“Together?” Tang Rou heard this and took a look at the receptionist desk: “They already left?”

“They left! They left just as I came down. Who is she?” Chen Guo said.

“Uh..... I don’t know her actual name, but she’s a girl that dungeons with us everyday.” Tang Rou said.

“An online friend?” Chen Guo was shocked.

“Those two..... know each other I think.....” Tang Rou had seen Su Mucheng sleep on Ye Xiu’s shoulders. Anyone could tell that the relationship between them wasn’t ordinary. But she wasn’t a gossipy person, so she didn’t ask about it. She didn’t want to assume that there was a relationship between those two. Online friends shouldn’t be so close, which meant that they knew each other very well.

“So this guy can seduce a girl too!” Chen Guo expressed her lament, “What does she look like?”

“I don’t know. I couldn’t see her properly.” Tang Rou said.

“What were you doing the entire night then!” Chen Guo expressed her discontent with Tang Rou.

Tang Rou helplessly laughed.

“What do you want to eat?” Chen Guo asked.

“I’ll eat whatever you’re going to eat. It’s not like I have any money. Sigh.....” Tang Rou also acted shamelessly sometimes.

“Wait here!” Chen Guo rolled her eyes and left. She took care of food and shelter, but because she didn’t have any standards, most of the time she would just decide what everyone ate on the spot. Sometimes she would be in a good mood and would invite everyone over for a big meal. Those that were there during those times always felt very lucky.

The area around Happy Internet Cafe had quite a few restaurants. Chen Guo naturally had places she frequently went to. After ordering wontons, steamed buns, porridge, and a bunch of other random dishes, she even looked around trying to catch their affair but wasn't able to find anything.

When she returned with the breakfast, she didn't see Ye Xiu. She called for Tang Rou to come and eat. She saw Ye Xiu come back with a cigarette in his mouth once they were halfway done.

"Woah! Boss, you woke up early today!" Ye Xiu greeted Chen Guo.

"What about that girl that was with you!" Chen Guo didn't even try to ease into the subject. She just straight up asked him.

"She went back." Ye Xiu replied calmly.

"Hmph, you can't mix up work with your social life." Chen Guo said.

"Wow, wontons! Give me a bowl!" Ye Xiu said as he completely went off topic.

"Didn't you go and eat already?" Chen Guo said.

"I had to pay for that myself, so I ate less." Ye Xiu said.

"Shameless!" Chen Guo ground her teeth, "There's none for you."

"Really? Then I'm going to bed!" Ye Xiu ran off. Chen Guo was baffled. She still wanted to continue prodding. Why'd he have to run off?

"Ha ha ha....." Tang Rou laughed on the side.

"What are you laughing at?" Chen Guo glared at her.

"Nothing....." Tang Rou didn't explain.

"You're becoming more and more like him." Chen Guo wasn't happy.

"No way."

"All you do is play games everyday. And you also have that weird aura. How long has it been since you've went out and been in the sun?" Chen Guo said.

"Okay, okay. I'll take a walk with you on the weekends. Is that good enough?" Tang Rou said.

"Fine." Chen Guo was satisfied. She had lived with her for almost two years, so Tang Rou had already become her close friend. She was the one who kept egging her on to play Glory. And now that she had succeeded, she discovered that the time they spent together had actually lessened.

In the beginning, Chen Guo thought about whether or not she should level a low-level account and play with them. If Tang Rou or Ye Xiu had brought it up, she would have definitely done it. But those two only minded their own business. There was no way they would have thought of her this much. In the end, after pondering about it for awhile, she discovered that those two's levels had already gone up. If she started leveling, then she'd have to start from the beginner village, so she threw away that idea.



After all, she had played with Chasing Haze for so long that she was very attached to it. If someone told her to give it up, she definitely wouldn't be able to. The only reason she wanted to go to the new server was to play with those two. After they got to the Heavenly Domain, she would definitely switch back to her main account. The way she saw it, it was already too late to start from the new server, so it'd be better to just wait for those two to reach the Heavenly Domain.

Although Chen Guo didn't say it, she really did feel a little lonely nowadays. Whether that was in the game or outside of it, she felt a bit lonely.

"I'm full. I'm going to sleep!" Tang Rou finished her breakfast and got up to leave.

"Go ahead!" Chen Guo waved her hands and shooed Tang Rou away. She sat there by herself with a bowl of porridge and gazed out towards the empty Internet Cafe.

### Chapter 167 – Taking Back the Record

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon during Tang Rou's afternoon shift, the two had once again sat by themselves in front of their computers. Tang Rou had decided to give up playing the game during her shift and decided to look over guides instead. Ye Xiu, on the other hand, went to the smoking area to try and find a computer. One time, when Chen Guo was bored, she secretly made some calculations: if she charged Ye Xiu according to the Internet Cafe's usual fees, then Ye Xiu would be paying twice the salary he gets.

Chen Guo had managed the Internet Cafe for so many years, but this was the first time she had seen anyone utilize the Internet Cafe employee benefits to such a level. Tang Rou was a close second and she had an even greater desire to take advantage of them than Ye Xiu did. This sister was busiest during the afternoon shift. She practically had no time to play the game, so she asked Chen Guo to move her to the all-night shift. Chen Guo tried very hard to put it off.

In game, the Blue Brook Guild was preparing for their record-setting run when Blue River suddenly saw a notification that Lord Grim had come online. He immediately felt a great deal of pressure.

It wasn't a coincidence that they would be on at the same time. Blue River and his group often played the game all-night too. Their resting schedule was practically the same as Ye Xiu's. In fact, they had only come online moments ago. Blue Brook Guild naturally understood the importance to this battle. After Changing Spring arranged for who would go, he called several players to work together and explore the dungeon. Desolate Land was a dungeon that these Heavenly Domain players hadn't run in a long time, so they had to take some time to familiarize themselves with it.

After doing that, they all went to borrow their provided account cards. Changing Spring had personally brought over three experts to the tenth server. Blue River wasn't using his own account right now. His character had already leveled past Desolate Land's level limit, so it couldn't be used to set the record. These account cards had just been obtained the previous day. This meant that the characters hadn't used any of their entries for Desolate Land yet.

None of the experts had shown any signs of unfamiliarity with the dungeon on their first run. They were, after all, experts. Blue River was the one who was most familiar with the dungeon as he had entered it the most recent. As a result, he was appointed as the leader. They were able to achieve a time of

29:21:45 with just a few small mistakes. They had beaten their previous record. The experts that came over to help were extremely effective.

Blue River made a major mistake on their second run. The mistake affected their final time, which was 33:54:89. This run ended quite poorly. Even if they stretched out the leaderboards, it wasn't even fast enough for them to be placed in the top twenty.

"Sorry....." Blue River apologized to everyone. Their poor performance was all because of his mistake. The more experienced experts knew that, due to mistake, there was no way for them to set the record this time. As a result, they played more carelessly and listened to Blue River's constant apologies.

They were all old friends, so no one said anything. They couldn't guarantee that they wouldn't make a mistake either.

"This is our last run for today..... we can do it everyone." Changing Spring said.

"Sigh, this is unexpected! After leaving the normal servers for so many years already, to think I'd have to come back and try so hard for this dungeon again." Someone said.

"Me too. I suddenly feel a bit nostalgic speaking about this!" Another player followed.

"Blue Bridge, hurry up and get to the Heavenly Domain! It's been so long since we've dungeoned together."

The current five-man team was Blue Brook Guild's strongest combo.

The guild leader Changing Spring, Ice of Dawn, Chilling Nightfall, Flying Brushstroke, and Blue River's main account Blue Bridge Spring Snow were Blue Brook Guild's Five Greatest Experts! Changing Spring had gathered these experts to dungeon in the tenth server, leaving even Poplar Beach unable to object.

The players' strengths wouldn't lose out to Poplar Beach in any way. In the guild, they were also considered seniors. Their dispatch meant that Blue Brook Guild was using their greatest strength to fight. Even if Poplar Beach was confident that he was better than Blue River, because of what their team signified, there was no way he'd be able to switch in for Blue River.

"This is our last run for today. We can do it, brothers!!" Blue River said and then took a deep breath. He was even more pressured than the other four. This record was closely related to his guild's power in the tenth server. But once he thought of Lord Grim, Blue River couldn't calm down. He was always worried that their record wouldn't be good enough and that it would be stepped on by Lord Grim again.

Calm down, be cool, concentrate!!

Blue River kept on repeating these words to himself as he entered Desolate Land for their third run.

Changing Spring was a Berserker, Dawn of Ice was a Summoner, Chilling Nightfall was an Elementalist, Flying Brushstroke was a Spitfire. and with Blue River's Blade Master, their team was a full DPS team without an MT or a Healer either. Even though their skill level couldn't be compared to pro-players, they were definitely at the peak of normal players.

For a low-leveled dungeon like Desolate Land, even though they weren't using their main accounts, they were still confident with rolling through the dungeon using their full DPS team. Only this type of DPS

team could take the final record. For example, in their previous record for Desolate Land, even though they didn't have an MT, they still had Bound Boat's Cleric. Because of this, their DPS was brought down as opposed to Lord Grim's team which was full DPS. As a result, it was clear that if they didn't use a DPS team too, then there would be no way to compete with Lord Grim. This was why Blue River needed the help of experts from the Heavenly Domain.

Third try!

Everyone's spirit was at their peak. They had made mistakes in their last two runs, but this time, they were going to put an end to that. Everyone put in 100% of their effort and pushed on and on.

The first BOSS fell.

The second BOSS fell.

The rest of the way went by smoothly after they had cleared out the monsters. Their current performance was definitely worthy of being praised. However, they had understood very well about BOSS Toya's style. Stealing time from Toya needed a bit of luck. This BOSS had too many skills. Who knew what he would do when they faced off against him! There wouldn't be a set time without a good strategy. Many wanted to restrict Toya but, at Level 30, they didn't have enough skills. So their only choice was to use coordination. But coordinating against such a complicated BOSS needed both time and practice. Due to this, the difficulty of fighting this BOSS increased.

But this was only a low-level dungeon! Many players would only play here for a bit and then move past this stage. Who would take the time to research it? This was why restricting Toya was still just a theory.

The expert team of five hadn't trained together for any sort of coordination, which meant that they hadn't thought of that type of theory. These players were just using the usual strategy. They would attack and then rely on themselves to push down Toya.

The battle flew by and the remnants of the battle was displayed on the castle walls and in the rear garden.

Sword lights, bullets, magic, and summoned pets filled the garden as the five players surrounded Toya. At this moment, none of them could afford looking at the time. They could only do their best!

Toya fell. Blue River didn't even get the opportunity to check the time, when suddenly, the system announcement popped up!

Their Blue Brook Guild had finally taken down this Desolate Land's record: 26:31:55.

"We did it!" Those four were extremely happy, but Blue River didn't even think about relaxing yet. 26:31:55. They were only faster than Lord Grim's record by a minute and a half. But Blue River clearly knew: Lord Grim's team hadn't reached their limit yet. Not only was their equipment lacking, but they also had someone on their team who was holding them back. Even so, their Five Greatest Experts team was only able to improve the record by a minute and a half. This meant that this record wasn't completely unbeatable yet.

"Do you guys think it's possible to improve this record?" After they exited the dungeon, Blue River asked them seriously.

“You think that this record isn’t enough to beat Lord Grim?” Changing Spring said.

“Yeah.” Blue River nodded his head.

“If we have to improve, then there’s isn’t much we can do about the small monsters. It would all have to depend on Toya. If we are able to completely suppress Toya and be the first to act, then it’s still possible to improve the record.” Flying Brushstroke said.

“In any case, the record’s already been broken and we don’t have anymore entries left. Right now, the whole world is looking at it. Find people to bring back our influence and clean our name!” Changing Spring said.

“Okay!” Blue River replied. They had prepared for this moment. Blue River called the guild and Blue Brook Guild’s name immediately appeared all over the world chat.

The topic today was a follow-up to last night’s topic, which meant that the taunters from last night might not all be present. But Blue Brook Guild wasn’t trying to attack these guys, they were only telling everyone: Blue Brook Guild doesn’t need Lord Grim’s help to set a record.

“Blue Brook Guild actually did it!” Cold Night saw the record and then quietly watched the advertising done by Blue Brook Guild in the world chat.

A minuted and a half. For Lord Grim, it might still be possible to beat that! Cold Night’s line of thinking was similar to Blue River’s.

“It looks like we’ll soon find out what exactly Blue River’s attitude towards this is and what exactly Lord Grim will do.” Cold Night thought to himself.

Meanwhile, Changing Spring and the others withdrew after setting the record. They obviously wouldn’t stay to level these accounts. As for Blue River, he was in a more difficult position. He looked at their record and suddenly feared that Lord Grim’s name would appear in front of theirs.

After the wave of fear, Blue River suddenly realized that Lord Grim should have already used up all of his entries for the day. It wasn’t midnight yet so with this in mind, he felt at ease knowing that their record wouldn’t be broken right now!

It looked like the most crucial stage would take place from 12-2 o’clock again!

Seeing Lord Grim’s name lit up on his friends list, Blue River was in a conflicted mindset regarding whether or not to talk to him. After pondering over it, he decided to not talk to him after all.

The record had already been stolen back. Lord Grim, I won’t come to an agreement with you this time around! Blue River encouraged himself with such thoughts.

Chapter 168 – Fire Witch Cashew

Blue Brook Guild’s PR went quite smoothly. After all, the announcement of their new record was still there. The leaderboards could also be checked at any time. With the presence of this proof, there was nothing new players could criticize them for. New players also didn’t have any sort of hate directed towards Blue Brook Guild. The reason why they suddenly raised a storm upon them was simply because Full Moon Guild’s bragging made them feel unbelievably disgusted.

The time slowly crept towards midnight. Blue River slowly grew nervous as well. From 12:20 – 12:30, those ten minutes, Blue River stopped doing everything and stared at his screen.

The system suddenly made an announcement.

As soon as he saw the word “system”, Blue River froze.

System announcement: Please play the game in a healthy manner and take a break every once in awhile!

“F\*ck! My hair almost turned white from fear.” Blue River couldn’t help but curse out loud. It was the system announcement that frequently came during the night to remind the players to take a break from the game. Of course, from a game company’s perspective, they wouldn’t want their players to stop playing the game. Years ago, players might have felt warmhearted from this fake and insincere reminder. Only noobs would be tricked by this reminder!

At 12:30, their record had yet to be broken. Blue River let out a sigh of relief. But then he immediately thought of something else: what if he didn’t start at exactly 12:00?

As a result, Blue River went back to nervously staring at the screen.

“Old Blue, you’re not going to dungeon today?” The team that Blue River played with frequently went over to ask him.

“I’m going. I’m going!” If Lord Grim was really going to break the record, then there was no point in worrying about it and wasting time. Blue River thought this way as he followed his team into the dungeon. However, he couldn’t concentrate on the dungeon. He made numerous mistakes and, at one point, he almost caused the whole team to be wiped out.

“Old Blue, how about I lead.....” Everyone was scared now, but they all understood why Blue River was so distracted.

“Okay, you lead then!” With the switch, Blue River didn’t make as many mistakes as he did before. Prior to that, he was practically leading the team to their deaths.

After Line Canyon was cleared, it was as if half the night had gone by. There wasn’t any new system announcements, letting Blue River finally relax a bit.

Meanwhile, on Ye Xiu’s side, they hadn’t gone to set a record tonight. At 11 o’clock, Tang Rou changed shifts and began playing the game. They invited Steamed Bun Invasion and waited for Su Mucheng to come online. The four-player team then went to Fire Forest together.

Frost Forest, Fire Forest, Gloom Forest, and Sunlight Forest were Glory’s four large forests, which were also leveling areas and dungeons.

Frost Forest was the lowest-level one among the four. Fire Forest, which was the one Ye Xiu and his group were going to, was a Level 34-36 area.

As Level 30 characters, Level 35 monsters would give them the most experience. However, no matter how much experience wild monsters gave, there was no way they could compete with the elite

monsters in dungeons. Plus, because of the end of dungeon experience rewards, running to the leveling area instead of to a dungeon was not the wisest choice.

A veteran of the game like Ye Xiu definitely wouldn't make such an unwise choice. However, they weren't going there to level. Ye Xiu's goal was the Fire Forest's wild BOSS, Fire Witch Cashew.

In Frost Forest, the strongest hidden BOSS White Witch was proficient in Ice Elemental Magic. As for Fire Forest, the Fire Witch, proficient in Fire Elemental Magic, was an existence even greater than hidden BOSSes: wild BOSS.

The wild BOSS was always the highest level in the leveling area which meant Fire Witch Cashew was Level 36.

Level 36 was 6 levels higher than Ye Xiu and his group's characters. They wouldn't gain much experience because that exceeded the five level limit,. However killing a BOSS wasn't something that was done to gain levels.

Still, a 6 Level Suppression! This was a huge disadvantage for them. The current elite teams of the big guilds were Level 32, yet even they didn't dare to provoke the Fire Witch Cashew.;they were already scared of a 4 Level Suppression. After all, she wasn't just some regular monster. She was the strongest BOSS type, a wild BOSS.

A 4 Level Suppression was already enough to make the players retreat. But Ye Xiu was about to lead his team to battle against this wild BOSS that had a 6 Level Suppression. As for the other three, they weren't scared at all.

Excluding Su Mucheng, Ye Xiu felt a need to let them know that a 6 Level Suppression wasn't a joke.

"Everyone, note that there is a 6 Level Suppression between us and the Fire Witch." Ye Xiu said as they searched for the Fire Witch. The Fire Witch was definitely there. A wild BOSS would just wander around after spawning if it wasn't killed immediately. The tenth server had opened for three weeks already! It wasn't just the Fire Witch; wild BOSSes from all other higher-leveled areas were already waiting for players to clear them! It was different from the first week, where the wild BOSSes hadn't spawned yet.

"Okay." Tang Rou and Steamed Bun Invasion replied nonchalantly.

"Don't underestimate this 6 Level Suppression! Combined with her identity as a wild BOSS, a lot of skill effects will be reduced by 60-100%. Do you know what a 100% reduction means? That means a complete reduction; no effect. That's why during battle, you're going to need to adjust. Dragon Tooth's Stun, Sky Strike's Knock-up, Sand Toss's Blind, and Brick's Dizzy. All of these will have a reduced effect on her." Ye Xiu lectured.

"Oh, so it's like that!" The two nodded.

"Haven't we already encountered this type of situation in Line Canyon? Wasn't the BOSS there higher leveled than us?" Tang Rou said.

"Yeah, it was higher leveled, but starting from Level 30, normal dungeons wouldn't have level ranges higher than three usually. This is because a very high Level Suppression is difficult to deal with. 3 Levels

is still manageable. If it weren't for that, then the Level 36 Fire Witch would have been killed already. How else could we have gotten a chance to kill it?" Ye Xiu explained.

"Okay, I'll pay attention to it." Tang Rou didn't dare to include Steamed Bun Invasion with a "we".

"Steamed Bun, do you understand?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Understood." Steamed Bun Invasion replied. Ye Xiu couldn't tell whether or not he actually understood.

The four wandered around Fire Forest and sometimes killed a few of the monsters along the way. The monsters in all the Four Great Forests were Goblins. Their levels were different, so they would obviously be different from each other. The Fire Forest's Goblins all had red skin with a blood-thirsty look on their faces. They looked much more fierce than Frost Forest's goblins.

"Here, she's over here." Ye Xiu found the silhouette of the Fire Witch Cashew.

In the middle of an open space in the forest, a large bonfire blazed. Fire Witch Cashew was standing crazily on one side. She carried an extremely long magic staff, with a flame-shaped rune on top, which seemed to pulsate with the raging fire. Beside her, a large mob of small Fire Forest Goblins were circling around the bonfire. They seemed to be holding some sort of a grand ritual. They were shouting and running around, but none of them left.

"What do we do? No one has touched it for so long that so many monsters have gathered....." Su Mucheng said.

"Don't worry, we have time. Everyone has their potions, right?" Ye Xiu said.

"Got 'em." The others replied. Ye Xiu had already told everyone to spend their money in Congee City and buy mid-grade potions.

"Okay, then the two of you go run away." Ye Xiu said.

"What?" Tang Rou didn't understand.

"You and Steamed Bun run. We'll destroy that bonfire. The enemies will crazily chase after us and then we'll counterattack." Ye Xiu said.

"Okay." Tang Rou's Soft Mist and Steamed Bun Invasion ran off. Su Mucheng's Cleansing Mist immediately began to store up energy for a laser. In that instant, Ye Xiu lifted up his Thousand Chance Umbrella and sent Anti-Tank Missiles over.

Three consecutive Anti-Tank Missiles and a giant laser beam shot towards that bonfire. The explosion splashed in every direction like a firework. The Goblins shrieked and ferociously glared at the two of them. The Fire Witch also turned to glance at them. She raised her magic staff and chanted in an unknown language. The Goblin's arms suddenly glowed with a red light.

"Tsk tsk, the entire mob has Flame Chasers! The system is so shameless." Ye Xiu said, while having his Lord Grim Aerial Fire backwards. Cleansing Mist did the same.

Although their movement speed was quick, it required them to repeatedly chain the same action over and over again. However, this wasn't a problem for pro-players. While under their control, their speed

wasn't much slower than a Witch's low-altitude flight. The only weakness was that they could only fly backwards. Because of this, there were several things they needed to be careful of. For example, Ye Xiu was warning Su Mucheng: "Be careful! Don't crash into a tree!"

"If I follow you, then I won't crash into anything!" Su Mucheng said.

"That's not true."

"If you made a mistake then you'd be the first one to crash into a tree." Su Mucheng said.

"No..... I'm afraid you'll crash into me." Ye Xiu said.

The two talked as they Aerial Fired. It clearly wasn't anything difficult for them. One of them was in the front; the other in the back. They were both light and quick. The distance between those fierce Goblins and them grew wider and wider, but the Fire Witch's movement speed wasn't inferior to those two. She didn't need to use her legs to run. She simply flew in the air towards them.

"Give her something to play with!" Seeing that the Fire Witch was closing in, Ye Xiu yelled.

"Okay." Su Mucheng said. The two flew backwards as they fired towards the Fire Witch.

If this was a normal monster, then being repeatedly fired at like this would cause it to be pushed back. But to this Fire Witch who was 6 levels higher, these bullets had no effect on her movement speed.

"A little bigger!!" Ye Xiu yelled as he fired three Anti-Tank Missiles. Su Mucheng was slightly slower, causing their six Anti-Tank Missiles to form a line.

The six consecutive Anti-Tank Missiles exploded one after another. The Fire Witch finally gave the skills some face and was slowed down a bit. But the effects didn't even last a second as she quickly began closing in again.

#### Chapter 169 – Skill Interrupt

The 6 Level Suppression truly couldn't be looked down upon. The knockback caused by the six Anti-Tank Missiles on the Fire Witch wasn't even equal to that of a normal attack on an ordinary monster. And that was even with the Fire Witch luckily being a Mage type. She wasn't born with a sturdy body. If she was switched with a Strength type BOSS, then under the 6 Level Suppression, the six Anti-Tank Missiles would simply seem like fleeting clouds.

Ye Xiu and Su Mucheng obviously recognized this, which was why they hadn't placed very high hopes on it. They only needed to buy a bit more time.

Even with this though, the Fire Witch was still closing in on the two. As soon as they entered her attack range, she immediately lifted her staff and chanted a few words. The space around them seemed to suddenly split open. Two massive fireballs formed and crashed down from the sky towards them.

The Fire Witch continued give chase as she cast the spell.

Magic that required chanting usually couldn't be done while moving. But there was one exception —— Elementalists. After learning the Level 30 Passive skill Mobile Cast, Elementalists were able to move while casting spells. Of course, their movement speed would be greatly reduced under this situation.



Leveling the passive skill would decrease the extent by which the movement speed was reduced. However, even at max level, Elementalists would still only be able to move at 50% of their usual speed. It still couldn't be compared with moving under normal conditions.

Although the Fire Witch was a BOSS, she still had to comply with the rules of the system. Her movement speed had greatly reduced while she was casting those two massive fireballs. Ye Xiu and Su Mucheng easily dodged the attack and took advantage of the opportunity to widen the distance between them and the Fire Witch.

The Fire Witch's AI wasn't very smart. She would first have to catch up to them before attacking. As soon as there was an opportunity to attack, she would cast a spell and slow down. Through this alternation, between her movement speed Lord Grim and Cleansing Mist were always able to maintain a certain distance from her. The goblins were eventually left behind so they gradually left the battle.

The goblins were all normal monsters in the leveling area. They were completely unrelated to the Fire Witch. The reason so many of them had accumulated around her was because the Fire Witch hadn't been killed for such a long time.

They all had their own way of deciding on aggro. At this moment, their targets were getting further and further away. Soon, they could no longer see their targets, so the goblins turned around and went away to play.

As for Ye Xiu and Su Mucheng, all they could do was run around in circles. The BOSS also had a limited range for where she was able to move around. It wasn't possible to bring the Fire Forest's Fire Witch all the way to Frost Forest.

"Coordinates 1658, 1542!" Ye Xiu messaged Tang Rou and Steamed Bun Invasion. With the way he and Su Mucheng retreated while attacking, it appeared as if they were kiting the Fire Witch. However, the two of them weren't able to chain their attacks too closely. In addition, the BOSS's life would still automatically recover. Even though the recovery wouldn't completely mitigate the damage they had done or even if they had infinite mana, it would still take them more than a day to take down the BOSS.

Tang Rou and Steamed Bun Invasion received the message and quickly rushed over. When they got there, they saw that the goblins that used to be with the Fire Witch, were already gone. Ye Xiu and Su Mucheng no longer needed to play tag with the Fire Witch anymore so they began hunting her down.

"We have arrived!!" Steamed Bun Invasion announced. He himself hadn't arrived yet, though his Brick had. The flying Brick smashed into the back of the Fire Witch's head. The Fire Witch seemed to have been stunned for a bit, but she instantly recovered.

"Look carefully before using it! Dizzy won't have much of an effect on her, so only use it to interrupt her skills!!" Ye Xiu instructed Steamed Bun Invasion.

No matter how short the Dizzy effect lasted, it was still a status effect. If the Fire Witch was hit while casting a spell, then the spell would definitely get interrupted. Of course, the prerequisite was that the Dizzy effect activated. If it didn't, then the damage dealt from it wouldn't nearly be enough to interrupt her spells.

"You also have Inject Poison. Pay attention to how you use it!" Ye Xiu reminded Steamed Bun Invasion.

Inject Poison was a Level 30 Brawler skill. Even though the skill's name contained the word poison, it didn't actually have any Poison effects. This skill had two effects: It could induce a Bleed effect and it could also Break Super Armor.

The target could not be knocked down, launched, knocked back, or interrupted when it was in Super Armor..... Unless a Grab type skill was used, the target could not be moved forcibly.

Inject Poison was a skill that could get rid of this Super Armor. At its lowest level, the skill could dispel Super Armor for up to 5 seconds. At max level, the skill could dispel Super Armor for up to 10 seconds.

Under the Fire Witch's Level Suppression, there was no way Inject Poison would be able to dispel Super Armor for a full 5 seconds. However, Steamed Bun Invasion could still hear Ye Xiu's instruction from before telling him that he should circle around the Fire Witch and be ready to use Inject Poison at any time.

Whenever the Fire Witch attacked or cast magic, a red glow would emanate from her. This was her appearance when she was in a Super Armor state. In this state, the Fire Witch was unstoppable. Neither normal attacks nor skills had any way of stopping her movements. She suddenly opened her arms. Not only was there a red glow around her body, a fiery aura also emanated outwards, making everything around her go up in flames. Quite a few dried up leaves also leapt up in flames.

Meteor Shower!

This was the Fire Witch's AoE spell. The spell summoned numerous meteors that would fall like rain onto the target.

"Inject Poison!!" Ye Xiu didn't have time to tell him what the spell was. As soon as he saw the Fire Witch raise her hands, he immediately shouted.

Prepared, Steamed Bun Invasion heard Ye Xiu's command and immediately used "Inject Poison." The Fire Witch took the Inject Poison and the fiery aura emanating from her body instantly retreated. Steamed Bun Invasion was extremely shameless. He was afraid that he would provoke some sort of response. So after he used Inject Poison, he immediately ran and hid behind a tree.

"Why are you hiding?" Steamed Bun Invasion's cowardly display made Ye Xiu not know whether he should laugh or cry. If Steamed Bun Invasion wasn't going to use this chance, then he'd have to make up for him. Luckily, Lord Grim wasn't too far from the Fire Witch. He sent a Sky Strike and launched the Fire Witch into the air. Under the Level Suppression and the BOSS's innate defense, this Knock-Up was only able to make the BOSS stumble. However, Ye Xiu quickly followed up with a Falling Flower Palm, hitting the Fire Witch.

After successfully interrupting the Fire Witch's Meteor Shower, Ye Xiu scolded Steamed Bun Invasion: "Don't run! Once Inject Poison is used, you have to hurry up and interrupt her spell." This was supposed to be a chance for Steamed Bun Invasion to practice, but that guy had actually run away.

"I was afraid that she would have some sort of scary spell." Steamed Bun Invasion immediately replied.

In the time it took to say these words, the Fire Witch had already recovered and returned to kill them. Tang Rou's Soft Mist went to meet up with her. Three types of Chasers danced around her. Besides the Neutral Chaser and the Ice Chaser, there was also a Fire Chaser from the use of Falling Flower Palm. The

Fire Chaser buffed her Strength. At this moment, a layer of red magic fluctuations glowed around her arm. Her appearance with the Fire Chaser looked similar to the buff which the Fire Witch had given to the goblins earlier.

Soft Mist initiated with a Sky Strike. But the Fire Witch didn't budge as she had Super Armor. The staff in her hands whirled. The rune at the end of her staff brought forth flames as it moved through the air. All of the Fire Witch's attacks carried the Fire Attribute.

This Witch's staff was extremely long. The sweep it created covered a wide area. Steamed Bun Invasion, who was just about to go forward, was forced to retreat. Soft Mist, who was already in range, didn't have time to retreat. She hastily ducked to avoid the attack and then rolled, avoiding the streak of flames that came from the Fire Witch's staff.

Su Mucheng's Cleansing Mist was long-ranged, so she didn't need to get up close. At this moment, she fired a stored-up Laser Rifle. The Laser Rifle crashed onto the Fire Witch's body and seemed as if it would penetrate through her body. The momentum it carried was astonishing, but against the Witch's Super Armor, it was only able to deal damage. The Fire Witch continued what she was doing and was once again about to cast a large AoE spell. Steamed Bun Invasion saw this and panicked: "Inject Poison is still on cooldown!"

He hadn't finished talking, when Lord Grim rushed forward. He used a Circle Swing and stabbed the Fire Witch, throwing her and interrupting her spell. Grabs ignored Super Armor.

Interrupting a skill this way seemed simple on paper, but a normal player would still fail nine out of ten times. The successful interrupt would only be because of luck.

The BOSS's skills weren't so slow that you had time to see it, rush up, and then use a Grab to interrupt it. When the Fire Witch cast a spell like the Fireballs, the cast was nearly instant. It was practically the same as not casting at all. Even for large spells like Meteor Shower, if Steamed Bun Invasion was even a step slower, there wouldn't have been enough time to follow up with any skill after his Inject Poison.

There was only a one second window and sometimes even less.

During their battle against Frost Forest's Frost Thain, Blue River had a Super Armor Break skill "Wave Wheel Slasher" to use against the BOSS's Super Armor skill. But why didn't he use it then? It was because he wasn't good enough.

What Ye Xiu could do didn't necessarily mean that other players could do as well. Even for Tang Rou, even with her high hand speed, she still lacked in experience. If she had tried to use Circle Swing to interrupt the Witch, she would have most likely failed. Too early and the BOSS would have simply gotten back up and re-cast the spell. The Circle Swing would then be on cooldown. Too late and well, the spell would have already been released and the Circle Swing would be interrupted.

Lord Grim was unspecialized. Besides Circle Swing, he also had access to skills like Back Throw and Wave Wheel Slasher, which could Break Super Armor. He had the ability to continuously interrupt the Fire Witch's casting. Letting Steamed Bun Invasion use Inject Poison was simply a convenient way to help him learn. Fighting against this big BOSS with a huge level gap was to practice interrupting skills.

Chapter 170 – Fire Witch First Kill

“Interrupt! Interrupt!”

Steamed Bun Invasion’s voice repeatedly resounded.

This guy was always immersed into the games he played, and he would often shout out his moves like characters in early Hong Kong kung-fu movies. His punches and kicks all carried whooshing sound effects. This type of constant shouting frequently disturbed the moods of the opponents he faced in the Arena. But truthfully, Steamed Bun Invasion’s dubbing had absolutely no meaning to them. For example, in this big BOSS battle, it definitely wouldn’t affect the situation. Even so, he would still shout as usual.

Ye Xiu deliberately gave Tang Rou and Steamed Bun Invasion chances to practice, letting them have the opportunity to interrupt the Fire Witch. They were only killing a BOSS, so there was no need to worry about time.

Because these two lacked experience, with the way they were fighting, there was no way a mistake wouldn’t be made during the long BOSS battle.

“Not good!! Run!” Ye Xiu suddenly shouted. Tang Rou had been one step too slow in interrupting the Fire Witch’s Meteor Shower. Ye Xiu felt that there wasn’t enough time to rescue the situation, so he hastily warned them.

Su Mucheng’s Cleansing Mist was already outside the spell’s range, so she was safe. Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim used a Shadow Clone Technique and left his fake body there, while his real body instantly escaped. The remaining players, Tang Rou and Steamed Bun Invasion, were in a more difficult predicament.

The two players were melee classes, so they were the closest to the Fire Witch when the spell was cast. The spell array took form and the air above them began to boil. It seemed as if the entire sky had ignited on fire. Fireballs of different sizes swiftly dropped from the sky. Tang Rou and Steamed Bun Invasion hastily had their characters run away, but it was impossible to completely dodge them all. The countless meteors showered down and the earth and skies instantly turned into a sea of flames. When the two of them rushed out of the fire, they only had a sliver of health left. They miserably retreated to one side and began drinking potions to recover.

Fortunately, the range of large AoE spells such as Meteor Fall couldn’t be shifted, when the magician cast them while moving. If not, then the Fire Witch would have chased the two of them and they would have already died and returned back to Congee City.

“My bad.” Tang Rou said. She wasn’t someone who refused to admit her mistakes. She only wanted to improve.

“Pay attention to the timing.” Ye Xiu didn’t say too much. He had already indicated when they should act. Putting it into practice depended on them to grasp the timing. It all relied on the individual’s reaction speed and judgement. Ye Xiu couldn’t help them at this.

The successfully cast Meteor Fall set the Fire Forest ablaze. After the Fire Witch shrieked and cackled several times, she continued to wave her staff at them.

“Don’t worry about it! Forward!” Ye Xiu commanded.

With regards to Tang Rou and Steamed Bun Invasion, Ye Xiu wasn't letting them go and freely practice. For example, the two weren't at full health yet. If they failed to interrupt a spell again, then they might die. Ye Xiu would take up the task in this type of situation. He had a 100% chance of success in interrupting her spells with his excellent movements.

Wave Wheel Slasher!

This time, Ye Xiu's Lord Grim used a Spellblade skill. The tip of the blade would lock the Fire Witch in a spell array and cast a Wave Wheel that would slash the Fire Witch multiple times. If there were any other enemies nearby, the Wave Wheel would also damage them. Once the Wave Wheel had finished spinning, it would explode and cause the target to fly out, similar to the Fire Witch, who was now on the ground.

The battle continued.

In this type of continuous battling, even top-tier pro-players like Ye Xiu couldn't guarantee that a mistake wouldn't occur. So Lord Grim also took some damage. The only player who hadn't taken damage was the long-ranged Cleansing Mist.

The battle would last for hours. It wasn't one that could be finished in a matter of minutes.

Time passed by slowly.

No one in the tenth server knew that such an intense and difficult battle was going on in Fire Forest. Four characters were hunting down the wild BOSS Fire Witch that was six levels above them. This was something no player could ever imagine.

All of the guilds' players were still running dungeons at a suitable level for them. The only wild BOSSes they were paying attention to were the ones in Frost Forest, Boneyard, Desolate Land, and Line Canyon.

Fire Forest? In truth, it was about time. The highest-leveled characters currently were all halfway through to Level 32. As soon as they had reached Level 33, they would begin hunting down Fire Forest's Fire Witch. Line Canyon and Desolate Land were also done in a similar way.

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"If they're running Desolate Land, then they should be done by now, no?" Blue River and his friends had already finished running the dungeon three times. If Lord Grim was going to set the record, then he shouldn't be so late. Two and a half hours had already passed, yet there were still no signs of any record being set. Could it be that Lord Grim was also having a bit of trouble?

It was only the first day, so Blue River didn't dare be too happy. He only let out a sigh of relief. He couldn't smile yet.

"Let's go to Desolate Land." Blue River said. They had just run Line Canyon.

But while they were traveling, a system announcement suddenly popped up.

System Announcement: Players Lord Grim, Cleansing Mist, Soft Mist, and Steamed Bun Invasion have completed the First Kill for Fire Witch Cashew.

Amidst all of the random messages in the world channel, this system announcement looked as if it was some joke made by a naive noob.

Fire Cashew First Kill!

Those who reacted were of course, veterans and experts!

In the instant that announcement was made, Blue River froze. The four friends he was with had also frozen.

At this moment, they all had the same reaction. They moved their mouse over to the world channel and dragged the chat box to check the announcement again. Each player carefully and earnestly looked at it over again. Not a single word of it was misplaced.

“Fire Witch?” Blue River didn’t want to believe it.

Fire Forest’s Fire Witch?

Blue River wasn’t the only one with this doubt.

However, to these experienced Glory players, they were well aware that there existed only one Fire Witch in the game.

“No way!!”

There were even a few in the Internet Cafe who cried out in alarm.

The initial waves of the tenth server opening had already passed. There weren’t many Glory players in Happy Internet Cafe who mainly played in the tenth server. Most of the all-night veterans were in the other servers, so they hadn’t seen the news. As a result, they were obviously indifferent towards it.

The few who did react weren’t familiar with each other. They could only discuss the astonishing news with their friends in-game.

Fortunately, they had completed the First Kill late at night. If not, all of those in Happy Internet Cafe who had known that Lord Grim was being played by Ye Xiu would circle around and watch him.

‘So we finally killed it.....’ In Happy Internet Cafe, Ye Xiu and Tang Rou both let out a sigh of relief. After the final blow hit the Fire Witch, her body burst into flames. Her mean and ferocious expression could be seen in the wisps of leftover flames. Once the flames died down, a few equipment and materials dropped.

Three and a half hours!!

The four of them had been fighting the Fire Witch for a long three and half hours. It could be seen just how hard it was to beat a six level higher wild BOSS from this. Tang Rou’s Soft Mist and Steamed Bun Invasion had almost died several times. Su Mucheng’s Cleansing Mist was fine. Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim, on

the other hand, was just playing around. Tang Rou could tell with a single glance that he wasn't trying his hardest.

"Not easy, ah, not easy. Let's see what she dropped." Ye Xiu said as he went to take a look at the dropped equipment and materials.

"Flame Stone! Yes, I'll be taking this!" Ye Xiu picked up this material.

"Red Flame Staff, a Level 35 Purple weapon! Sadly, we can't use this rare item, so let's leave it for selling or for trading equipment!" Ye Xiu looked over the second item.

"Red Flame Gown, a Level 35 Blue Cloth Armor. It increases Fire Resistance, this..... none of you are Cloth type classes, so we don't need it either. It can only be sold for money." The third item.

"Wow, Scarlet Moon Belt..... it looks like someone's luck is good today. Take it! With this, your set will be complete." The Fire Witch dropped Level 30-35 items. The fourth drop was given to Tang Rou. Even though she already had it, she could still trade it for the part she was missing.

"Fire Spirit's Ring..... it also increases Fire Resistance. How useless....." The fifth was also a Blue equipment, a Level 30 Ring that increased Fire Resistance. These types of equipment were only useful against certain kinds of enemies. Under normal circumstances, there wasn't much of a difference between it and regular Magic Resistance.

"Four equipment were dropped. A Purple weapon too. Not bad." Ye Xiu nodded his head in approval.

"Are we rich?" Steamed Bun Invasion asked gleefully.

"We're not that lucky!" Ye Xiu said. He then discovered that they all chose to give up on these items. Only Tang Rou had rolled for the Scarlet Moon Belt.

Seeing everyone's trust in him, Ye Xiu didn't object. He picked them all up and then gave the Red Flame Staff to Steamed Bun Invasion: "Selling it for 200 Gold coins won't be a problem. You can use that to buy a set for yourself."

"Really? Awesome!" Steamed Bun Invasion received it with excitement.

The other two equipment, the Red Flame Gown and the Fire Spirit's Ring, were less important from a long-term perspective. However, players were about to hit Level 33 at present. If they were going to compete in this Fire Forest, then Fire Resistant equipment would greatly increase their chances of survival, so it was uncertain how much they would sell for.

"Okay! Let's go back to dungeoning!"

Because of this First Kill, the entire community was completely shocked. Ye Xiu didn't care though. As for Tang Rou and Steamed Bun Invasion? They didn't really take the Fire Witch seriously. The 6 Level Suppression only reduced the damage they dealt and reduced their skills' effects. It made the battle very long and even though they almost died several times, from a mechanical perspective, the two didn't feel that killing the BOSS was too difficult.

"So easy!" This was Tang Rou's final opinion on the matter.

