

Glory 211

Chapter 211 – The Waves Behind Drive the Waves Ahead

“You don’t even know who Huang Shaotian is??” Concealed Light was flabbergasted. In his eyes, Steamed Bun Invasion was quite strong. He hadn’t expected him to ask such an ignorant question.

“What’s that?” Steamed Bun Invasion asked.

“Sword Saint! Do you understand?” Concealed Light said.

“Nope.” Steamed Bun Invasion replied.

“The strongest of the Blade Masters.” Concealed Light said.

“Oh? That sounds interesting. My spirit’s fired up. You’re the Sword Saint?” Steamed Bun Invasion asked Huang Shaotian.

“Not me. Huang Shaotian is.” Huang Shaotian replied dully. This nooby Steamed Bun Invasion was much easier to lie to.

“That’s too bad. I would have fought with you if you were.” Steamed Bun Invasion said high and mightily.

“Yeah yeah.....” Huang Shaotian said, resisting the urge to kick his ass.

“Who’s the strongest Brawler?” Steamed Bun Invasion was already past Huang Shaotian and now asked Concealed Light.

“Uh, most people say that Team Hundred Blossom’s Tang Hao is the best, but his Brawler character Delilo isn’t the strongest. The strongest is probably Team Wind Howl Lin Jingyan’s Three Hits.” Concealed Light said.

“Oh..... really.....” Steamed Bun Invasion listened while scratching his head. This time, there were two players and two characters. One was the strongest player while the other was the strongest character, making him a bit confused.

“You know quite a lot, Concealed Light!” Ye Xiu said. Concealed Light was a new player just like Tang Rou and Steamed Bun Invasion, but he knew a lot about Glory. This was at least a show of his passion and interest in the game.

“That’s what I read online. Is it right?” Concealed Light said.

“Pretty much. But Lin Jingyan is probably going to retire soon.” Ye Xiu suddenly said with lament. This type of feeling was something he was currently going through.

“Yeah..... after this season ends, he’ll probably be able to play for at most another year.” Huang Shaotian added after hearing Ye Xiu’s lament.

“Wind Howl will probably find a way to snatch Tang Hao!” Ye Xiu said.

“Right now, pretty much everyone knows that Lin Jingyan is going to retire soon. Wind Howl will probably get ripped off. From a business standpoint, Hundred Blossoms is doing a lot better, so it’s very likely that Hundred Blossoms will buy Three Hits.” Huang Shaotian said.

Apart from buying and transferring players, accounts could also be traded. How many equips the character has is negotiated by the two parties involved. Usually, the character brings all of its equipment. A character without any equipment might have a few more skill points and some fame, but that’s all.

“That’s true.” Ye Xiu said.

“See how smart your Excellent Era is? Without any word, they brought in Sun Xiang and then made you retire…… if they made you retire first and then had Sun Xiang come over to fill in the spot, then he’d be at a completely different price.” Huang Shaotian said.

‘Yeah.’ Ye Xiu said.

“Ha ha, in any case, another strong opponent is about to be born. Lin Jingyan is already no longer a top-tier Brawler like he was before. Tang Hao and Three Hits…… a new God!” Huang Shaotian swiftly returned to the topic.

eSports was cruel like this. As soon as your skill started declining, you could be replaced at any time. Formerly famous names eventually disappear one after another and a new generation with new faces appear. Sun Xiang, Tang Hao…… these risings stars of the new generation were slowly climbing up onto the stage as the main characters.

When I came back, how many familiar people will be left? Ye Xiu thought.

How sad! Huang Shaotian’s Flowing Tree moved a bit closer to Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim. He lowered his voice and said: “I see it.”

“See what?” Ye Xiu asked.

“When you return to the Alliance, you’ll pull together your own team!” Huang Shaotian said, “Su Mucheng of course will obviously come over when her contract ends. That sis there and even that Steamed Bun have huge potential. I know why you’ve come to the new server to play. The new server is full of opportunities and talents. Besides the new server, where else would you find so much fresh blood? In the old servers, all of the big guilds would have already found the talents.”

“Ha ha, it’s all a coincidence. That sis is a co-worker at the Internet Cafe I work at. As for Steamed Bun, I just randomly bumped into him. It really wasn’t intentional.” Ye Xiu said.

“Then that Qiao Yifan? You’ve even scooped someone out from the pro-scene! Which team is he from? I’ve never heard of him.” Huang Shaotian said.

“Tiny Herb.”

“Tiny Herb? D*mn, a member of the Champion team, yet I haven’t even heard of him. This kid’s been buried into oblivion! No wonder you were able to dig him up.”

“Dig him up? You’re exaggerating too much. I’m currently retired and working at an Internet Cafe. What digging? The kid needed some help, that’s all.” Ye Xiu plainly said.

“For now, maybe. But when you return, how could anyone know about these circumstances? With so many outstanding new players beside you, don’t tell me you don’t have any plans for them.” Huang Shaotian said.

Ye Xiu fell silent. As he had said, meeting Tang Rou and Steamed Bun Invasion were fairly coincidental.

But in the new server, just like what Huang Shaotian said, meeting these types of players with potential, some were incidental, some were inevitable.

Meeting Tang Rou was purely coincidental. Meeting with Steamed Bun Invasion was somewhat inevitable and somewhat coincidental. As for discovering Concealed Light, there was a bit more initiative on his end.

As a new player, Concealed Light’s mechanics were far from Tang Rou’s and Steamed Bun Invasion’s. However, he had a strong grasp of the theory and possessed a certain amount of tactical intuition. If his mechanics improved, he would also become a good player.

Even though Concealed Light and Steamed Bun Invasion had coincidentally met, even without these two meeting, Ye Xiu would have actively looked for him. Because of these Idiot’s Guides, he had already seen this person’s potential.

Towards new players, Ye Xiu never felt begrudged teaching but the people he taught had to want to be taught and had to want to learn.

Of the people beside Ye Xiu, Tang Rou had great enthusiasm. Not only did she want to learn, she also wanted to exceed him.

Steamed Bun Invasion was already following his own path. Ye Xiu was really only giving him basic reminders. Afterwards, he would form his own playing style.

Qiao Yifan didn’t need to be talked about since he was the one who asked Ye Xiu to teach him.

Concealed Light was able to create such detailed guides without any practical experience. However, he had written them for people who didn’t need it and his talent was being wasted in the wrong place. In reality, the reason Ye Xiu was looking for him was to tell him this.

Gathering these people together and forming a team.....

Huang Shaotian wasn’t wrong. Ye Xiu had thought of this before, but all he had done was thought about it. Ye Xiu understood clearly that making it into reality wouldn’t be easy.

Forming a team and going pro wasn’t simple. It was a type of life. Ye Xiu could determine his own life, but he had no way of determining other people’s lives.

Become a pro-player? Perhaps this was something many Glory players wanted to become. But what about them?

The main reason Tang Rou entered the game was to compete with Ye Xiu. Her interest in Glory was still developing. She had even rejected an invitation from a Champion team like Team Tiny Herb. What could Ye Xiu do to persuade her?

Steamed Bun Invasion, on the other hand, was simpler. Ye Xiu didn't doubt that he'd nod his head and accept immediately. But because of this, he would have to set the road for Steamed Bun Invasion and take full responsibility over Steamed Bun's life.

Qiao Yifan was a member of a Champion team. For Team Tiny Herb to add Qiao Yifan to the team meant that they felt he had potential. Qiao Yifan might only be overlooked because of Gao Yingjie's talent. As long as he practiced, his skill level would definitely rise. There was no way he'd be abandoned.

As for Concealed Light, his research spirit would definitely be beneficial if he joined a team. Researching a map, researching the opponent's tactics, creating tactics for his own team..... at the pro-level, strategy and tactics were definitely a big factor in whether a team won or lost. Winning or losing wasn't as simple as which team had the better equipment and mechanics. But Ye Xiu had only just met him and wasn't familiar with him yet. So wanting Concealed Light to do as he wished was unrealistic.

Huang Shaotian's chatter made Ye Xiu seriously ponder over this issue.

Bringing a new team to the Alliance, that really would be as if the waves behind drove the waves ahead!

Chapter 212 – Doing Their Own Thing

"Why'd you stop talking? Why'd you stop talking?" In places with Huang Shaotian, there was no such thing as silence.

"Later!" Ye Xiu could only respond. He still needed some more time to think about it. He had only mulled over it for a bit before Huang Shaotian interrupted him.

"Forming a team and what not sounds a bit like a fantasy in your current situation, but you can still prepare for it. Dig out a couple more new players and you'll definitely be able to put one together. If you just take that Steamed Bun, from the looks of it, he seems very easy to persuade. If you tell him there'll be steamed buns to eat, he'll definitely come and follow you. Up the mountain and into the frying pan....." Huang Shaotian said.

"There's someone up ahead." Ye Xiu suddenly said to everyone loudly, interrupting Huang Shaotian's chatter. The two were at the very head of team with their voices lowered, so the people behind them couldn't hear what they were talking about.

"It's just a person. There's no need to make such a fuss about them." Huang Shaotian said.

"There shouldn't be anyone here." Ye Xiu's Lord Grim looked around. There was nowhere to hide. Even though they were far away enough that they couldn't see each other's IDs clearly, if the player ahead was from the big guilds, they'd be seen as very suspicious.

"Not true! People come here from time to time." Concealed Light said.

"Oh?" Ye Xiu was surprised.

“In Congee City’s chain quest “The Coming of Weiss”, the seventh part requires you to look for an abandoned windmill at the edge of Line Canyon. It then requires you to go to Congee Forest to compare the wood grains. If someone came here to finish this part of the quest, then it’s possible that he’s heading towards Congee Forest from the abandoned windmill.” Concealed Light said.

Ye Xiu was astonished. His nickname as the Glory Encyclopedia didn’t cover quests.

The Coming of Weiss. Ye Xiu might have done this quest ten years ago, but right now, he really had no memory of it. This quest definitely didn’t reward any skill points or good equipment, which would be why he had forgotten about it after all these years.

“What’s that?” Steamed Bun Invasion asked everyone. Presently there were four pro-players, two of which were God-level players, but none of them had even the slightest clue about this quest.

This Concealed Light truly did have incredible knowledge of the game. He even remembered a random quest like this and explained it to everyone.

But who cared! Only Steamed Bun Invasion replied with “Yeah yeah yeah” to make it so that Concealed Light wouldn’t lose interest in explaining the quest to everyone.

With Concealed Light’s reminder, they didn’t avoid the passerby. There was nowhere to run anyways.

“This person might reveal our whereabouts. If the pursuers meet him, they’ll definitely ask him if he’s seen us.” Huang Shaotian showed his careful side.

“By the time they ask for our whereabouts, we’d have already left.” Ye Xiu said.

“But by knowing where we are now, they can figure out where we’re heading towards!” Huang Shaotian said.

“Our destinations will be revealed sooner or later.” Ye Xiu said.

“Oh?”

“We’ll be going on TV.” Ye Xiu said.

“You remind me of something..... You guys are going to Line Canyon, so why am I following you guys?” Huang Shaotian jumped up.

“No idea.”

“F*ck f*ck f*ck f*ck! I’ll be going online tomorrow night! When the time comes, I’ll be seeing you at the Arena. I’ll be using my Troubling Rain to teach your unspecialized a lesson.” Huang Shaotian said.

“Maybe if there’s time.” Ye Xiu said.

“F*ck! You have time to run dungeons, but you don’t have time to fight me?”

“I’m sure you can see that I’m very busy right now.....” Ye Xiu said.

“Then when you have time contact me, PK! We have to PK!” Huang Shaotian said.

“Okay.”

“You guys can play! I’ll be getting off.” Huang Shaotian waved goodbye to everyone and then logged off.

The team continued forward just a few steps, then there was a sudden flash and Flowing Tree ran back to them.

“What are you doing?” Ye Xiu asked.

“I almost forgot. This Broadsword I have is someone else’s. I said I’d return it, so send me back to the city.” Huang Shaotian said.

Ye Xiu didn’t say anything more and sent out a bunch of attacks, killing Flowing Tree. Before he died, Huang Shaotian said a “Bye” and then flew back to the city to revive.

“Concealed Light! We’re going to go set a record at Line Canyon in a bit. What are you going to do?” Concealed Light’s skill level clearly wasn’t good enough for setting records. Ye Xiu trusted that Concealed Light understood that his skills were too poor. Fixing it wasn’t something Ye Xiu could do with just a few words.

“Oh oh…… setting records! Then I’ll go research how to get the fastest record for this dungeon!” Concealed Light said.

“Good luck. This time, your guide will definitely have many players reading it.” Ye Xiu said.

“Thanks, I’ll be going then.” Concealed Light logged off.

“Line Canyon, let’s go.” The five remaining players continued towards Line Canyon. Line Canyon still wasn’t the main leveling area yet, so there weren’t many players here.

Ye Xiu led the four other players to the dungeon entrance, avoiding the sparsely scattered players. The dungeon entrance was a bit more crowded. There were players, all looking for parties to join. These random teams clearly weren’t from the big guilds. The players were all in a crowd with word bubbles flying around, making it even harder for them to be discovered.

And like this, the five players entered the dungeon. As for the big guilds, their pursuers were heading towards Congee Forest from different directions. Some were from Desolate Land and Hades Village, some were defeated by Tang Rou at Congee City some were elites from random areas, and some were unable to be categorized. There were also the 32 avengers, who had revived. Right now, they were all gathered together and surrounding the entire forest.

32 players wiped out?

The big guilds already knew about this. If a random passerby heard this, he’d be scared to death. Even by knowing why it had happened, the big guilds weren’t any happier.

The battle strength of Lord Grim’s team was clearly much greater than they had anticipated.

The Battle Mage Soft Mist charged her way through the encirclement around Congee City.

The Blade Master Flowing Tree wasn’t at a disadvantage when fighting Level 33 players as a Level 27. He could even 1v3 or 1v4.

These two were the focal points. The 32 player troop described in great detail how strong and difficult Flowing Tree was. The guards outside of the city also continuously stressed how terrifying Soft Mist was. The two sides seemed to have turned into Flowing Tree and Soft Mist fans, even disputing which one was stronger.

“Flowing Tree is only Level 27! Level 27!”

“How many players were standing guard outside of Congee City? I could give you a Level 40 character and you still wouldn’t dare go!”

These two troops came out of Congee City together and as a result, they argued the entire journey.

Outside of Congee Forest, players amassed from seven different guilds. There were three guild leaders present: Cold Night, Lonely Drink, and Chen Yehui.

The other four guild leaders were currently dungeoning and power leveling. Ye Xiu’s guess wasn’t wrong in the slightest. The big guilds left their most elite teams to continue power-leveling. The guild leaders were more than happy to play their part as a member of their guild’s most elite team.

As for these three?

Cold Night was a Knight. As a Tank class, he wasn’t a part of the five-player dungeon record team for now, so he didn’t need to worry about power leveling.

Lonely Drink had been shamed the most as he was one of the 32 players who was wiped out. His corpse had even been kicked by Steamed Bun Invasion. At this moment, he brought with him newfound hatred and intent on being involved in this operation.

As for Chen Yehui, he was the original organizer. His purpose was much more complicated than what he had told everyone else.

Impeding on Lord Grim’s team’s leveling and furthering the level advantage to maintain their power as holders of dungeon records was what Chen Yehui had said to the other guilds. The other guilds had gathered together for very reason.

But Chen Yehui held yet another hidden intention. He hadn’t said it to anyone and also couldn’t say it to anyone.

While the big guilds were slowing down Lord Grim, weren’t they also slowing down their own development? As for his Excellent Dynasty, they had invested much more and had much more manpower than any other guild in the tenth server. And even so, they had sent in the least amount of troops.

Chapter 213 – A Match In Which the Outcome Is Already Known

Of course, Chen Yehui had his own personal reasons for going against Ye Xiu, which was much stronger than those for Lonely Drink. Lonely Drink only felt that he had been played by Ye Xiu, while Chen Yehui felt that Ye Qiu had completely changed his life.

But at this moment, he displayed reason and not impulse.

This was something Liu Hao had made him understand.

He was the one who persuade Liu Hao to work together and kick out Ye Qiu as a major task. He had considered Liu Hao a chess piece.

They had completed the task beautifully, making Chen Yehui very happy.

During this time, he had established a relationship with Liu Hao and had even received help from the pros on their pioneering in the new server. Liu Hao seemed to continue to acting as a good chess piece for him.

Up until they met Ye Qiu again.

This time, suppressing Ye Qiu could only be considered a side task. However, the two both felt that this task was more enamoring than the previous main task and the two had set out to complete it without any hesitation.

His chess piece excitedly stepped up to do the task, so Chen Yehui followed.

However, the chess piece was defeated miserably. Chen Yehui didn't take the matter too seriously. It was just a chess piece after all!

Afterwards, he also tried to step up to the task, but failed as well. But he had discovered a new path and as a result, immediately looked for his chess piece only to find that his chess piece had already walked away and left him, while he himself, didn't have the space to leave.

Chen Yehui finally realized that the task of kicking out Ye Qiu was more beneficial to his chess piece than him.

The real chess piece seemed to have actually been Chen Yehui.

Liu Hao turned around and went to do his own tasks, while he left the side task of suppressing Ye Qiu to Chen Yehui. If the task was completed by Chen Yehui, Liu Hao would be happy as well.

And Chen Yehui had no way of avoiding this task either because this had already become a part of his main task which was to pioneer in the new server but Ye Qiu was a huge obstacle.

Chen Yehui had no choice in this matter. The only thing he could be thankful for was that he had finally woken up and did not continue misplacing his priorities.

If this was a part of his main task now, then he might as well use him!

This top-tier God of Glory didn't make him disappointed.

The few beating the numerous, 32 player wipe-out, made Lonely Drink angry. As a result, the big guilds would definitely unleash an even greater force right?

The tenth server had truly become much more complicated because of Ye Qiu's existence. Chen Yehui pondered over this as he discussed with Cold Night and Lonely Drink on what to do with Lord Grim.

However, the three guild leaders only commanded their own troops. There were still the players from the four other guilds who didn't care about them and were randomly searching for any signs of Lord Grim.

"F*ck, are they idiots? Do they really think they would just wait there for us to kill them?" Lonely Drink did not look highly upon these players.

"Seeing how no one saw them on their way here, we can deduce a few directions they might have headed towards." Cold Night said.

"They won't hide around pointlessly to waste time. They definitely have a final destination." Chen Yehui said.

"Congee City, Desolate Land, or Boneyard. If they were heading there, they would have been exposed long ago. The only other options are Line Canyon or the higher-leveled Fire Forest." Cold Night said.

"They could also be doing quests in the small villages scattered around Congee City." Chen Yehui said.

"We can send people to take a look." Lonely Drink said. The three discussed, while maneuvering their troops.

"If it's Line Canyon..... oh....." Cold Night suddenly stopped midway.

"What?" The other two asked.

"I just received a message. We have their location." Cold Night said anxiously.

"A message from where?"

"A player heading towards Congee Forest to do a quest met them on his way. From the direction they were heading towards, they're definitely going to Line Canyon." Cold Night said.

"Line Canyon, they're not planning on running the dungeon are they?" Lonely Drink felt depressed. If Lord Grim's group continued to dungeon, it would make it seem like their big guild's actions were pointless. Nothing else could make them feel worse.

"These guys aren't planning on setting a dungeon record right.....?" Cold Night wanted to cough up blood. He really was scared that Lord Grim and them would set a record that they had no way of beating.

"Too arrogant!" Lonely Drink cursed. He was sad that they weren't able to find Lord Grim and the others but became angry when they found their whereabouts. In any case, everything made him unhappy.

"There are a lot of dungeon entrances in Line Canyon. It won't be easy stopping them...." Chen Yehui said.

"As they go in and out, we'll definitely be able to find them. First, we can figure out their positions and then gather up people to stand guard." Cold Night said.

"What are waiting for? Let's head to Line Canyon." Lonely Drink led the way and the Samsara players followed; heading towards Line Canyon.

Inside Line Canyon, Ye Xiu pushed forward like an autumn gale. However, they made a mistake in the beginning, rendering their run useless. As a result, the team just casually performed.

When they entered the dungeon, Tang Rou fought fiercely. She was clearly still in the PK mindset from before. However, after the first BOSS, Tang Rou gradually began to lose spirit and no longer had her energy from before. The same happened to Steamed Bun Invasion. The two players' conditions went from hot to cold and eventually turned into a casual attitude.

"Hey hey, you two." Ye Xiu called, "Have some spirit! Steamed Bun, sing a song for us."

"NO!" Su Mucheng and Tang Rou cried out simultaneously. Quite a few customers in the Internet Cafe looked their way.

Tang Rou had been provoked and her spirit rose a bit. But after a short while, her spirit dwindled again.

"What's wrong? You feeling bored?" Ye Xiu said.

"Yeah....." Tang Rou said.

"It's normal." Ye Xiu laughed. Tang Rou's entire gaming life had been seen by him. Dungeon records were pretty boring to new player's eyes. Tang Rou only liked the feeling of competition. But to her, how could this type of competition compare to directly fighting against other players?

Tang Rou had experienced a bit of PK in the Arena, but today was very different.

In the Arena, players were easily defeated by her and there wasn't much sense of satisfaction.

Fighting against Team Tiny Herb was too hard for her though. She tried her best, but she had no chance of victory. No one would feel happy about that.

Today though, breaking through the encirclement was difficult and challenging and also was only able to be done by going 120%. This was a very satisfying victory. This was her first time truly feeling the joy of playing games. That type of satisfaction and happiness was something she had never experienced ever since she had played Glory.

Her moment of excitement had carried on for so long, but was now beginning to fade away. Compared to that, these dungeons felt dull and boring.

The main feature of PvP was the sense of battle at every moment. You had to concentrate, observe, and quickly make a decision; formulating or carrying out a tactic.

As for PvE, you had to concentrate in order to not make a mistake. For example, Concealed Light's Idiot's Guides were true reflections of the dullness of PvE. And worse, the best dungeon records could only be set by performing perfectly.

Once you grasped the strategy, everything else afterwards became boring. Monsters? BOSS? Dungeons? It's a match where you already know the outcome: hit the monsters, clear the dungeon.

Once you know the outcome of a match, the process of getting to there will never be suspenseful.

Ye Xiu wasn't going to try and make Tang Rou find interest in PvE, but only used it as a way to practice. And even though Tang Rou was improving through this type of practice, she wasn't able to tell.

Chapter 214 – Limited Practice

“Dungeons are relatively boring.” Ye Xiu said to Tang Rou, “But if you want to improve, you can’t avoid doing these monotonous practices.”

He didn’t tell any emotional stories or give examples of any outstanding people to persuade her. Ye Xiu only said this.

“I understand.” Tang Rou replied. This reply was within Ye Xiu’s expectations. He knew that he didn’t need to explain any more.

Tang Rou’s hand speed couldn’t have been reached naturally. It was definitely a result of long-term practice. This was why Ye Xiu believed that she had done this type of practice before. Results wouldn’t come from just practicing once or twice. The important part was persistence.

“Although killing monsters and running dungeons are robotic, if you treat it seriously, it’ll be a lot of help towards your consistency and concentration. Right now, you have absolute hand speed, but you’re not completely using it when you’re microing. For practice, you can try targeting a specific place when attacking. For example, every time you have to hit the head. By limiting your conditions, you can train your microing and your control. We call this type of training Limited Practice.”

After explaining the theory, Ye Xiu moved one step further and told the specific practice method.

Limited Practice was something pro-players were very familiar with. This was a basic practice method. The theory is that the individual sets his or her own conditions and slowly increases the difficulty.

Pro Clubs would even create their own specialized sets for their players to practice. And this type of simple and direct practice was the most detested and boring practice pro-players had to do.

It was the same as football and basketball. Practice with the ball was always more fun than practice without the ball. Glory players didn’t like to dully use their mouse and keyboard to perform the same action again and again either.

But no one could argue that this type of dull practice was very effective.

As for Tang Rou, Ye Xiu didn’t doubt her perseverance and willpower, but he still wanted to see just how great her determination was. After all, he still had no idea how much this girl really liked Glory. Her perseverance wasn’t fake, but how much effort did she want to put into the game?

“Every hit should be on the head?” Tang Rou was ready to accept Ye Xiu’s suggestion.

“Hitting the head is just my example. You can do whatever you’d like.” Ye Xiu said.

“These are all insects. I really can’t tell where their heads are, so I’ll hit their first segments!” Tang Rou said. Most of the monsters in Line Canyon were crawlers such as sandworms and scorpions. They all had a segmented body, so Tang Rou set those as her targets.

“Sure.” Ye Xiu replied. He also called for Steamed Bun Invasion at the same time: “Steamed Bun, would you like to try a challenge?”

“Oh? Challenge? You think a man like me would refuse a challenge?” Steamed Bun Invasion rushed forward.

“Good. We start now. When you attack, you can only attack these insect’s first segments, got it?” Ye Xiu said.

“Oh? First segment?” Steamed Bun Invasion looked at the insects and began to study what their “first segments” were.

“Under these conditions, let’s see which one of you kills the most efficiently. We three won’t be helping you.” Ye Xiu said. Lord Grim retreated to where Su Mucheng and Qiao Yifan were. Even though Qiao Yifan was there to ask Ye Xiu for help, he did these types of fundamental practices every day at the Club. What he needed help with was more advanced topics.

Su Mucheng and Qiao Yifan knew that Ye Xiu was intentionally training these two new players. As a result, after clearing the monsters they had already pulled, they didn’t go and pull any more new monsters. At this moment, there were only sandworms and scorpions on the field.

“Two for each of us.” Tang Rou said to Steamed Bun Invasion.

Steamed Bun Invasion laughed: “Ladies first.”

Tang Rou’s Soft Mist moved forward and pulled a sandworm and a scorpion. Sure enough, her attacks only hit the two insect’s first segments.

At this moment, Steamed Bun Invasion showed up on stage like a star and smashed a Brick onto a sandworm’s first segment. He then used Sand Toss and threw it at a scorpion. After throwing it, he froze and then called: “Senior, does Sand Toss count?”

“As long as it hits.” Ye Xiu laughed. Sand Toss would spread out when it was thrown. It wasn’t really possible to only hit the first segment.

“Then I didn’t break the rules!” Steamed Bun Invasion shouted.

“Yup! Keep going!” Ye Xiu said.

The two players pulled their insects to the side, so they wouldn’t disturb each other. While the three sat there watching, Ye Xiu suddenly said: “Who do you think will win?”

“Uh..... Steamed Bun!” Su Mucheng said.

Qiao Yifan seemed to be thinking deeply and carefully said: “I also think Steamed Bun will.”

“It seems pretty obvious!” Ye Xiu said.

If it was just based on hand speed, Tang Rou was better than Steamed Bun Invasion. But determining how fast her effective hand speed was something that even Ye Xiu couldn’t do. It was simply because Tang Rou’s hand speed was too unstable.

Most of the time, Tang Rou’s hand speed could reach 200 or even 250. But once she runs into a complicated situation, her hand speed will drop to 150 or even lower. It all depended on the situation.

Steamed Bun Invasion was different. He was more familiar with games so his fundamentals were better. His hand speed was much more stable and was usually at 180-200. Even for complicated situations, it wouldn't leave that range by much.

By limiting the target, the player had to be more detailed with his or her playing.

Because of this, Tang Rou's hand speed would drop significantly. In reality, this limited practice was specially for Tang Rou. Ye Xiu wanted her to know her weaknesses. As for Steamed Bun Invasion, just the "first segment" probably wasn't hard enough for him. If he was going to give Steamed Bun Invasion limited practice, then Ye Xiu would give him more complicated conditions.

As for Tang Rou, it was better for her to experiment herself.

Soon after, the results confirmed their guesses.

The conditions reduced their killing efficiency, but Steamed Bun Invasion's flowed much better, so he was the first to kill off the two insects. As for Tang Rou, she seemed to be having more trouble. After a while, her two insects finally died.

"How do you feel?" Ye Xiu asked them.

"Easy!" Steamed Bun Invasion unexpectedly stole the initiative. Tang Rou was silent. Compared to Steamed Bun Invasion, she was too embarrassed to say anything.

"You made a lot of mistakes." Ye Xiu said to Tang Rou.

"I know, six times....." Tang Rou counted.

"You hit other places six times, but you also missed three times. So that makes nine total." Ye Xiu helped Tang Rou count.

"Let me try again." Tang Rou said.

"Come at me!" Steamed Bun Invasion challenged.

"There's no hurry. You can do this type of practice any time. First let's finish the dungeon. After that, you guys can continue setting the conditions." Ye Xiu reminded.

After all, dungeons occupied everyone's time. Even though Tang Rou felt that it was urgent, she couldn't hold up everyone's time. As a result, they continued to dungeon. Tang Rou adopted Ye Xiu's suggestion and only hit the "first segment" even when they fought BOSSes.

"You can try and slow down at first and make sure you don't make any mistakes. Afterwards, you can slowly increase the speed. Don't rush." After finishing the dungeon, Ye Xiu helped Tang Rou conclude.

The five players exited the dungeon. Right as they were about to enter again, Ye Xiu suddenly saw a familiar ID out on the corner of his eye.

Chapter 215 – Tooth for Tooth

Endless Night.

As soon as Ye Xiu exited the dungeon, he saw this Tyrannical Ambition Cleric. He was also at the dungeon entrance with four others. When Ye Xiu saw them, Endless Night and his group turned around as well and looked at him.

Ye Xiu acted without taking time to think and used a Shadow Clone Technique to dash in front of them.

“Hi Little Cleric!” Ye Xiu smiled and sent a Sky Strike at them.

Endless Night hadn’t anticipated that he would act so quickly and was just barely able to dodge the Sky Strike., but, Lord Grim moved one step faster and launched him into the sky with a Kick. The Thousand Chance Umbrella transformed into its Gun form and a Gatling Gun, aimed at Endless Night, bombarded him with a barrage of bullets.

There were a lot of players outside of the dungeon, so many of the skills would inevitably hit others. Ye Xiu simply used a BBQ Delivery Gun to directly send Endless Night out of the crowd.

“F*ck!” By the time Endless Night cursed, he was already in midair.

“What’s wrong?” Su Mucheng had only just noticed, but seeing that Ye Xiu had acted, she immediately lifted up her handcannon. Right when it seemed as if Endless Night was going to land and use a Quick Recover, he was suddenly hit by Anti-Tank Missiles. Endless Night was launched flying, like a firecracker into the mountain wall of Line Canyon.

Hitting walls in Glory didn’t allow users to Quick Recover, but there was a common skill called “Wall Jump”, which allowed the character to step on a wall or tree when jumping to perform a double jump.

Endless Night was just about to use a Quick Recover to roll, when suddenly, he had to use a “Wall Jump”. He wasn’t able to perform it fast enough and his head tore through the dirt.

Tang Rou, Qiao Yifan, and Steamed Bun Invasion didn’t react any slower. By the time Endless Night was able to dig him out of the wall, the three had already arrived and were ready to surround and attack him.

The surrounding players were a bit stupefied. Everything had happened so suddenly. They just saw a guy fly out from the crowd and crash into a wall.

Endless Night’s four companions were obviously all from Tyrannical Ambition. While the others were chasing after Lord Grim and the others, they were still continuing to power level in the dungeon in order to maintain their high levels and competitiveness in the dungeon records. They were the elite of the elites of the big guilds, but by coincidence, they ended up bumping into Lord Grim’s group and then watched helplessly as Lord Grim sent Endless Night flying.

And these four players made an incorrect decision. Without thinking, they decided to rush forward to rescue Endless Night.....

5v5..... the result was obvious. There’s no need to describe it.

“Who are these guys?” Tang Rou asked as she stabbed at her opponent’s head. This sis was unexpectedly still practicing by only hitting the head.

“They’re from Tyrannical Ambition. They were one of the guilds that was chasing us.” Ye Xiu said. Even though the pursuers didn’t have their guild names, Ye Xiu had fought with Tyrannical Ambition quite a few times. He had joined the guild for a bit, so he had some memory of quite a few of the player names.

Since things were like this already, there was no need to be polite to Tyrannical Ambition.

Ye Xiu understood the significance of this dungeon team. By killing this team, it was similar to fighting tooth for tooth. The guilds wanted to hinder his team from leveling and now, Tyrannical Ambition’s elite team was the first to lose experience.

When those four players rushed up to rescue Endless Night, they immediately recognized their mistake. Unfortunately, it was already too late.

In this confrontation, Endless Night and the others struggled. They could be considered first-string experts, but compared to Lord Grim and his group’s clutch, none of them were able to escape.

Endless Night laid on the ground. A thread of chilliness arose in his shameless heart.

This Lord Grim’s attack was so decisive and he even smiled and greeted me? Was he not feeling any pressure at all?

While he revived back in town, Endless Night reported to Cold Night what had happened.

When Cold Night received the message, he felt extremely gloomy.

Unlucky! How unlucky! Why was his Tyrannical Ambition so unlucky?

Good things never came. Bad things always came one after the other. All the other guilds’ elite teams were continuing to level. Why did they have to bump into Lord Grim? What type of luck was that?

Cold Night immediately contacted the other members that were leveling. Among these was his boss, Jiang You, and the elite team that he had personally brought over from the Heavenly Domain.

With this information, Cold Night at least knew where Lord Grim and the others were now. However, he didn’t believe that Lord Grim would be so stupid as to wait to be surrounded. Lord Grim would definitely switch to a different dungeon entrance.

And after that, he didn’t report the information to the other guilds. The other guilds had to be unlucky too and get wiped out by Lord Grim’s group a few times.....

The seven big guilds that had gathered were now outside Line Canyon.

“Following the original plan, first we’ll send people to wait outside dungeon entrances to verify where they are.” Chen Yehui said.

“Right now, they should already be doing their second run. Hurry. When we find out where they are, we’ll get into position and catch them before they start their third run.” Lonely Drink said.

The three guild leaders had found the other guilds and discussed the plan with them. In the end, they split their numbers evenly and a hundred players headed to different dungeon entrances.

“We’ve guarded the entrances. If we keep waiting, they’ll have to show up eventually, right?” Someone said.

“What if they stay in the leveling area and don’t come out?” Another one said.

Inside Line Canyon.

The dungeon entrance where Endless Night’s group was wiped out was completely silent. Not even a word bubble asking for a party invite could be seen.

PK was very common in game. But they had been shaken heavily by the five murderers. These random players outside of the dungeon felt weak and along. None of them dared to offend the five.

They didn’t know what Lord Grim’s intent was. When his team passed by them, they all felt a tremble in their hearts.

“More?” Someone in that team still seemed to want to continue.

“Crash!” In an instant, they dispersed.

“None for now! Let’s go!” Ye Xiu said.

“Huh? Where?” Steamed Bun Invasion saw that Lord Grim wasn’t heading towards the dungeon.

“If we stay here, won’t we be stopped later?” Ye Xiu said.

Steamed Bun Invasion scratched his head to think. Ye Xiu had no idea if he understood. In any case, he said “Oh” and then followed him. Under Lord Grim’s lead, they went through an empty area and found another dungeon entrance.

“Is there anyone to kill?” Tang Rou asked. This sis’s eyes were probably sparkling with greed. She definitely hoped that the players outside of the dungeon entrance were all enemies. Killing them all would be a great challenge.

“There will be soon.” Ye Xiu laughed. Lord Grim unexpectedly went past the dungeon entrance.

“We’re not going in?” The four were puzzled.

“It’s now time that they exited the dungeon.” Ye Xiu said.

Chapter 216 – Even If We’re Killed, We Won’t Tell Anyone

“Time they exited the dungeon?”

“Yeah, if they entered the dungeon at 12, it’s about time they finished their three runs and are prepared to leave.”

“We’ll be sending them off.” Ye Xiu laughed.

Now, Su Mucheng and Qiao Yifan understood what Ye Xiu was trying to say.

As for Steamed Bun Invasion, even though he had gaming experience, he was relatively innocent and didn’t get it, so he continued to ask: “Send who?”

“The people who weren’t polite to us.” Ye Xiu said.

“Then why should we send them?” Steamed Bun Invasion still didn’t get it. Even Tang Rou understood by now. Ye Xiu had once analyzed this type of situation: the opponent’s left their elite teams to continue leveling. At this moment, they were finished with their three dungeons so wasn’t it obvious what they were going to do?

“But..... how do you know which ones to attack?” Su Mucheng asked.

“I asked.” Ye Xiu said.

“Asked?”

“I have a lot of guild leaders on my friends list.” Ye Xiu said.

Their pursuers hadn’t lit up their guild tags, which meant they wanted to cover it up. However, this kind of thinking was too naive. Many guilds wanted to pull in Ye Xiu, so his friends list was full of guild leaders from all sorts of guilds. As a result, all he had to do was send all of them messages telling them which names he had encountered during battle and asked which guilds they were in.

Ye Xiu understood the competition between each of the guilds. Even if they were in an alliance temporarily, they might be using it to pressure each other. For example, in Congee Forest, when those four players had baited Ye Xiu and Huang Shaotian, Ye Xiu suspected that someone had set them up without them being aware.

With this sort of relationship, the guilds that were asked might not intend to sell out other guilds, but they didn’t know if they would be betrayed or not. As a result, if they sold out others, they, at least, wouldn’t lose out alone.

And just like Ye Xiu had predicted, many guilds actively replied. However, the replies differed. It could be seen that some of the guilds were covering up for their own players.

After filtering out the bad answers, he found that there were six or seven guilds. Ye Xiu wasn’t sure if it was everyone, but he had acquired a few targets already.

“Line Canyon (TL: Entire map which includes leveling area + dungeon) only has two entrances, but my guess is that their main force is already guarding those. Our only choice is to look for another opportunity.” Lord Grim’s footsteps stopped.

“This place is?” Su Mucheng asked everyone.

“If you leave from this Line Canyon dungeon entrance (TL: Dungeon has several entrances into it), there’s a high probability that they’ll pass through here.” Ye Xiu said.

“You know so much!” The others gasped in amazement.

“Yeah, I just looked it up.” Ye Xiu said.

“.....”

“Look, a team.” Tang Rou suddenly said. Hearing that they were going to PK, this sister’s spirit immediately flared.

“Misty Castle..... no.” Ye Xiu said.

The five players were currently crouching behind a sand dune and were stealthily observing the players heading towards this intersection.

“Another team! Samsara?” After Misty Castle’s team left, another team followed, which Tang Rou immediately noticed.

“Go!” Ye Xiu ordered and the five players leapt out from the sand dune. Samsara’s players were hurrying forward and not paying attention.

“It’s only five players, do we really need to ambush them?” Tang Rou realized that these five were walking along the road cluelessly.

“You can shout at them to get their attention if you’d like.” Ye Xiu said.

Tang Rou decided not to do it since shouting wasn’t her style.

Ye Xiu was the first to move out. Lord Grim used a Shadow Clone Technique to flash behind them. His Thousand Chance Umbrella transformed into a Scythe, a Priest weapon type, and a blue light glowed on the ground. The five players realized that something wasn’t right, but by the time they looked back, the blue light had already risen and the five players were launched into the sky.

Cleansing Mist immediately lifted her handcannon and sent artillery shells and a Gatling Gun, sending the five players tumbling through the sky. One Inch Ash moved up, waved his Demon Slaying Blade, and then cast an Ice Boundary. When the five players landed, two of them were Frozen into ice cubes, making it so that they were unable to Quick Recover.

Soft Mist and Steamed Bun Invasion shot forward, one on the left and the other on the right. Tang Rou took her battle lance and stabbed at their heads. In comparison, Steamed Bun Invasion shamelessly bullied the ice cubes.

Soft Mist’s Scarlet Moon Lance twirled like a dragon. It wasn’t difficult to see that her hand speed wasn’t ordinary. In addition, Lord Grim assisted her from the side. The players were unable to resist and by the time the two ice cubes melted, one of them had already fallen.

The two who had melted out of their ice cubes weren’t any better off. One of them was directly Strangled by Steamed Bun Invasion and then beat up. The other ice cube tried to escape, but after taking two or three steps, a Scarlet Moon Lance stabbed at his head, and like a mop, he was thrown towards his two allies.

The battle occurred extremely quickly.

When the Misty Castle players heard the commotion behind them, they turned their heads and saw that the scene wasn’t a PK, but a massacre. The Samsara players were bullied so miserably that even normal monsters looked better than them. Seeing this, their hearts tightened.

“Lord Grim.....” One of the players quietly said.

“Where’d they come out from.....” Another player was puzzled.

“Let’s hurry up and leave.” The third bro reminded them to not watch. The place was currently dangerous and it was best to hurry and leave.

The players continued to madly run, while looking back from time to time. Samsara’s players quickly turned into corpses. Seeing that Lord Grim didn’t seem to be chasing them, they let out a sigh of relief.

“He’s not our enemy!” One of the players said. Seeing Lord Grim attacking other guilds and not mind them, the five wanted to watch the commotion.

“What???”

When Lonely Drink received the message, the five players had already died and returned to the city. During the battle, they weren’t able to send out a message for help. They were only able to report it after they died.

“F*ck!” Lonely Drink couldn’t resist cursing out loud. The characters he was leading, even himself, could be sacrificed. Their purpose was to wear down one another, delaying their leveling. But the five players who had just died were different. These were players who were supposed to be power leveling and taking a hold of the records. However, they had been wiped out by Lord Grim, making Lonely Drink’s heart ache.

“What’s wrong?” His cursing brought the attention of others.

“F*ck……. I burnt myself with my cigarette.” Lonely Drink lied.

Lonely Drink’s heart was just like Cold Night’s. He had hoped that Lord Grim would make it even by attacking the other guilds. Their guild couldn’t be the only one to suffer! Which was why even if they had been killed, they wouldn’t tell it to anyone.

In Line Canyon, Ye Xiu and the others had already encountered another team.

“Blossom Valley, go!” Ye Xiu said. This time, they didn’t ambush them and instead directly clashed with them.

“That team there is from Void Walk! They’re also targets.” Another team followed after Blossom Valley’s. Ye Xiu looked and saw that they were also one of the pursuing guilds.

“Two teams! This is going to be fun.” Tang Rou excitedly said. She immediately rushed forward as if her toys were going to run away.

“Pay attention to controlling the field. Don’t let any of them escape!” Ye Xiu warned.

“Relax, senior. Leave that to me.” Steamed Bun Invasion suddenly went forward and began with a Sand Toss.

“Steamed Bun Invasion!!” Steamed Bun Invasion yelled out his name and invaded the enemy forces.

“Steamed Bun, you’re so lively.” Ye Xiu praised.

“Ha ha ha ha……” Steamed Bun Invasion’s laugh echoed throughout the canyon.

Chapter 217 – Void and Hundred Blossoms

Void Walk was the guild backed by Club Void. The name of the guild was a bit different than the others. It sounded like a name given to a bad guy. In reality, this name represented Club Void's mission: to surpass oneself. However, no one really bought this explanation.

No one in Void really cared. Their guild continued to use this mocked guild name and as for their team, they continued to uphold their unique style.

Many teams had one Ghostblade character and player, but Team Void was the only one that used a Ghostblade as the core of their team.

The Team Void leader, Li Xuan, and his character, Sobbing Ghost, were considered the Alliance's first Phantom Demon. He was Qiao Yifan's current learning model.

Team Void and their unique playstyle was a strong contender in the Alliance in recent years. In the past seven years, they had entered the playoffs five times. Their current ranking this season was fifth place, a very hopeful position.

As for Blossom Valley, they were the guild that was backed by Team Hundred Blossoms. Team Hundred Blossoms was also a strong contender in the Alliance, though currently they were in a transition phase.

When last season ended, the team captain, Zhang Jiale, suddenly announced his retirement. This sudden decision messed up Team Hundred Blossom's original plans and forced them to adjust.

Zhang Jiale was also a God-level character. His Spitfire, Dazzling Hundred Blossom, was a splendid player. In his six years as a pro, he had entered the playoffs six times, played in the finals three times, and claimed the title MVP. However, he hasn't won a single Championship yet. Zhang Jiale's name was known far and wide, but he was definitely one of Glory's most tragic players.

Last season, Team Hundred Blossoms lost in the finals. Zhang Jiale fell into a discouraged state, causing him to suddenly announce his retirement. Team Hundred Blossoms was unable to persuade him and had no choice but to respect their player's decision.

As a result, during that summer rest period, Team Hundred Blossom was forced to find someone to replace him. However, in the end, they were unable to find anyone suitable to succeed "Dazzling Hundred Blossoms". In the current season, the team's strongest account unexpectedly fell into a new player's hands. The new player's performance was quite good, but he clearly wasn't good enough yet to become the team's core. This was something Team Hundred Blossom couldn't do anything about.

However, there was something this season that made them pleasantly surprised. A young player on their team, Tang Hao, rose abruptly during his second year as a pro and his performance was already being considered God-level. The only thing restricting him was his average Brawler account, as well as Team Hundred Blossom's messy playing.

The similarity between the name Team Hundred Blossoms and their core character Dazzling Hundred Blossom wasn't just a coincidence. Dazzling Hundred Blossoms was a very old God-level account and could be considered the root of Team Hundred Blossom's founding. The Spitfire had always been their core class. This was something they hadn't changed over the years. This year, the core changed because of Zhang Jiale's sudden retirement and Tang Hao's abrupt rise, however, the team still wasn't used to it.

Impacted from this, Team Hundred Blossoms was currently ranked tenth and the situation wasn't looking good for them. This season might be the first time they were unable to enter the playoffs.

However, Tang Hao's progress gave them hope. Their current team was beginning to get their things together and it was still possible to come back in the second half of the season. Even if they didn't make it into playoffs, they would have already successfully re-established their foundation.

In short, even though Team Hundred Blossom wasn't doing too well right now, they were preparing for a complete renewal. They didn't plan on falling and as a result, their guild Blossom Valley was still pushing forward.

Presently, the elite teams of Blossom Valley and Void Walk came across Ye Xiu's team. Even though it wasn't an ambush, it was still unexpected to have Ye Xiu and the others take the initiative and rush forward.

Steamed Bun Invasion gleefully invaded Blossom Valley's troops, but as soon as he entered, he was hit. One of the players looked up to dodge the Sand Toss's Blind and then quickly snapped back. He then kicked and used a "Punisher" on Steamed Bun Invasion. Steamed Bun Invasion wasn't careful and was stomped into the ground.

This Blossom Valley dungeon team was being led personally by the tenth server guild leader. The Spitfire, who had stepped on Steamed Bun Invasion, was their guild leader, Backlight Bomb, and was a Heavenly Domain expert, similar to Blue River's status. He had the ability to fight Steamed Bun Invasion. Steamed Bun Invasion had originally planned on going up and fighting 1v5, but he had underestimated them too much.

After using "Punisher", Backlight Bomb tossed a Grenade, while shouting "Scatter!" Blossom Valley's players immediately scattered. He then raised his automatic pistol with his right hand and used his left hand to reload.

This wasn't a normal reload, like when Gunners ran out of ammo, but rather, it was a Spitfire skill.

The speciality of Spitfires was that they used different types of bullets. A Spitfire reloading meant that they were switching to a special kind of bullet.

The grenade that was thrown exploded. Steamed Bun Invasion, who had been forced onto the ground by the Punisher, had no way of dodging. He had been hit as soon as he rushed forward, but he didn't run. Steamed Bun Invasion got up and continued to close in on Backlight Bomb.

"Eat my fist!" Steamed Bun Invasion shouted. He was like a comic character, who shouted the skill before attacking, but compared to Huang Shaotian, who had been doing it for a purpose, Steamed Bun Invasion just did it because he found it fun. He hadn't thought about distracting or scaring his opponents.

This shout didn't scare Backlight Bomb though. Backlight Bomb rolled to the side and fired. Strangely enough, even though bullets came out, there was no smoke from the gun. The bullets that flew out glowed a pale blue and their speed wasn't as fast as a normal bullet. Experienced players could see that he had used an "Freezing Bullet".

Ice Bullet was a Spitfire Level 30 skill. When an Ice Bullet hit the opponent, there was a chance that the opponent would enter a Frozen state.

These types of special bullets could be fired up to 15 times and when the player changed classes at Level 20, they would learn the skill "Ammunition Expansion" which allowed them to hold up to 20 of these.

While rolling, Backlight Bomb was able to maintain his steady aim. His skill level clearly wasn't ordinary.

However, Steamed Bun Invasion wasn't so easy to deal with either. Ice Bullets moved slower than normal bullets. Steamed Bun Invasion's body moved and shook left and right in order to dodge the Ice Bullets. Backlight Bomb continued to adjust his aim, but every time he fired, Steamed Bun Invasion would move left or right and dodge it. Gradually, Steamed Bun Invasion closed in on Backlight Bomb.

However, Steamed Bun Invasion had, not just one, but five opponents.

Steamed Bun Invasion closed in on Backlight Bomb, but behind him, a Berserker leapt forward and used a Collapsing Mountain on Steamed Bun Invasion.

Ice Bullets in front and a Collapsing Mountain behind, Steamed Bun Invasion didn't look as if he would be able to escape. A white light flashed and Lord Grim's Thousand Chance Umbrella stabbed forward. The White-Wolf Fanged lance tip stabbed through the Berserker's Body. Lord Grim's arm swung and stopped the Berserker mid-leap with a Circle Swing. Collapsing Mountain was cancelled and Circle Swing smashed him towards the ground.

Ye Xiu moved his mouse and Lord Grim turned around and sent a sudden strike at the Cleric behind him. The Cleric had wanted to heal the Berserker, when suddenly, a Sky Strike launched him into the air. Lord Grim's left palm shot forward and a Falling Flower Palm blasted him away.

The Cleric flew back and a curse from their side was heard.

The team from Void Walk was fighting against Tang Rou and was currently surrounding the struggling Battle Mage. A Blade Master had snuck up behind Soft Mist, but how could he have known someone would come flying over and block him.

Tang Rou heard this and immediately understood what had happened.

"Careful." Ye Xiu warned and then continued to attack his targets.

Su Mucheng's Launcher attacked from afar. Both teams were in her firing range, so she would fire whenever there was a chance. Qiao Yifan observed the situation for a bit and then headed to assist Soft Mist.

Chapter 218 – Crowd Lover

Sword Boundary!

The Sword Ghost flowed outward from One Inch Ash's sword, creating a circular boundary. Tang Rou was inside the range, so her strength and intelligence were increased.

Su Mucheng's Cleansing Mist stepped in as well.

Qiao Yifan had calculated the range of the Sword Boundary to envelop both players. Then he stepped forward two times and raised his sword to prepare to cast an Ice Boundary. This Ice Boundary was meant for the enemies, so it wasn't placed in the same spot as the Sword Boundary. One Inch Ash moved accordingly and began to chant.

"Interrupt him!" Void Walk's team leader hastily shouted and a Striker pounced over. "Bang! Bang! Bang!" Three shots rang out and the Striker was forced back. Cleansing Mist had fired to protect One Inch Ash.

The time gained from this was enough to cast the Ice Boundary.

"Back!" Void Walk's team leader shouted again.

Against a Ghostblade's formation, the best way to deal with them was to retreat outside the boundary range. This way, it didn't matter what boundary you cast or how terrifying it was, it would only be a backdrop.

But retreating wouldn't be so simple. As soon as his voice fell, Soft Mist's Scarlet Moon Lance stabbed forward. Once Qiao Yifan finished casting the Ice Boundary, he immediately sent a Ghost Slash towards two players, who had rolled to the side.

Ghost Slash was a skill with a considerably long attack range. An arc of purple shot out and passed through both players like a skewer through meat.

The other two players were able to successfully retreat. But when they looked back, they saw that the other three were trapped inside the Ice Boundary. Being the only ones that had escaped, they didn't know what to do. Should they rescue their allies or not?

One of them felt like it wasn't right to run away, so he moved just outside of the Ice Boundary's range and began sending out long-ranged attacks to save his teammates. But, Void Walk's players weren't sure what to do and were all doing their own thing. Everywhere they looked, there seemed to be Chasers and sword lights flying towards them. There was also that Launcher, who was always sending them gifts when they didn't need them.

The person at the edge of the Ice Boundary was closed in on by One Inch Ash, who used a Moonlight Slash to launch him into the sky. Then One Inch Ash leapt into the air and turned around to use a Falling Light Blade. While sending the person into the Ice Boundary, he also knocked down another player with the shockwave.

Tang Rou, Qiao Yifan, and Su Mucheng controlled the four players, while focusing one of them and quickly killed him off.

"Retreat!" Void Walk's team leader finally shouted again.

He had been trying hard to direct everyone during this battle and had made a total of three commands: "Interrupt", "Back", and "Retreat". From these three words, anyone could clearly see their preparation from going to battle to their downfall to fleeing for their lives.

Unfortunately, only the player that stood far outside the boundary had the opportunity to follow it. As soon as the team leader shouted the command, he was hit tumbling by Soft Mist and then hit again by a

Chaser, exploding him to death. Even though the other two hadn't died yet, they were currently airborne.

The player that was far away had awkwardly stood there in hesitation. Only until he heard "Retreat!" did he begin to run. Soft Mist immediately chased after him with a movement speed buff. Su Mucheng also fired a few shots to block him but sadly, he was caught by Soft Mist.

'He almost got away.'" Tang Rou said as she used a Falling Flower Palm to blast him backwards. As for the rest, 2v3ing wouldn't be a problem for them, so Su Mucheng stopped helping them and went to focus on the Blossom Valley battle.

Ye Xiu and Steamed Bun had been making fair progress. They had killed off two players and only Backlight Bomb was a bit of a problem.

Ye Xiu reckoned that he was a fan of the recently retired, Hundred Blossom's team captain Zhang Jiale. Unfortunately, he was drawing a tiger like a dog. Even with the same class, he didn't have the dazzle that Zhang Jiale had and was fighting wretchedly. In fact, he was quite similar to Steamed Bun Invasion.

He had clearly been engrossed in his fight with Steamed Bun Invasion and when he recovered and looked back, he saw that two of his team members had already been killed. The Cleric was now running madly from Cleansing Mist's attacks.

This short distraction was taken advantage of by Steamed Bun Invasion. He punched, kicked, and bricked Backlight Bomb, who was unable to resist. After all, Backlight Bomb was a long-range class and wasn't good at close combat.

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It would only be a matter of time before the remaining players were killed. Ye Xiu wasn't wrong when he said this was the most frequented road in Line Canyon. Another five players from a guild appeared and these guild experts cleared at similar speeds, but because they entered at different entrances and at different times, their exit from Line Canyon was different.

Tyrannical Ambition!

Ye Xiu immediately noticed their guild tag. He even recognized one of the players in the team.

Crowd Lover. The appearance of this ID was quite appropriate.

This Elementalist had helped them in setting the dungeon record for Frost Forest. Even though his hand speed might be a bit slower than Tang Rou's and Steamed Bun Invasion's, he was much more experienced and had an impressive understanding of strategy. He wasn't someone Tang Rou and Steamed Bun Invasion could compare themselves to.

Hand speed wasn't a conclusive factor. This person was without a doubt the most skilled player amongst all the normal players he had met in the tenth server.

Ye Xiu believed that this type of, hard to come by, expert wasn't a nobody in Tyrannical Ambition. He was definitely an experienced veteran from Heavenly Domain who had come to substitute for the dungeon records.

However, was this Crowd Lover the same as that time's Crowd Lover?

Jiang You was also startled when he saw Lord Grim and the others. Their guild alliance had already arrived at Line Canyon and these few still dared to run amok?

He knew that Endless Night and the others had been killed. Cold Night had also warned him to be careful because of that.

When Jiang You exited the dungeon, he was already on guard, but after finding out that Lord Grim wasn't there waiting for them, he put aside the matter. How could he have known that they would encounter Lord Grim's group here? It even looked like they were currently in the middle of wiping out Blossom Valley's and Void Walk's teams.

"Forward!" Jiang You said without hesitation. Of the teams that had come, they were the first to initiate an attack on Lord Grim and the others.

Jiang You saw the situation clearly.

He had only seen Lord Grim and his team run a simple dungeon once, so his insight on them was limited and he wasn't able to see exactly how deep each player's strength was.

But at this moment, it could be seen that Lord Grim's team clearly had the advantage against the two other teams. PK was the best indicator of how strong someone was. A judgement based solely on sight could only go so far.

Jiang You was no longer bringing with him experts from the tenth server, but instead brought the strongest elites from Tyrannical Ambition's headquarters. In a 5v5, he still didn't have too much confidence. As a result, he didn't want to waste any time and would immediately rescue the remaining Blossom Valley and Void Walk players. Together they would be able to suppress Lord Grim's team.

Flame Explosion!

Jiang You used this low-leveled skill. Raging Flames and Blizzard had high damage and high range, but they would also entangle the players from the two guilds. They weren't parted together, so they would take damage too. Jiang You was scared that his attack would kill them off.

His Flame Explosion flew directly towards Lord Grim. Ye Xiu dodged to the side and stabbed with his lance. He forced his opponent to step to the side and unfortunately, this opponent was hit by Crowd Lover's Flame Explosion.

'F*ck, this b*tch is too evil." Jiang You cursed, while immediately sending Cold Night a message: "Lord Grim, coordinates: 2875, 3400."

Chapter 219 – PvP Is Even Scarier

Cold Night received Jiang You's message.

They were just so unlucky. Their Tyrannical Ambition already had a team wiped out and another team encountered them. He had originally planned on waiting for the other guilds to suffer, but he was the one to suffer again. Cold Night really wanted to shout "Why always me!!!" to voice his current feelings.

But he had received the coordinates and there was no time to waste. The important part was to hurry and save them and possibly kill off Lord Grim too. Of course, this wasn't something he was going to do alone. He needed the strength of everyone. Cold Night was just about to speak, when someone else shouted: "Coordinates 2873, 3398!"

The person yelled, while typing out the coordinates for everyone to see. Cold Night looked and saw that it was a player from Blossom Valley. The coordinate was similar to the one Jiang You had sent.

Cold Night was slightly startled. Clearly, Blossom Valley's players had also encountered Lord Grim.

"Yes! Lord Grim's here. Let's hurry up and go!" Another one shouted. Seeing that he no longer needed to personally act, Cold Night didn't say anything and informed his Tyrannical Ambition players to immediately go.

Currently, three teams were fighting Lord Grim's group and there was still time for them to be rescued. It was different from Endless Night's and Samsara's teams where the battle was sudden. The fight was over in an instant, so Cold Night and Lonely Drink didn't receive any messages until it was all over.

Seeing how all the guilds were beginning to move, Lonely Drink guessed what had happened. Even so, he still acted slowly and asked: "What happened?"

This guy wanted to sit down with everyone and talk for half an hour. Before, he had also wanted to kill Lord Grim, but after having his elite team wiped out, Lord Grim was placed last in his mind. He wanted the other elite teams to be killed off and then kill Lord Grim.

"Lord Grim's appeared." Cold Night simply said. He had already guessed what Lonely Drink was thinking and doing, which was why he didn't say anything more. After saying it, he began to organize the movement.

Lord Grim's appeared.

This was enough reason to act. The others began to move and there was no point in Lonely Drink stalling, so all he could do was order his Samsara to move out as well. The guild alliance had been split up to guard the city and check the dungeon entrances, so there were only a hundred elites gathered together. Even so, this was more than enough to defeat Lord Grim and the other four players.

However, these so-called "elites" were only relative. In the new server with new players all over, they were elites. However, if they were in the old servers, they would only be considered as veterans. The true elites were those who were currently running dungeons. Unfortunately, two teams had already been wiped out and the remaining were also in danger.

Jiang You could be considered as a top-tier player among the normal player population. After having his magic borrowed by Lord Grim, he didn't lose his cool. He rolled and sent out a Frost Ball and then fired another Flame Explosion, this time, towards One Inch Ash.

At this moment, Jiang You's Crowd Lover was attacking different players and his heavy magic was fired gently like a true mage.

"Careful, Steamed Bun." Ye Xiu hastily yelled. The Frost Ball was headed towards Steamed Bun Invasion. Jiang You planned on making a sneak attack.

With him acting out, things couldn't have been more clear.

This Crowd Lover was definitely the same expert as the one who had dungeoned with them in the past. Ye Xiu understood why this type of expert would silently run to the tenth server. Tyrannical Ambition urgently needed to take back their pride in this dungeon.

Su Mucheng immediately placed Crowd Lover as her target. Cleansing Mist fired a Gatling Gun, spraying bullets towards Tyrannical Ambition's players. However, this was a game, so players wouldn't die from one bullet. With Su Mucheng shaking her gun, the scattered bullets had their damage split.

Using Gatling Gun this way wasn't for damage, but rather for temporarily stopping the opponent's offense. Against a new player, they would probably be running away in fear right now, but Jiang You and the experienced veterans knew what was happening. The few bullets that would hit them wouldn't do much damage. The annoying part was the brief stun and interrupt after these bullets hit.

These five players moved about impressively; they were running, jumping and rolling to break through the rain of bullets.

The Sharpshooter amongst the five players dodged and also raised his gun to fire back. Cleansing Mist was still in mid-animation and had no way of dodging. This Sharpshooter wasn't bad and used this opportunity to fire at Cleansing Mist.

Su Mucheng was helpless. She could only cancel her skill to avoid the bullets. She then sent Anti-Tank Missiles to counter and in the blink of an eye, the two began firing at each other.

This team was different!

Seeing how strong this team was, the longer this went on the worse the situation would become. Ye Xiu immediately made a decision. He used a Sky Strike to launch an opponent into the air and used a Falling Flower Palm to send him towards Crowd Lover's team. He then used "Fling" to throw another opponent over, this time, disrupting the enemy team's formation.

After throwing the two Blossom Valley players like bullets, Lord Grim immediately used a Shadow Clone Technique and appeared between all five experts.

The five players were originally in formation, but were disrupted by the two meat bullets. Ye Xiu used this opportunity to instantly move to the opening.

"You've got guts!!" A Striker shouted and rushed forward to Front Kick him.

Front Kick was a Striker skill and had a slight knock-back effect. Ye Xiu wasn't worried. He moved his mouse and returned with a Dragon Tooth.

The Striker felt that his Front Kick would connect, but a white light suddenly flashed and Lord Grim's battle lance appeared in front of him.

The lance was long and the leg was short. At this moment, there was no way his Kick would hit first, so he immediately cancelled the skill. He didn't expect the Dragon Tooth to be so quick though and was stabbed mid-jump. His heart suddenly dropped. The battle lance arced towards him and a Sky Strike launched him into the air.

He had incredible mechanics and his lance speed was also quick!

The Striker had suffered an attack, but instantly understood what went wrong. Ye Xiu's hand speed, as well as the Thousand Chance Umbrella's Attack Speed of 5, were both uncommonly quick, causing him to lose.

Circle Swing captured the Striker mid-air. Lord Grim flung hard and he became another meat bullet. The surrounding players dispersed to dodge. Lord Grim retracted his battle lance and fired three Anti-Tank Missiles, attacking the three front players.

This Gun Shake maneuver was unimaginably difficult. At such a short range, he was able to scatter the artillery shells at such large angles apart from one another. Of the three artillery shells, two were unable to dodge, hitting and exploding at contact.

Lord Grim then turned around and tossed a grenade into the air.

"F*ck!" The Blade Master behind him had jumped and planned on using a Falling Light Blade to make a sneak attack. But this Lord Grim unexpectedly seemed to have eyes at the back of his head and threw a grenade at him mid-air. After the explosion, the Blade Master fell like a broken-winged angel and fell face first into the ground.

How unfortunate. He had planned on using a Front Roll to Quick Recover, but he made a mistake. He messed up his Front Roll and crashed into the earth.

Tyrannical Ambition's five, top-tier, experts were being 1v5ed by Lord Grim, who had instantly hit four of them. Jiang You was dumbstruck. Lord Grim's PvP was even scarier than his PvE! During this moment, he was thankful that he had sent a message to Cold Night before-hand.

Chapter 220 – Screen Cannon

Jiang You was the only one on his team who hadn't been hit by Lord Grim yet. Right when it looked like he was going to be hit, he immediately cast magic and Raging Flames roared up in an attempt to attack and defend at the same time.

But the attack missed. Did Lord Grim not rush forward? He then heard a whistling sound growing louder and louder. By the time Jiang You reacted, Crowd Lover was already in a huge cloud of smoke. The Launcher on the side had suddenly fired at him.

Quick Recover!

Jiang You obviously didn't want to be hit onto the ground by the explosion, so he rolled forward. When he got up, he heard someone say in his ears "Long time no see." A battle lance arced up and his Crowd Lover was thrown into the sky.

"Clang!" A cold light flashed.

Jiang You had only just been launched, when Lord Grim suddenly slashed an incredibly quick Sword Draw. It was so quick that it seemed as if the combo had been done by two players instead of one.

Just as the Blade Master on the side climbed up, Crowd Lover flew right in front of him. No one knew if he had gone stupid from falling, but the Blade Master wasn't able to dodge in time and the two crashed into each other.

Terrible!

Jiang You and the others were all fairly big names in the game. With their main accounts, they were on the same level as Changing Spring and Blue Bridge Spring Snow in the Heavenly Domain.

No one dared to say they were undefeatable in PvP, but for Jiang You and his team's skill level, it really was the first time they had been beaten up so badly.

When Jiang You and the Blade Master climbed back up, their other two teammates, the Sharpshooter and Striker, were now on the ground. As for their Cleric, he was standing there foolishly, unsure of what to do.

"Steady!" Jiang You saw that everyone had been beaten senseless. Usually, they weren't this bad. The others weren't ordinary players after all. With Jiang You's status, he was often in contact with pro-players. It wasn't that he had never played with Tyrannical Ambition's pro-players before; it was just that he had never been beaten this badly.

Ultimately, it was an issue with their attitudes. Lord Grim's strength was far greater than they had imagined and as soon as they began fighting, he disrupted their formation. They had lost their tempo and were having trouble finding it again.

"Just stall for time!" During this moment, Jiang You immediately lowered everyone's requirements.

Shortly after, he heard the Cleric shout "Careful!" Jiang You didn't ask anything and rolled to the side as he saw a bright laser brush past him. He was one of the faster ones while the other teammate, who had been in the laser's path, was directly hit flying.

Evil!!

From this, Jiang You saw Lord Grim's treachery.

He rushed up to fight them in order to force them out of their position. Their cameras were all on Lord Grim of course. As a result, the Launcher was able to fire behind them over and over again.

Jiang You had just been hit by a missile and if the Cleric hadn't warned him, he would have been hit again.

Jiang You moved his camera. Cleansing Mist's cannon was no longer directed at them, but instead was directed towards Steamed Bun Invasion's side. Jiang You discovered that it appeared as if Lord Grim's group had split up and found their own targets to battle with, but with this Launcher at their center assisting them, they formed a single body.

This type of strategy..... Jiang You suddenly felt that it seemed a bit familiar. At this moment, he heard a teammate yell another "Careful!" Jiang You hastily rolled to the side to dodge the attack behind him, but this time, he crashed into his teammates and coughed blood. Why did things turn out this way as soon as he looked away?

Could it be a dead angle strategy?

Jiang You finally thought of the strategy's name.

Dead angle strategy. It utilized the opponent's dead angles to move and attack.

This type of strategy was effective, but was not fun to watch, especially when it was from a bird's-eye view. You would only see the people being attacked while running and dodging stupidly against obvious attacks.

At this moment, Lord Grim and Cleansing Mist seemed to be using this type of strategy. Whenever his back was faced towards Cleansing Mist, she would attack and whenever he faced towards Cleansing Mist, Lord Grim would attack.

Against this dead angle strategy, you either had to move in a way such that both sides could be seen or use terrain to protect your dead angle.

"Everyone....." As soon as he shouted this out, he discovered that his teammates were charging towards Lord Grim. Their backs were towards him, which meant that their backs were also facing the Launcher.

"Careful!!" Jiang You shouted. And just as expected, the Launcher used this opportunity to shoot out three Anti-Tank Missiles and one of them was even headed towards him.

Jiang You had already dodged when he shouted out. He had dodged the bullet, but the four players in front were standing in a line, which made it difficult for them to dodge left or right so the artillery shell Jiang You dodged exploded on them.

"I'm right, it's a dead angle strategy!" Jiang You confirmed. It wasn't a coincidence but rather, it was a strategy that was being employed. Lord Grim had intentionally set up this scenario.

Apart from the dead angle strategy, Jiang You also remembered the Launcher's strategy of using firepower to protect her teammates. This type of coordination was called a Screen strategy. It was a support type strategy that long-range classes used. Because Launchers had the highest range in the game, their ability and range to support was the best, so this strategy gradually began being called "Screen Cannon".

After recognizing these two points, Jiang You at least knew that Lord Grim's team weren't just random players. Only those who truly understood Glory would be able to utilize these types of strategy at the correct time.

Being able to see through Ye Xiu's and Su Mucheng's coordination could be seen as an indication that Jiang You also understood Glory well. Many ordinary players knew a lot about theory, let alone Jiang You who has played Glory for so many years as well being Tyrannical Ambition's guild leader. At this point, the game has already become a career for him.

Dead angle strategy as well as Screen Cannon. In order to break through, they had to head towards the Launcher.

Jiang You instantly cleared his thoughts. He wouldn't entangle himself with Lord Grim and help his teammates. Instead, he turned his head and charged towards Cleansing Mist.

Flame Explosion!

Frost Ball!

Jiang You quickly moved and Crowd Lover chained two spells. Flame Explosion headed directly towards her, while Frost Ball predicted where she would move to. Sure enough, Cleansing Mist had to deal with it. After dodging the Flame Explosion, she lifted her cannon and accurately fired at the Frost Ball.

How precise.....

Jiang You was shocked, however, he had already planned what he would do next. His Raging Flames was almost finished casting and it would explode and certainly hit her.

“Bang! Bang! Bang!”

Three explosions rang through Jiang You’s ears. He saw Crowd Lover’s casting get interrupted while black smoke permeated the air around him and he was forced stumbling.

“What happened?” Jiang You stared blankly.

He raised his camera and saw Cleansing Mist’s cannon fire a Cannonball.

Bang!

The Cannonball hit Crowd Lover’s body and he was sent flying away. As the viewpoints kept changing, the sky seemed to spin. It was almost as if he was watching a cartoon as he saw Lord Grim fling a player such that they would crash into his teammates.

Jiang You understood what had happened. The Anti-Tank Missiles didn’t come from Cleansing Mist; They came from Lord Grim. That guy was an unspecialized, so he could use Launcher’s skills as well.

This “Screen Cannon” strategy had two supports as the center.

Crowd Lover fell to the ground. Just as he was about to roll away, everything in front of him turned black. His character once again drilled into the ground.

“Woah! I just killed one and another came! Our synergy is so amazing!!” Jiang You wasn’t able to see anything. All he could hear was someone yelling into his ears.

“F*ck! That Sand Toss was too shameless!” Jiang You figured out what happened.