

Glory 291

Chapter 291 – Crazy Rewards

Midnight. The system announced that the Christmas event was over. From this point onwards, Christmas thieves would no longer respawn. The Christmas thieves that were still alive would no longer drop any lost presents or count for any points after they were killed. As for presents that had already been dropped, they weren't affected if they were picked up after midnight. They could still be exchanged for rewards since the exchange for rewards continued for the entire day.

The twelve guilds that had allied together with Ye Xiu were, without a doubt, the winners of this year's Christmas event. The crowd underneath the clock tower in Sin City erupted in a cheer. Their cries of joy resounded throughout the air. But on top of the clock tower, Lord Grim simply stood there without any signs of movement.

The monster hunting had been completed and Lord Grim could finally come down. Tang Rou turned her head to look and discovered that Ye Xiu had already fallen asleep at his table.

Tang Rou and Chen Guo looked at each other. He had looked perfectly fine a few minutes ago! But in an instant, he dropped dead asleep.

"Hey, hey! You couldn't hang on for a few minutes longer?" Chen Guo heartlessly shoved Ye Xiu awake.

"What?" Ye Xiu murmured, "Isn't it over?"

"You haven't picked up the presents yet!" Tang Rou said.

"You guys go ahead!" Ye Xiu said and then turned his body. He shifted positions and looked as if he was going to continue sleeping.

"Get up. Go back to your room and sleep." Chen Guo lifted Ye Xiu up.

"Okay, okay, okay. I'm going." Ye Xiu stood up and left his seat swaying.

Chen Guo watched and was also surprised. Staying up for 36 hours without sleeping wasn't anything too serious for an adult. But looking at Ye Xiu's attitude, he looked as if he would fall over at any moment.

Chen Guo thought again. During those 36 hours, Ye Xiu had been doing what others couldn't do. In order for him to maintain his performance, Ye Xiu had to be focused the entire time. The exhaustion of his mind was something that players like them, who were simply running around and hoping for luck, could not feel.

"Hey!" Seeing Ye Xiu sway again, Chen Guo hastily got up and ran over to help him. But suddenly Ye Xiu steadied himself and shook his head, muttering to himself in astonishment: "I can even sleep while walking. I'm becoming better and better....."

Chen Guo was speechless. She finally caught up: "Are you okay?"

"I'm fine, I'm fine. I'm going to go to sleep first. Help me log out!" Ye Xiu said.

"I'll help you turn the presents in! What would happen if you accidentally slept for 24 hours?" Chen Guo happily said.

“Go ahead, go ahead!” Ye Xiu laughed. He then walked over to the stairs. Chen Guo was a bit afraid that he’d tumble down if he climbed up the stairs, but when she looked again, she saw that Ye Xiu’s footsteps were steady. His swaying from before might really have been because he hadn’t been awake and was sleepwalking.

When she got back to her seat, Chen Guo saw Lord Grim’s camera. Lord Grim was at the top of the clock tower with a bird’s eye view of the entire city. The other players were gathered underneath like a bunch of ants. The lightning that arced down made it seem like they could be picked off at any time.

Chen Guo controlled Lord Grim on the clock tower and looked around to the left and the right, feeling a bit reluctant to leave. She had never been here before!

This continued until Tang Rou gave her a look of doubt, making Chen Guo feel a bit embarrassed. She coughed lightly and asked: “Are there still any presents left to pick up?”

“There are! You should help him pick them up!” Tang Rou said.

“Okay.” Chen Guo nodded her head. She opened up Lord Grim’s equipment and looked. His Thousand Chance Umbrella happened to be stopped in Gun form. Chen Guo looked at the attributes and was unbelievably astonished. Thinking about how she was actually using a Silver weapon, Chen Guo could not calm down.

“I’m going to go down!” Chen Guo said.

“Go ahead!” Tang Rou said.

Chen Guo played a Launcher. Even though she was not able to jump up to the top of the clock tower, jumping down wasn’t a problem. She looked at the scene one last time and then had Lord Grim jump down.

Her character descended amidst the fine rain. Chen Guo aimed at the ground and grasped the timing. After shooting several times, Lord Grim finally landed safely.

The guild players surrounding the tower were still there. Their feelings towards Lord Grim were somewhat complicated, but when they saw him jump down, they weren’t sure what to do.

Chen Guo ran over to Soft Mist to help collect the remaining presents. The other players had already finished their scrambling. The pile over there had been left alone especially for Ye Xiu’s group.

After picking up ten or so lost presents, Chen Guo and Tang Rou didn’t talk with these guild players and ran off to find Santa.

“Where’d that sister go?” Chen Guo discovered that there was no trace of that Launcher.

“Oh, she logged off.” Tang Rou said.

The two didn’t say anything else and gave their presents to Santa. Even though Chen Guo wasn’t using her own character, she still looked at the system messages and repeatedly checked her rewards.

For players like Lord Grim and Soft Mist, with so many presents and so many rewards, they had already gone up on TV multiple times.

Going up on TV didn't necessarily mean that the items they got were great. For example, Purple equipment would also be announced by the system, but their value was limited. Even if they were Orange equipment, they couldn't be compared to skill books. Those were unable to be traded, so even if you had money, you still wouldn't be able to get them. Ye Xiu's group had found skill books in the entire course of the event but Tang Rou's luck had been the best. She had gotten 55 points in total from skill books while Ye Xiu got a total of 45 points. Su Mucheng had been the most tragic. She had only found the two lowest skill books worth 5 points each, for a total of 10 points.

Aside from this, there were quite a few uncommon materials and a bunch of other stuff. Tang Rou had no idea what the value of these items were, so she kept them for now and decided to tidy them up after the event was over.

And the craziest rewards was experience. When the event finished, the three characters had risen to Level 37.

The other guilds' players had started at a higher level and, after cooperating with Lord Grim, their efficiency went through the roof, as well. However, they had gotten quite a few less presents, so their rewards couldn't be compared to Ye Xiu's group. After exchanging their presents, they rose to Level 38.

As for the helpless Chen Yehui, he could only stare at the leaderboard. Their fifteen heroes' levels couldn't even compare to Lord Grim's group now. When they originally arrived at Sin City for the event, those three were only Level 31 and were three levels apart from them! In the 36 hours of the Christmas event, they had leveled up six times, while Excellent Dynasty with their crumbs, were only able to level up twice.

Even though they did better than the majority of the players and were considered outstanding among the player base..... the majority of the players weren't Excellent Dynasty's opponents. Their competitors, the ones who they wanted to compete against, were already two levels above them.

Chen Yehui was helpless towards these results. Even though they were at the bottom of the leaderboard, they had fortunately made it onto the level 36-40 Leaderboards. As for Samsara, they had fallen to the middle of the Level 31-35 Leaderboard.

The higher leveled leaderboard had its advantages.

The higher the level, the greater the rewards of experience, gold, equipment, and material became. The rewards for the Level 36-40 Leaderboard was much better than the rewards for the Level 31-35 Leaderboard.

"It's all over....." Chen Yehui finally determined that the leaderboard wouldn't change anymore. Chen Yehui let out a deep sigh. At this moment, he wasn't too annoyed because he already recognized that he had been defeated this time.

Chapter 292 – The Aftermath

At the end of the Christmas event, the chat was filled with players announcing their rewards. After a wave of noisiness, things gradually began to calm down. When players received a notification that the event had ended, the majority of them finished exchanging their presents and then proceeded to log off.

Apart from the rewards exchanged from the lost presents, the greatest rewards came from rewards based on the total points accumulated.

Right after Tang Rou received her final Christmas present, she immediately opened it. With a flash of light, she earned a large amount of experience and Soft Mist directly jumped to Level 38. She also received a glowing red, Orange weapon: Battle Mage Level 40 Glowing Fire Halberd.

Glowing Fire Halberd, Level 40.

Weight: 3.3 kg. Attack Speed: 1.

Physical Attack: 470. Magic Attack: 355.

Strength +15. Fire Chaser Skill Level +2. Attacks have a 3% chance of Burning the target.

Looking at the weapon, Tang Rou compared it to her previous Level 30 Purple weapon, the Scarlet Moon Lance: Physical Attack: 330, Magic Attack: 250.

“How amazing!” Even Tang Rou could tell.

“You actually got an Orange weapon. Your luck isn’t bad!” Chen Guo also praised. For a player with a max-leveled account, a Level 40 Orange weapon wouldn’t make her go mad with envy.

Lord Grim also got his final present. But when Chen Guo saw the words ‘Christmas present’, Chen Guo hesitated before eventually closing it and logging out of the game.

She returned to her Chasing Haze. The amount of points she had accumulated naturally couldn’t compare to the amount of points Ye Xiu and Tang Rou had accumulated. Yet even so, she still looked forward to her final present. Chen Guo took in a deep breath and then opened up her present.

The sounds of rattling came out. She had opened a bunch of coins. But besides that, there was nothing else. Chen Guo clearly only got something very, very ordinary.

Seeing the money bag, Chen Guo realized that only Ye Xiu and Tang Rou had earned a profit today. Her Chasing Haze had always been average. She had done her best, but most of her time was used being excited for someone else. Thinking back, even she felt that it was a bit funny.

After opening her presents, there weren’t any more events, so Chen Guo stopped playing.

“It’s been a long day. You should go to sleep early!” Chen Guo said to Tang Rou.

“Phew.....” Tang Rou felt a bit at a loss. 36 hours sounded long, but it actually wasn’t that long. Apart from the short nap, the majority of her time was used on the busy event. Now that the event was over, she suddenly didn’t know what to do anymore.

Usually at this time, the dungeons were refreshed and she would party up and dungeon. But now, her usual party wasn’t there. Her character had leveled extremely quickly. In the blink of an eye, she went from Level 31 to Level 38. Where was she supposed to go now at this level? What was she going to do? Tang Rou had no clue.

She looked blankly at the game and then nodded her head to Chen Guo: “Okay, I’m going to sleep.”

As a result, there was no Tang Rou in the corner tonight, nor a Ye Xiu at the front desk. Everything seemed like before Ye Xiu had come.

At nine in the morning, Ye Xiu woke up from his bed.

The sunlight shone through the pitiful window, leaving a ray of light in the dim storage room.

Dust hovered around in the light ray. Ye Xiu looked at it blankly and couldn't help but think back to the rain in Sin City that had drifted like so.

The crazy 36 hours had ended! Ye Xiu had only realized this now. He rubbed his head and got up, putting on his clothes and then left the room.

The TV was on in the living room. Chen Guo was in her sleeping bag and was watching the TV from the sofa with her head wet.

"Boss." Ye Xiu called. Chen Guo turned her head and said with a mouth full of foam bubbles, "Wu wu" — a greeting. She then turned around and continued to watch TV.

Ye Xiu was speechless. Who would think that someone who was watching TV on the sofa like that would brush her teeth at the same time?

"Can I use the bathroom?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Wu wu wu." Chen Guo got up and rushed into the bathroom. After gargling and rinsing out her mouth, she wiped her mouth clean of the white foam and walked out: "Go ahead!"

"Okay." Ye Xiu went in.

"I didn't open your Christmas present. Don't forget to open it." Chen Guo said.

"Okay." Ye Xiu nodded his head.

By the time he finished washing, Chen Guo had already turned off the TV and left. The door to Tang Rou's room was open, but she wasn't there. Ye Xiu walked out and went to the Internet Cafe.

"Morning!" He greeted the employees working in the Internet Cafe. Ye Xiu saw Tang Rou and Chen Guo sitting together at their special computer spots. Ye Xiu walked over and said hi, but didn't sit together with them: "I'm going to the smoking section!"

"Okay." Chen Guo obviously wouldn't stop him. She was only been able to resist because it had been a special situation yesterday. Cigarette smoke wasn't something that she liked.

The Internet Cafe in the morning was very empty. Ye Xiu randomly took a spot and swiped his card to enter the game.

As soon as he got online, he immediately received a message from Steamed Bun Invasion, who was crying to him!

"Senior, what happened? How did you guys suddenly get to Level 38 in one night?" Steamed Bun Invasion added a bunch of crying emoticons.

"Christmas event. Where were you the past two days?" Ye Xiu replied.

“I was at a Christmas event too!” Steamed Bun Invasion said.

“What? How come I didn’t see you online?”

“Why would I go online? I went to drink with a few of my buddies. We got very drunk and I slept the entire day yesterday. I came onto to the game to look today and everything changed. How many days did I sleep? What day is it today?”

Ye Xiu was speechless. Steamed Bun Invasion’s Christmas event had taken place offline. He helplessly replied: “There was a Christmas event in game. It allowed you level very quickly. We leveled several times because of it.”

“There was something like that?” Steamed Bun Invasion was surprised.

“For these types of holidays, the game often has events.” Ye Xiu felt like Steamed Bun Invasion had played games before, so he should have known.

“That’s right! How could I have forgotten!” Steamed Bun Invasion suddenly realized and began crying as if his mother had passed away.

“Hurry up and catch up!” With such a gap, what else could Ye Xiu say?

“Senior, I’ll give you my number. If something like this happens again, call me!” Steamed Bun Invasion was very sad.

“Okay!” Ye Xiu replied. He jotted down Steamed Bun Invasion’s number and told the crying Steamed Bun Invasion to train.

Ye Xiu opened up Lord Grim’s inventory. He saw the Christmas present and opened it.

A flash of light. Lord Grim and Soft Mist’s points had been quite high, so the experience reward they received was about the same. With this experience, Lord Grim also leveled up to 38. Aside from this, he also got a reward that put him on TV, a Level 40 Orange weapon: Shadow Claw.

Claws were Fighter class weapons and were most commonly used by Brawlers. The Shadow Claw was an Orange weapon, so its stats didn’t need to be spoken. However, Ye Xiu didn’t need it to upgrade his Thousand Chance Umbrella. Ye Xiu immediately messaged Steamed Bun Invasion and gave him the Shadow Claw’s attributes.

“Ah, ah, ah, ah! Senior!!” Steamed Bun Invasion shouted.

“Hurry up and level! When you reach Level 40, I’ll give it to you.”

“I will! I will!” Steamed Bun Invasion yelled.

Ye Xiu smiled and then closed the chat window. His Lord Grim was still in Sin City and had a lot of items on him. He still had a lot of Weight on him and he had to get rid of it.

After returning to Congee City, he ran directly to the storage house. On the way there, Ye Xiu made sure to be careful, looking to see if he was being given any special attention from the big guilds.

Don't look at how everyone had been so happy and harmonious at yesterday's Christmas event. What followed wouldn't change. For enemies like Blue Brook Guild and Herb Garden, they definitely wouldn't suddenly become friends after a single short alliance.

As for Ye Xiu, in the guilds' eyes, had returned to being that dungeon record kidnapper, especially now that Lord Grim's level could be compared to theirs, which would make them fearful once again.

Ye Xiu didn't find anything unusual after observing his surroundings. When he went to the storage house, he quickly tidied it up. Even though he had a lot of materials, in order for him to level up his Thousand Chance Umbrella to Level 35, he still didn't have enough. For the missing parts, should he run to the market or should he sell some more guides?

Ye Xiu thought and opened up the dungeon records leaderboard. He looked and was surprised. Line Canyon and Fire Forest. These two dungeons' fastest times were quite frightening.

Chapter 293 – Lance Form! Level 35

Line Canyon's new record beat the record made by Misty Castle, who had used Ye Xiu's guide, by two minutes. The record holder was Tyrannical Ambition. Even though they also had Ye Xiu's guide, the current record surpassed the limit that could be reached by Ye Xiu's guide. Ye Xiu had no idea how they had done it.

Looking again at Fire Forest's record, the current record holder was Blue Brook Guild. Their record was unbelievably high as well. Apart from this, not only were the top records astonishing, the first ten records were all enough to make players dumbstruck.

In the Christmas event, the players were all focused on the event. The announcements of records being broken would be washed away by the frequent notifications of rewards from presents. Ye Xiu hadn't noticed the intense fighting for the records during those 36 hours.

Thinking of this, Ye Xiu figured out what had happened.

These records had appeared because of the Christmas event.

Similar to how Tang Rou's Soft Mist could temporarily have Battle Spirit, the guilds' record-setting teams clearly took advantage of the Christmas event to obtain skills that they shouldn't have at this level in order to create an extremely strong team, temporarily.

This type of team would no longer exist after the event ended, but their records would stay.

Using this opportunity, Tyrannical Ambition dropped a ridiculous Line Canyon record. Even though no one noticed it at that time, there would definitely be ways to have people notice. And the ones who most urgently needed it was Blue Brook Guild, who was able to successfully seize the opportunity and take down Fire Forest's record. The guild's embarrassing crisis could finally be relieved.

After thinking of all this, Ye Xiu smiled. There was no longer anything of value that could be obtained from these two dungeons. Ye Xiu opened up Sin City's dungeon records and checked them.

Sin City's records were more normal. This dungeon required players to be Level 37-39. The only players who had reached this were those 99 players from Ye Xiu's team. Excellent Dynasty's high-levelled players

were still in the Level 36 range and wouldn't be able to participate in Sin City's dungeon competition, for now.

The Christmas event awarded quite a few good pieces of equipment. The twelve guilds that had allied with Ye Xiu had already allocated their equipment to create an extremely strong team. After yesterday night ended, Sin City's dungeon record was set. The current record-holder was Herb Garden.

Tyrannical Ambition, Blue Brook Guild, Herb Garden. Glory's three top guilds fully utilized this event. It had to be said that their ability to surpass other guilds wasn't without reason.

Seeing that the dungeon competition had already reached Sin City, Ye Xiu had to hurry. He hadn't yet researched the dungeon. After all, there was no way he could have known that they'd hit Level 38 with this event. It would now be useful to begin his research for the guide he intended to sell.

Guides, videos..... Ye Xiu opened up a browser to look up materials.

Ye Xiu wouldn't create an Idiot's Guide like Concealed Light. He had to find the crucial points and come up with something new.

He moved the game to one side. Ye Xiu flipped through guides and watched videos, while creating a new computer file to write things down in.

After coming up with a few ideas, he still had to go back to the game to test them.

Ye Xiu returned to the game, but didn't go directly to the dungeon. He instead went to the game's equipment editor. He didn't have all of the materials necessary to fully upgrade the Thousand Chance Umbrella yet, but he could upgrade a few of the forms.

He had the rest of the materials from Line Canyon apart from Illusion Swordmaster Ahong's Orange Weapon — Scarlet Illusion Blade.

Forty Sandworm Silk were used to upgrade the Thousand Chance Umbrella's canopy to Level 35.

The piece connecting the umbrella bones, canopy, and pole needed the extremely rare Amber Crystal, an uncommon material dropped by the wild BOSS, Cliff Ronin Alpine.

The connecting piece wasn't very eye-catching, but it was extremely important. During the research for the Thousand Chance Umbrella, many of the tests were done for this piece. At that time, many materials were used. But after changing forms,, the Thousand Chance Umbrella would immediately fall apart after everything was put together. In order to find materials that could be used for the different levels, a lot of effort was put in.

And right now, Ye Xiu was adding the Amber Crystal into the template. After he disassembled the Thousand Chance Umbrella, he just had to replace the original piece with the new one.

After that, Ye Xiu used the Scarlet Scorpion Tails and the Scarlet Stingers.

Eight of each were needed. At this moment, they were used to replace the umbrella tip's eight White Wolf Sharp Fangs.

On the newly changed umbrella's tip was shown a pitch-black Scarlet Scorpion Tail. Along the barb-like structure's back were streaks of black along with fine lines of blood-red, the Scarlet Stingers.

After exchanging everything, Ye Xiu saved the new edit and then went back to the game.

Currently, Lord Grim was still in Congee City. Even though it was a safe zone, changing the weapon formations to check the attributes could still be done. He took out the upgraded Thousand Chance Umbrella and changed it to the lance form. The umbrella tip was made up of Scarlet Scorpion Tails coming together. The backwards hooks were unevenly matched, but the eight Scarlet Stingers came together creating a single scarlet tip.

The attributes.

Thousand Chance Umbrella (Lance Form), Level 35.

Weight: 2.3 kg. Durability 23. Attack Speed: 5.

Physical Attack: 470. Magic Attack: 350.

A Level 35 Silver weapon had an attack that wouldn't lose to a Level 40 Orange weapon. These stats were around the same as Tang Rou's new Level 40 Orange weapon, Glowing Fire Halberd, but the Glowing Fire Halberd had an Attack Speed of 1, while his Thousand Chance Umbrella had an Attack Speed of 5.

An Attack Speed of 5 and an Attack Speed of 1 didn't mean that there was 5 times the difference. In the early days of Glory, Attack Speed wasn't represented by numbers. Numbers were attached in order to help players understand the concept of "Attack Speed +1 / 2" attributes to a weapon.

The difference in Attack Speed was only 1.25 times based on the data provided to the public. This number didn't seem eye-catching, but in the game, a player could easily feel the difference. As for the difference between an Attack Speed of 9 and 10, the difference was miniscule and only a very skilled expert could tell the difference.

Apart from this, there was also a setup that made players sad. It was that the Attack Speed would only appear as a whole number. This meant that there were actually decimal places that were hidden. And this rounded (up or down) part could only be found through research.

But in any case, no matter the difference in decimals between the Attack Speed of 5 and the Attack Speed of 1, as long as the difference between the two Attack Speeds was greater than 3, it was enough for the majority of players to feel the difference. And compared to the Glowing Fire Halberd's additional attributes, the Thousand Chance Umbrella was finally no longer completely blank.

The Level 35 Thousand Chance Umbrella had an 8% chance to Poison and an 8% chance to Bleed.

Chapter 294 – Creating a Blade

Up until now, apart from a Silver weapon's Attack, the Thousand Chance Umbrella didn't have any additional attributes. It was like a White equipment. Even those Green equipment from quests frequently added Strength, Intelligence, etc. But the Thousand Chance Umbrella? It never had any. Not until now.

At Level 35, the Thousand Chance Umbrella finally possessed additional attributes.

The Scarlet Scorpion Tails and the Scarlet Stingers added Bleed and Poison effects. Comparing it to the Glowing Fire Spear's 3% Burn chance, it wasn't hard to see how incredible the Thousand Chance Umbrella's 8% chance was.

After inspecting that there weren't any problems, Ye Xiu relaxed. The attributes of self-made weapons depended on the details. If the length of the eight Scarlet Scorpion Tails were different or if the eight Scarlet Stingers were assembled in a different way. It was possible that the weapon's attributes would be negatively affected. The current results had only been made through countless experiments.

Seeing that the lance form was as he expected, Ye Xiu tapped his keyboard. Lord Grim's hands shook and opened up the Thousand Chance Umbrella's canopy, opening into an open umbrella. For the Thousand Chance Umbrella, this was the Shield form.

The Sandworm Silk didn't add any additional attributes to the Level 35 Shield form, but the fundamental defense and ability to absorb damage had been upgraded. However, the Thousand Chance Umbrella's Durability didn't change. This meant that the higher the level, the more the Shield couldn't be used. This Shield form could only be used at the most crucial moments.

The lance and shield forms had been upgraded well, but the Thousand Chance Umbrella's other parts such as the umbrella bones, pole, sword, etc. couldn't be upgraded yet because he didn't have enough materials.

Besides the Scarlet Illusion Blade from Line Canyon, the other materials came from the Level 34-36 Fire Forest. There still weren't many materials from Fire Forest in the entire tenth server, so it was quite difficult to gather them now.

As a result, Ye Xiu wasn't too rushed about searching for materials yet. As for the Scarlet Illusion Blade, Ye Xiu had asked Tyrannical Ambition about it twice. The first time, it was left out because they didn't accept his price for him not acting. The second time was in Zhang Xinjie's bet, where the Orange weapon was put up. Unfortunately, Tyrannical Ambition said they didn't have it and made up for it with other materials.

Whether Tyrannical Ambition really had it or not, Ye Xiu didn't know, but he could at least see that Orange weapons truly were rare.

"I could try and buy the weapon." Ye Xiu thought. He typed into the global chat asking to buy a Scarlet Illusion Blade.

The world was large, even if it was a rare Orange weapon, after so many days of countless players running the dungeon, Ye Xiu believed that there should at least be a few out there.

Sure enough, several friend invites were quickly sent to him. Ye Xiu added them one by one and asked. Of the five, one of them had heard wrong. The player thought he was selling the blade instead of buying it. With a quick flip, he became Ye Xiu's competitor.

Ye Xiu ignored him and asked the other four.

Ye Xiu had an idea on what the cost of the Scarlet Illusion Blade was. He only hoped that he wouldn't meet that type of stubborn noob, who wouldn't let go of a high price. Even though Ye Xiu didn't spare any expenses with his Thousand Chance Umbrella that didn't mean he was going to spend more than what made sense.

Of these four, one of them was only curious about the price. He didn't even say whether he had the item or not. As for the other three, two of them went up and asked for Ye Xiu's price. Ye Xiu naturally gave them a fair price. In the end, one of them directly replied with a "Bye" as if he had met with a scammer. The other didn't reply for a while after hearing Ye Xiu's reply and was considering it. As for the last one, he directly gave a price to Ye Xiu. His starting price was much higher than Ye Xiu's fair price. This was normal though. The seller would always try to sell it for more.

Ye Xiu didn't hurry to reply and waited for the player who didn't reply back yet.

In a short moment, the player replied: "A bit low!"

Ye Xiu didn't say too much and made his asking price higher. He then replied with the same price to both of them. The price was higher than his original asking price, but compared to the price given by the other guy, it was lower.

In the end, the one who actively gave him a price defended his price, while the other now with a higher price hesitated again and then replied that he would accept.

Ye Xiu immediately made an appointment, while sending the other one a reply saying "Sorry, I've got another offer." That player's messages stopped and nothing else came. Whether or not he was regretting his offer, no one would ever know.

Ye Xiu didn't have that much money, but he had materials. As a result, he messaged the seller for a negotiation to see whether he accepted materials. If this was a noob who didn't know about the value of uncommon materials, then it definitely wouldn't work. Luckily, it looked like this player understood and after a bit of discussion, he happily accepted Ye Xiu's offer.

The two brought their items and met up at an agreed upon place. After opening the trade, they each put in their items and accepts. Like many other countless transactions, it ended peacefully.

The two said bye and then went to do their own things. Ye Xiu entered the equipment editor. All he had to do was make the material into the correct shape. Of course, to get to this point, countless trials and errors had been made.

Ye Xiu thought back on all of this with a tinge of emotion. The Scarlet Illusion Blade had already been made into the correct shape. He switched the sword and saved the editor.

He then entered the game and took out the sword from the Thousand Chance Umbrella's handle. Apart from the red color of the blade from the Scarlet Illusion Blade, everything else changed.

Thousand Chance Umbrella (Sword Form), Level 35, Physical Attack 390, Magic Attack 440.

Apart from this, there was a Critical Strike chance increase of 2%. This was an additional effect that was originally in the Scarlet Illusion Blade and hadn't disappeared after being put into the editor.

After this was done, Ye Xiu could only wait a few days for the tenth server to run more Fire Forest dungeons before he could do any more upgrading. He could then sell his guides for the items after they were gathered by the guilds. Gathering up all the materials by himself was impossible.

Lord Grim left Congee City and headed towards Sin City. Ye Xiu messaged Tang Rou, asking her if she wanted to dungeon.

Actually, Ye Xiu had the ability to solo the dungeon. However, when dungeoning solo, it wasn't possible to encounter a hidden BOSS. Ye Xiu considered this and decided he needed a partner.

Tang Rou was currently following a guide and clearing some quests. Soft Mist had leveled from 31 to 38 extremely quickly. Among the load of quests within these 7 levels, there were naturally ones that rewarded skill or attribute points. Hearing Ye Xiu's call, she immediately tossed the quests to one side and ran to play with Ye Xiu in Sin City.

At Sin City, the two met and partied up.

"Just us two?" Tang Rou looked left and right, but didn't see anyone else.

"If not, then who else?" Ye Xiu said. Besides Su Mucheng, the other players he was friends with weren't high enough leveled to dungeon in Sin City.

"Okay, then let's go!" Tang Rou said. When she said "Just us two?" She wasn't doubting that the two wouldn't be able to clear the dungeon. It meant that if it was just them, then they should start at once.

Sin City's dungeon was located in a prison.

Sin City's residents were all criminal, escaped prisoners. This prison didn't have any rules either. The prisoners were free to roam. The quest background and the story was that there was a prison outbreak where all of the guards were killed. Their jobs were to forcefully suppress these prisoners from escaping..

Ye Xiu and Tang Rou. One of them had looked at the plot ten years ago, while the other was feeling dizzy with mass of text. At this moment, how could she care to understand all this. The two went to the dungeon entrance and quickly entered it. They only had one goal: Kill!

Chapter 295 – Word Battle

The underground prison was dim and moist. As soon as the two characters entered, they stepped into a small puddle. Water splashed onto the ground. Not far from there were a few monsters, who immediately turned their heads and rushed over when they heard the sound.

The underground prison didn't give players any time to prepare. As soon as they entered, they had to fight.

Tang Rou liked this briskness. Her Soft Mist had already dashed forward to meet with them in combat. In this dim environment, her Scarlet Moon Lance's glow shone brightly.

The two of them were more than enough to deal with this dungeon. However, the two couldn't think about creating any type of record. Ye Xiu had come to research the dungeon. Seeing that Tang Rou

didn't have any problems dealing with the monsters, he let her be and continued to walk forward until he reached his planned position, where he began to practice.

Tang Rou was just one person and needed some time to clear away the dungeon monsters. When she had finished doing so, she ran over to where Lord Grim was and discovered that he was unexpectedly even slower than her.. and by a lot.

"What are you doing?" Tang Rou asked curiously. Even though Ye Xiu normally never tried his hardest in dungeons, he had never been like this.

"I'm studying some things. You can continue killing." Ye Xiu said.

"Okay." Tang Rou continued forward. Although the two were both in the same dungeon, they were pretty much doing their own thing.

Tang Rou pushed forward. She turned around and saw that Lord Grim was still in the same place and with the same few monsters. In Glory, team members only shared experience within a certain range. Soft Mist was just about to leave that range so Tang Rou had no choice but to go back.

"You're still not done?" Tang Rou asked after running over, though she didn't have Soft Mist help out.

"Yeah, help me test it out....." Ye Xiu had Tang Rou help him.

As a result, in this dungeon, the majority of the monsters were killed by Tang Rou, while Ye Xiu was often stopped at some spot. Once he was stopped, he would be there for several minutes. With the two going back and forth like this, the dungeon took almost two hours to complete.

After the first run, Tang Rou didn't say anything.

During the second run, Ye Xiu was no longer running and stopping like he was before. He began killing monsters extremely quickly, especially in the places where he had stopped at before. When he rushed forward in those areas, he was a lot more focused and more efficient.

"What do you think?" Tang Rou asked. She had helped Ye Xiu a few times and heard Ye Xiu's explanation. She already understood that Ye Xiu was studying new strategies in order to clear the dungeon faster.

"Not bad." Ye Xiu's research had gone smoothly.

"Is it going to be used for setting records?"

"Yeah, though we won't be using it."

"Then what is it for?" Tang Rou asked.

"As a textbook to be sold to the big guilds!"

"They can't do it themselves? They have to rely on you?"

"That's hard to say." Ye Xiu admitted.

Ye Xiu had pushed away the old and brought out the new in order to increase the dungeon-clearing efficiency. Was he really the only one who could do this? Ye Xiu understood that this might not be the case.

The dungeon was fixed. For many new players, as long as they spent some effort researching it, they all had the ability to come up with a new strategy.

Ye Xiu's advantage was that he was able to use the shortest amount of time to find the most precise strategy.

In Sin City's underground prison, Ye Xiu spent his morning and afternoon running the dungeon three times in order to determine the strategy. However, for others, the amount of effort and time they had to put in would be far greater than Ye Xiu.

For example, Tyrannical Ambition.

Tyrannical Ambition could see that the guide they had bought from Ye Xiu was mostly the same as the usual strategy. There were only a few places that had been changed. However, these few places immediately increased the efficiency of the entire guide. This type of strategy gave Jiang You a great enlightenment.

Jiang You obviously wasn't confident that he could compare to God Ye Qiu. However, this was only a dungeon, which was their in-game experts' area of expertise. Some of the reasoning in Ye Qiu's guide gave him some enlightenment. Perhaps they didn't need to exchange materials for his guide. They might be able to create their own guide.

Jiang You was currently doing just that.

From yesterday night till now, he had used all of the accounts he had on hand. He didn't know how many times he had run this dungeon. Only just a moment ago, he had discovered something new again and was writing it down in a document. Jiang You's mood was extremely good and the guide was almost done.

"Guild leader, it's time to eat."

When the call for lunch came out from an underling, Jiang You typed in the last punctuation mark. Excited, Jiang You erased the period he had put in and put in an exclamation mark to express his mood.

He saved it and then closed the document. Jiang You stood up with a glowing face: "What are we eating for lunch?"

Jiang You didn't feel tired at all despite his all-nighter. It was all because he was feeling extremely happy. They had benefited a lot from the Christmas event and had used that opportunity to take back their lost Line Canyon record. And now, it was time to take Sin City's record as well. Spring had already come for Jiang You.

"Guild leader, it's going well in the tenth server, hm?" A subordinate asked.

"Yeah, it's going well, it's going well." Jiang You smiled.

Everyone was happy. Ever since Jiang You's interference in the tenth server, a dark cloud seemed to loom above the studio in Club Tyranny. Even those who weren't involved in the tenth server were affected by the tenth server's situation.

Jiang You's repeated running into a wall in the tenth server had put forward an even harsher environment in the studio. These past few days, the atmosphere in the room had constantly been going up and down.

And now, finally, it seemed like in the most recent two days, the skies had cleared from the storm. The guild leader had a big smile across his face and he no longer admonished them as frequently. He would even say a few jokes for them to hear, even if they weren't funny.

After lunch, Jiang You didn't go to sleep. He directly logged into the tenth server and contacted Cold Night. However, at this moment, Cold Night himself wasn't there. It was a different person who had taken the account to level.

Though in order to use the same account, the two people were definitely together. After a while, the real Cold Night switched over. Jiang You sent him the guide he had personally researched and had Cold Night hurry and choose players to practice it.

"From Ye Qiu?" Cold Night asked after receiving it.

"Ye Qiu? Aren't we only going to use that when we have no other choice? I made this guide myself." Jiang You said.

"Oh, oh....." Cold Night didn't dare say too much. In his eyes, Ye Qiu would definitely continue to sell his guides. The guild leader had gone to do battle with him and so he had also created a guide. Even though Cold Night respected his guild leader greatly... when comparing the two, no one in their right mind would think the guild leader was better than Ye Qiu, right?

Cold Night still called players to get ready to practice. They had to first understand the guide well.

Each member complied as they were informed. Cold Night received another message and saw that it was from Lord Grim.

"Brother, do you want a guide?"

"Sorry, we already have one." Cold Night replied.

"Oh? From who? Zhang Xinjie?" Ye Xiu asked.

Cold Night didn't reply for awhile. The other side thought the guide was from Zhang Xinjie. If he said that it was from Jiang You, it would clearly be lowering themselves. It was as if the other side asked if you had gone to a banquet. You couldn't proudly say that you had actually eaten instant ramen. Instant ramen couldn't help you win any sense of superiority.

"You don't have to worry about that." Cold Night replied. He felt a bit ashamed. He didn't want to say that the guide came from the guild leader, because if he did, then he'd feel like he'd be lowering the guild leader's name. It was a bit shameful.

Even though Ye Qiu was their Tyranny's rival, he was still Ye Qiu. For them, Cold Night felt like they didn't even have the qualifications to be his enemies.....

Chapter 296 – Can I Buy Out?

Tyrannical Ambition had made their own guide. Ye Xiu wasn't too surprised by this. With a few prompts to guide their reasoning, it didn't matter how good they were; anyone would want to try. After all, researching it was free.

Not only Tyrannical Ambition, but Misty Castle was the same. When he asked Hazy Mist, Hazy Mist also evasively laughed, meaning that they didn't need it for now.

Ye Xiu understood and didn't expose them. Even if the two guilds researched their own guides, it would only reduce the number of his clients. This type of secret weapon definitely wouldn't be shared with other guilds or else they would be creating more competitors.

The two guilds that had previously bought Ye Xiu's guide refused his new one. Ye Xiu chose another guild.

"Another one?" Blue River received the message and replied back.

"Yeah! Last time, you missed it. This time, you should take the chance!"

'Last time it was Line Canyon. Did Misty Castle use that guide?' Blue River asked.

"Of course."

"What's the price!" Blue River said.

A list of materials appeared in front of him.

Blue River quickly skimmed over it and replied: "This..... Not just me, I'm afraid no one in the tenth server can fulfill your needs."

The list was all Fire Forest uncommon materials. However, they had only begun running Fire Forest two or three days ago and really didn't have many materials.

"It's not a rush. It's not our first time making a deal. We still have trust, right?" Ye Xiu said. What he meant was: 'you can give it once you have it'.

Last time, when he peddled his guide, Blue River had refused it because he had made a deal with Tyrannical Ambition to give up on competing for the Line Canyon record. He was clearly someone who kept his part of the deal. Even if it was a time when his guild really needed to come back, he didn't use any loopholes as an excuse to break the deal. How could he not trust someone like this?

"Okay, if you're fine with it, then it's not a problem. When we get the materials, we'll hand them to you. Give me a guide." Blue River replied.

"Give me your e-mail. I'll send it to you."

Blue River gave him his e-mail address and then asked: "Can I ask you something? How many guides have you already sold?"

Blue River was an understanding person. He wasn't naive. He had completely understood the guide's value and purpose last time. This guide wasn't a guarantee for the record. It was only a ticket to the competition. It didn't make sense for him to only sell one copy. Simply speaking, the tenth server records were once again being controlled by Lord Grim. However, Blue River knew that with Lord Grim's identity, there was nothing he could do about it.

"Just you for now."

"Oh? Then..... Is it possible to buy the guide out?" Even though Blue River knew the possibility wasn't high, he couldn't help but ask. If he sold these guides, he had ten or so guilds as buyers. Buy out? That would mean that the price would be ten or so times higher. It wasn't something that they could pay.

"Ha ha..... buy out....."

"I'm going to check the mail." Blue River saw that Ye Xiu was avoiding the topic, so he said something to break it.

Unexpectedly, Lord Grim messaged him again with a new list: "If you're going to buy it out, then this is the price."

Blue River was startled. He discovered that the buy out price which he had originally thought wasn't possible, looked possible. Compared to the previous list, this buy out price only added a few more items. From the value of the list, it wasn't ten or so times the price, but only two times the price.

Such a cheap price was completely out of Blue River's expectations. "No way?" Blue River mumbled and scrolled up and down. That was it. There was nothing after it.

"Is there another message?" Blue River thought. After a bit, another message popped up. When he looked, he saw that it was from Lord Grim: "What do you think?"

"Just this?" Blue River couldn't help but ask.

"Yeah."

Blue River hesitated. It wasn't because the price was high, but because the price was too low..... How difficult! If the price was high, he couldn't buy it. If it was too low, he was hesitant because it seemed like there was a trap. Even though the other side trusted him, Blue River wanted to pay him back. But as the guild leader, he was responsible for the tenth server and couldn't act out impulsively.

"Can I..... think about it?" Blue River asked.

"Oh? How long?"

"Is a day okay?"

"Alright!" Ye Xiu laughed in reply.

How could he not know what Blue River was thinking? If he was going to buy it out, then he had to look at the guide's value. Blue River would probably test out the guide, especially when midnight came. By then, Blue Brook Guild would begin competing for the records in the 10th server. If he really could set an incredible record, then buying out the guide was the same as buying out the record.

Could the guide help Blue Brook Guild do that? Ye Xiu didn't know. After all, Tyrannical Ambition and Misty Castle had already created their own guides using similar reasoning. Ye Xiu didn't know how good their guide was, either. He was confident in one thing though: Tyrannical Ambition's and Misty Castle's guides could be no better than Ye Xiu's.

There was no limit to player vs player battles because people could progress and change. However, dungeons were fixed. Some of the luck was fixed within a certain range. There was absolutely a limit. As long as the limit was reached, then there was no way the other side could surpass it.

Ye Xiu thought and then continued to play.

He had already finished with Sin City's dungeon runs. As a result, Ye Xiu did the same as Tang Rou. He flipped through guides while doing the required quests from Level 31-38. Once again, he sat in the same place the entire day, only moving to eat.

At night, Qiao Yifan grabbed his One Inch Ash and got online. When he looked at God's level, he also coughed up blood. Ye Xiu asked him and, sure enough, their Tiny Herb had their own Christmas event. As a small figure on the team, he couldn't be so free like Su Mucheng, which was why he hadn't been online for those two days.

Qiao Yifan knew about the Christmas event's rewards. He had guessed that he would fall behind in levels, but he had never imagined that it'd be by so much. The God was already Level 38. The two would have difficulty playing with each other. He was currently regretting everything. If he had known earlier, then he would have handed his account over to have it leveled.

Qiao Yifan sighed, but was helpless. There was no way he could catch up on his own; he'd have to have someone level it for him.

As a result, Qiao Yifan didn't really play much that night. He hastily greeted God and then logged off. He immediately contacted the substitute leveler and handed his account over.

In the blink of an eye, it was midnight again. The entrances to the dungeon areas were packed with players.

Ye Xiu was at his spot during the shift. Tang Rou was in her designated spot as usual. Chen Guo had gone to bed early.

"Are we going to dungeon?" Tang Rou asked. She had been completing quests the entire day. Her brain was fried.

"Let's go!" Ye Xiu said.

Su Mucheng had already gone online. Ye Xiu and the other two walked over and partied up. Currently, only the elite teams from the big guilds were in Sin City. The wild teams still hadn't reached here yet. At the entrance, he saw many familiar IDs; they were all players that had teamed up with him during the Christmas event.

They greeted each other half-heartedly and then went into the dungeon.

Three definitely couldn't compare to five, but that didn't mean the dungeon would be hard. The three pushed forward. As the time approached 12:30 AM, Ye Xiu began to pay attention to the messages up

until 12:40 AM without any news of a dungeon record. Ye Xiu was currently thinking that the first round of running the dungeon has resulted in the guilds all having made mistakes, when he heard an announcement: Tyrannical Ambition had taken down Herb Garden's Sin City dungeon record.

Chapter 297 – I Once Had a Guide

The Sin City's teams from the top guilds were all undoubtedly from the Christmas event. Through their final present's rewarded experience and a day of leveling, they were now Level 39. It didn't need to be said that through the Christmas events, the guilds had obtained quite a few pieces of Level 35 equipment. The members of these teams already had a full set. It could be said that the competition in Sin City had reached a new level of intense fighting. The record previously held by Herb Garden had already been a fairly impressive record.

If it was simply a record being broken, then it wouldn't be too astonishing. However, Tyrannical Ambition's record of 29:34:71 had beaten Herb Garden's by nearly three minutes.

Such a large improvement clearly wasn't possible to achieve through luck. There had definitely been some sort of trick.

The world was shocked, but when Ye Xiu saw this, his heart relaxed.

"Was it through your guide?" Tang Rou asked.

"No."

"Oh? Then how does it compare to your guide?"

"Slightly worse." Ye Xiu said. This was his reason for relaxing. If Tyrannical Ambition hadn't made any mistakes during their record-setting run, then Ye Xiu was sure that their guide had a few oversights and wasn't at the limit yet. As long as Blue Brook Guild precisely did what the guide required, then breaking the record shouldn't be a problem.

"Then, who bought your guide?" Tang Rou asked.

"Blue Brook Guild." Ye Xiu said.

"Oh." Tang Rou had learned these names by now.

It was hard to avoid a discussion in the global chat. After all, three days ago, Tyrannical Ambition had been beaten full of cuts and bruises from public ridicule. But with two back-to-back astonishing records in Line Canyon and Sin City, they came back with a powerful counterattack. With such a record, Tyrannical Ambition's voice sounded righteous and self-confident.

"Tsk tsk tsk, people from Tyranny are always like this." Su Mucheng said. As someone from the pro scene, she was used to calling the team's name this. To Su Mucheng, Tyrannical Ambition was the same as Tyranny.

"Yeah, they're the type of people to never stop provoking others." Ye Xiu said.

"If their record gets beaten in a bit, where will their face go?"

“Yeah, they’re too impulsive. They could’ve at least asked me!” Ye Xiu said. If Tyrannical Ambition’s players had come to ask him, he could have told them that their record wasn’t good enough. If they were going to brag, they still needed to try harder or else their reputation would quickly take a blow.

Su Mucheng laughed and then said: “Ask you? You’re the one person Tyrannical Ambition doesn’t want to acknowledge, no?”

“Uh.....” This question really stumped Ye Xiu. Whether it was Tyranny’s people or Tyrannical Ambition’s players, none of them liked Ye Qiu.

When Jiang You saw that the tenth server’s team had broken the dungeon record, he leaped up in joy and celebrated with the person next to him.

“The dungeon run was a success!” Cold Night reported.

“Yeah, I saw it.” Jiang You smiled in response. The guide had been made by him, so he naturally had an idea about what the record should be. Everything that could be done had been done. If they wanted to improve it even further, then it would have to depend on luck. In short, that was as far as it would go.

“We just don’t know about Ye Qiu.....” Cold Night wasn’t as excited as Jiang You.

“Ha ha, the dungeon is fixed. No matter how great Ye Qiu is, there’s a limit to how fast you can go. The record won’t be going anywhere.” Jiang You had put in a lot of effort into creating the guide and had held very high expectations for it. He was clearly a lot more confident in his guide than Cold Night was.

Cold Night saw that the guild leader’s reasoning made sense, but he was still uneasy. He wanted to ask Ye Qiu, but he also didn’t want to appear weak in front of him. Even though Ye Qiu was a great God, as someone from Tyrannical Ambition, he didn’t want to lower his head to him.

Another ten minutes passed from Tyrannical Ambition’s record. The world was still discussing it and no new record came. Ye Xiu’s group of three spent 50 minutes before finally finishing their first run. Without saying anything more, they directly went in again.

Not long after, Ye Xiu began paying attention to the messages again. If a second record was going to come, then it was about time.

Not long after, another announcement really did come out for Sin City. The new record was set by Misty Castle, time: 29:33:46.

1 second! They had only beaten Tyrannical Ambition’s record by 1 second.

Such a small difference was a bit frustrating, but it was common for this type of competition between experts. When Jiang You saw Misty Castle’s record, he wasn’t angry. On the contrary, he laughed out loud and sent Cold Night a message: “Look and you’ll know. His guide is the same.”

Misty Castle had bought the guide last time. Jiang You thought that they did the same this time, too. He hadn’t thought that Misty Castle would do the same as them and also try to create their own guide.

‘Keep trying!’ Jiang You encouraged his tenth server comrades. When he thought of Misty Castle’s expense in buying the guide in order to set the record, while their Tyrannical Ambition had relied on themselves, Jiang You felt superior.

Tyrannical Ambition didn't want to appear weak in front of Lord Grim, but Misty Castle wasn't the same. Even though they had politely declined Lord Grim's offer for the guide, with the new record, Hazy Mist sent Lord Grim a message: "How is it? Is this record good enough?"

"Yeah, it's okay." Ye Xiu replied.

"If we used your guide, how would it be?" Misty Castle asked.

"It would be better than yours."

"Really?" Hazy Mist sent a grimaced emoticon. He was unsure if Ye Xiu was cheating him, so he used an emoticon to show his feelings.

"It's true." Ye Xiu replied with a sunglasses emoticon. Whether or not Hazy Mist believed him or not was all up to Hazy Mist.

"Uh..... then which guild bought your guide?" Misty Castle wasn't believing it. If there really was a guide better than his, two records had already been made, so where was that better record?

But he didn't need to wait for Ye Xiu to reply. An announcement quickly popped up.

Congratulations Blue Brook Guild for setting the Sin City dungeon record, time: 28:12:52.

At the same time, Ye Xiu received a new message from Blue River with two words: "Buy out!"

"Do you believe me?" Ye Xiu grinned.

"I believe you! I believe you! If the price isn't enough, we can add more." Blue River even asked to increase the price, showing how confident he was in the guide. The guide's price had already been cheaper than Ye Qiu personally substituting in. The buyout price was also within Blue River's acceptable range.

"There's no need for that. It'll be the same as that list I sent you in the afternoon!"

"No problem. When we get the materials, we'll send them to you." Blue River replied.

"Okay."

He closed Blue River's chat window. There were still new messages from Hazy Mist.

"Ah ah ah, is it Blue Brook Guild?"

"Sure enough, your guide really is better than ours!"

"What's your price this time? Tell me it!"

"Hello hello hello hello? Is anyone there?"

Hazy Mist sent him four consecutive messages.

"The guides are sold out."

"Sold out? You can sell out?" Hazy Mist quickly replied, but when he finished, he figured out the answer: "Blue Brook Guild bought it out?"

“There was once a copy for me, but I didn’t value it.....” Hazy Mist left crying. Tyrannical Ambition’s Cold Night wasn’t as emotional. He had wanted to value it, but guild leader Jiang You was intent on fighting it out. Jiang You had even stopped caring about his work in the Heavenly Domain and focused on the tenth server.

When Blue Brook Guild’s record came out, Cold Night felt that things weren’t looking good. He had previously declined Ye Qiu’s guide. Should he ask him for the guide now? He didn’t want to lower his head to Ye Qiu, but he was always the one who had to do all the dirty work. Cold Night was depressed! However, he hoped that the guild leader would continue being stubborn and refuse to ask Ye Qiu for help. That way, he wouldn’t have to lose face.

Chapter 298 – Research is the Key to Efficiency

Club Tyranny. Game studio. Midnight was supposed to be these players’ time to work. But with another setback after only just a few days of happiness, quite a few instantly felt tired and gave up on tonight’s work.

Taking advantage of Jiang You’s currently heavy mood, the majority of the players escaped.

Jiang You was staring at his guide in shock.

This guide had been made with his sweat and tears. He had thought that he had created a guide at the limit. He had been full of confidence and had shown it to everyone around him.

But Blue Brook Guild’s record was like a slap to his face, so heavy that his face was red.

Cold Night was still worried whether Jiang You would tell him to ask Lord Grim for help. But at this moment, Jiang You was too embarrassed to give the order.

Complacency leads to loss. Modesty brings profit. Jiang You fully understood what this meant now. He was truly too sad.

Just what was he missing in his guide? Jiang You flipped through his document. Here was everything he had researched on Sin City’s underground prison.

He could only take the blow. As the grand guild leader, he had to be respected.

Where had he gone wrong? Jiang You anxiously thought. The more anxious he became, the messier his mind became. The messier his mind became, the harder it was to find the problem.

Don’t look for Ye Qiu and ask Blue Brook Guild? Jiang You even had this type of thought. He then thought again. Blue Brook Guild was competing with them! Why would they tell him their methods? How stupid was that? Jiang You discovered that this thought completely showed how much of a mess his mind was in.

I can only rely on myself..... Jiang You told himself. Cold Night saw that Jiang You didn’t call for him and was very happy. The two didn’t know what each other was thinking, but each of their actions complimented what the other wanted.

After Blue Brook Guild completed their buyout, Blue River let out a sigh of relief, but he didn’t relax. As an expert, he could also see that it wasn’t necessary that a top-tier God like Ye Qiu create the guide.

When they saw the guide, most of their thoughts were “Why didn’t I think of that?” If they had been the ones to create the guide, how long would it take them? Blue River didn’t know. But he did know that after breaking the record, they were in an advantageous position.

Guides could be considered as research and technical development for the dungeons. If Tyrannical Ambition and Misty Castle hadn’t set the record, then Blue River might not have bought it out. It was only after these two guilds set the record that Blue Brook Guild understood the value of the guide.

Even if it wasn’t absolute, currently, the buyout meant that they were in the lead.

In Ye Xiu’s guide, even if Blue Brook Guild tried to find places to improve, they wouldn’t be able to come up with anything new.

As for Misty Castle, they knew that there was no way they could obtain Lord Grim’s guide. With their strength, they possessed the ability to compete. But competing with the current fastest record wouldn’t be easy. The opportunity had been placed in front of them, but they hadn’t valued it. After losing it, they could only look back in regret.

As for Tyrannical Ambition, Jiang You refused to compromise and continued to research. However, from his confidence in his guide, he knew that the guide was already his limit. If he wanted to break his limit, how could it be so easy? Also, his reputation was on the line and he was too embarrassed to ask others for help. He pressed forward with brute force alone and tossed and turned, but no progress was made.

Ye Xiu was now much more carefree. After finishing the needed quests, Lord Grim was almost Level 39. And next, he was ready to research the next dungeon’s guide.

The selling of Sin City’s guide had gone by extremely smoothly. With a price that even Blue River couldn’t believe, he easily sold it out. It looked as if he could have earned more if he didn’t sell it out, but in reality that wasn’t the case. Just like how the top guilds didn’t dare look for Lord Grim to substitute in for them, buying these guides could only be known by a small portion of the guilds. It wouldn’t be good if news about it were to leak out.

If the players knew that the guilds were using his guides to set records and that the guilds weren’t doing it on their own, then it would be the same as before. The records would be meaningless and Ye Xiu would then have nothing to sell. This was why it was best that these guides were slowly being spread in private.

If he sold it openly, then if some evil guy waited for the guilds to set the records first and then let the secret out, it would be very bad. This time, when Misty Castle ran over to Ye Xiu to negotiate, even though he had guessed who the guide had been sold to, Ye Xiu never confirmed that the guide had been sold to Blue Brook Guild. The reason he did that was to guard against this.

At seven in the morning, Ye Xiu had finished his shift. The tenth server’s Sin City dungeon record stayed at that record that had been set a 1 o’clock.

After that, for the second, third, and fourth day, Blue Brook Guild, Tyrannical Ambition, and Misty Castle worked hard. Blue Brook Guild set new records, but the time difference between each of them wasn’t too great. They were all around the same time. As for Misty Castle and Tyrannical Ambition, even

though they had some breakthroughs, the distance between their records and those of Blue Brook Guild were still off by a length.

From Level 20 onwards, when the fight for the dungeon records began, the fighting had always been bloody. Each dungeon had been beaten, wave after wave. But this time, the other guilds looked as if they had been completely beaten. Only Blue Brook Guild stood at the top without any competition. When the fourth day passed, the first ten places on the Sin City dungeon leaderboard were completely filled by Blue Brook Guild's team.

And at this moment, the tenth server's top players were reaching Level 40.

Blue Brook Guild's name shook far and wide in Sin City and they had learned the benefit of being the leaders in dungeon technology. At this moment, they reached Level 40 and were ready to prepare for the new dungeon's challenge. The first thing they had to do was find Ye Xiu for a guide.

"God!" Blue River sent a respect emoticon.

"Yes?"

"We have the materials. How do we give them to you?" Blue Brook Guild finally gathered all the buyout materials from Fire Forest.

"You can just send them to me." Ye Xiu said. The in-game mailbox could receive practically anything apart from players.

"Okay, okay. And..... uh, ha ha..... You understand." Blue River laughed.

"Are you talking about the Thousand Wave Lake dungeon guide?"

"Of course, of course." Blue River was somewhat nervous. He was afraid that the other side would have some unexpected reply.

When he looked again, he saw a new list of materials.

"Uh, this..... what about buying out?" Blue River looked. He recognized quite a few. They were Sin City materials. They didn't have all the items on the list. Even though they had run Sin City several times, the problem was that there weren't many teams running it, so they didn't have many materials. However, when he looked at their previous experiences with Ye Qiu, Blue River felt that not having them for now shouldn't be a problem. In any case, he trusted that the other side wouldn't lie, so he directly asked for the buyout price.

"You want to buy it out again? This time, times ten." Ye Xiu replied.

Chapter 299 – Big Sale

Ten times.....

Honestly speaking, this wasn't a surprising price for Blue River. After all, selling over ten copies of the guide wouldn't be hard to do.

However, for Blue River, who had already tasted the sweetness before, he felt disappointed when he heard the price. The price was a bit too high for just a dungeon record.

Blue River had a certain understanding of Ye Xiu's personality. He sighed, but he didn't haggle over the price and simply replied: "Alright, give me a copy!"

"Are you buying it out?" Ye Xiu asked.

"No, no. I just want a normal copy....." Blue River hastily said.

"Okay. I'll send it to you right away."

Blue River was a bit startled. Why did it suddenly feel like he had bought take out rice noodles?

As he thought of this, he opened up his mailbox and found the guide. Blue River immediately opened it and studied it. The dungeon's science and technology had arrived. He had to hurry and understand it, before he could begin using it.

Blue Brook Guild was already working at it. Misty Castle wasn't sitting idle. They had spent a large amount of time, but they hadn't been able to create the most advanced guide. The dungeon competition was a fast-paced event. They had lagged behind in technology and they could no longer depend on it. As a result, after hitting Level 40, Hazy Mist also bought a guide. After buying it, he used the latest technology, while using it as a way to learn!

As for Tyrannical Ambition, Jiang You had spent four days studying the Sin City dungeon, yet he always lagged behind by one step. Who knew how many of his hairs had been pulled off. Because of the special relationship between him and Ye Xiu's identity, Jiang You made things difficult for himself. When they reached the Level 40 domain, he hadn't yet finished with Sin City, when the new Thousand Waves Lake dungeon had come.....

As for the other guilds such as Herb Garden, they weren't as stupid. They were all moving towards Lord Grim, asking him about the situation.

Ye Xiu remained calm and collected when he sold his guides. He didn't let his guard down against those who inquired about other buyers' situation. However, because there was a limit to how many high-leveled materials there were, Ye Xiu would only allow trusted guilds like Blue Brook Guild to pay these high-leveled uncommon materials at a later time. For those guilds he wasn't familiar with, his list only contained materials that they had. First the materials, then the guides. If they didn't have the materials, then they could substitute other materials to compensate.

In the blink of an eye, Ye Xiu sold ten copies of the Thousand Waves Lake dungeon. The ten guilds that had bought the guide began practicing. The record ever changing, making people watch them hurriedly, just like viewing flowers from horseback. When they saw their times, they all mutually understood. In order to not waste their guilds' materials, all of the guilds practiced extra hard.

The competition for the Thousand Waves Lake dungeon was extremely intense, starting from the very first day. Tyrannical Ambition was still in a knot. How could it be so incredible? The records from these ten guilds had thrown everyone else competing aside. And their Tyrannical Ambition was among the obliterated crowd.

After a fit of teeth grinding, Jiang You finally reached terms with himself: "Forget about it. If everyone else has joined in, then what are we waiting for? Hurry and buy a copy!"

Cold Night didn't wait any longer. When he saw that Jiang You had finally cleared his mind, he didn't care about his honor. He directly contacted Lord Grim.

Ye Xiu didn't say anything more. If you want a guide, then you have to pay materials. It didn't matter who you were.

Tyrannical Ambition took the guide and immediately began researching it. Even though they had started slower, everyone had the same guide. The deciding factor was no longer on who had the guide, but rather, the guild's skill level. Lord Grim's guide as the ticket to the competition was finally in operation.

Chen Yehui knew about the dungeon guide as well. No one cared as much about the tenth server records as Excellent Dynasty. He needed this dungeon guide. Because Li Hao no longer cared about the tenth server anymore, by only relying on their own guild's strength to create a guide, they fell behind as well.

After thinking, Chen Yehui found a trusted aide who didn't have the guild's name to privately message Lord Grim and see if he could get a guide.

The result was beyond his expectations. This unknown character was able to add Lord Grim as a friend. After saying what he was there for, he also got a price.

The price list was sent to Chen Yehui. After looking at it, he didn't see anything unreasonable and immediately sent the materials. When he looked at the guide, he saw that it wasn't fake and secretly felt delighted. He felt he had played a clever trick, easily duping Ye Qiu. It made him feel quite good.

As for Ye Xiu? When he saw that an unknown player had asked to buy a guide from him, he wasn't too surprised. He maintained his uncaring attitude and quoted the price.

Ye Xiu's big sale had earned him quite a profit. As for who the records were set by, he didn't care. It was still too early to see the results. He was currently paying attention to the official webpage. The new year was about to come and there would be an event soon. However, because the rewards from the Christmas event had been quite good, if things went as usual, then the New Year's event wouldn't be too great.

Today was the last day of the year and the day passed in the blink of an eye. The game announced a new event, which was a chain quest. Ye Xiu skimmed over the quest chain and saw that it was very complicated and was even a bit difficult. The rewards from this type of quest shouldn't be too bad, right?

He immediately flipped to the rewards part. Ye Xiu looked and immediately felt disappointed.

Players who completed the quest would be entered into a lottery. The rewards weren't bad, but the problem was.. the rewards were all real items!

In terms of rewards, Glory's New Year event didn't let players down. But to Ye Xiu, real items, whether it was a computer, mouse, monitor, cell phone, keyboard, account card, or in-game currency, held no interest for him.

At midnight, the calendar flipped to a new year.

Glory's New Years event began. Analysts pointed out that, due to the event's complexity and difficulty, even though it could only be done once, it might even take longer than the three days allotted to finish. The players didn't dare be negligent. When the event began, the NPCs were flooded with players.

Ye Xiu really wasn't interested in the rewards, but he heard that the experience from the quest chain wasn't bad, so he also joined in.

No matter how difficult the quests were, if players like Ye Xiu couldn't do it, then you'd have to suspect the game company's intentions: are you planning on giving these rewards to players or not?

As a result, the quests, which the analysts had claimed would not be finished in less than three days, was finished by Ye Xiu in three hours. Soon after, he obtained his rewards: one yuan's worth of in-game currency, making Ye Xiu seriously question whether the profits he had earned from the selling of his guides had used up all of his luck.

After finishing the quests, Ye Xiu helplessly went to continue leveling.

Ye Xiu had thought of taking advantage of the event's quests. Should he make a guide to sell? Should he sell his services for the more difficult parts of the quest? The value of doing these were very low. There weren't high prospects for it. Players could do it with help from their friends. Being unable to finish the quests in three days was complete nonsense.

The rewards from the New Year's event really wasn't bad. In these three days, there were frequently cries of joy in the Happy Internet Cafe. Some even won a computer, causing everyone to glare jealously at them.

During the event, the dungeon competition was as fierce as ever and leveling was as fast as ever. Among these, two more guilds had looked to Ye Xiu for a guide. With the materials he acquired from sales of his guide, the Thousand Chance Umbrella had been fully upgraded to Level 35.

The day the event ended, Ye Xiu did his usual. He got up and was about to go to the smoking area to play, when he was suddenly stopped by Chen Guo.

"Come with me on a trip this weekend!"

"Trip?" Ye Xiu was surprised. Even an Internet Cafe manager had to do this type of thing?

"Yeah, to City S." Chen Guo said.

"City S?" Ye Xiu stared blankly, when he suddenly thought of something.

Chapter 300 – Three Tickets

On the first weekend of every year, the Glory Pro Alliance assembled all of the pro players and host a gathering. The gathering would have many performances, especially the All-Star Competition. 24 pros would be chosen through a fan vote. It could be said that these 24 pros were the 24 most popular players, with the largest fan bases. Because of this Glory event, the gathering was also called the All-Star Weekend.

After the great success of the first All-Star Weekend in the Glory Pro Alliance's third season, the event came back every year with a different Club responsible for hosting it. This year, Glory's eighth season

and sixth All-Star Weekend was hosted by Club Samsara. Club Samsara was located in City S. Once Ye Xiu heard Chen Guo say that they were going to City S for the weekend, he thought of this special day and understood what was going on.

“Are we going to participate in the All-Star Weekend?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Yup! I managed to get three tickets. How amazing am I?” Chen Guo exclaimed.

Even though the competitiveness during the All-Star Weekend might not be as great as a normal match, for the many fans, having the chance to watch such an exciting event was already worth the ticket price. As a result, the All-Star Weekend’s tickets were in very high demand. If you wanted to buy one, money wasn’t the only thing you needed. Luck played a huge part as well.

“Not bad, not bad.” Ye Xiu forced a smile.

All-Star Weekend..... With his status, he had been chosen as one of the 24 players every single year. Even this year, starting from when the votes started at the beginning of the season, the amount of votes he got was very high. It was only because he had retired mid-way that his name got wiped from the list.

For Ye Xiu, who didn’t want to be exposed in front of the public, the All-Star Weekend was an event that required a lot of interaction, so truthfully, it wasn’t an event he liked to participate in. The All-Star Weekend was a performance, so the competition there wasn’t very serious. The battles between two sides wouldn’t be in an enclosed area like conventional matches. The stage was set where the audience could directly see them. As a result, Ye Xiu always hid behind the stage. His computer would then be connected to the stage by a cord.

Ye Xiu was the only one who wouldn’t come up on stage. In the past, his invisibility was a part of the All-Star event and it had even turned into a type of joke. But All-Star’s Competition this time around would no longer have this part.

Ye Xiu had managed to escape from this year’s All-Star Competition with great difficulty. How could he have known that Chen Guo would buy a ticket and call him to go along. In the past, he had been a participant and this time, he would be a spectator. Thinking about this, he decided that it’d be fine and, as a result, he wouldn’t decline Chen Guo’s good intentions.

In Chen Guo’s mind, she didn’t think that anyone who played Glory would refuse this type of trip. That was why she had notified Ye Xiu. She didn’t have any intention of negotiating and didn’t notice Ye Xiu’s reluctance. She had already put in order the issue about the three not working at the Internet Cafe for the weekend.

Three tickets naturally meant three people. Ye Xiu, Chen Guo, and the other person was, of course, Tang Rou. Tang Rou already knew, though she displayed her usual boredom. She clearly wasn’t as crazy of a fan as Chen Guo was.

After Ye Xiu went online, he played for a bit and then saw that Su Mucheng’s Cleansing Mist had come online.

“I’ll be going to City S tomorrow!” Su Mucheng messaged. Considering Su Mucheng’s skill level, there was quite a dispute as to whether or not she belonged among the top 24 players. However, the invitations to the All-Star Competition weren’t chosen based on ability, but rather popularity. In this

area, Su Mucheng was the favorite among Glory fans. From the very start of the event, she had been chosen as one of the 24 stars every time.

“Yeah, I’ll be going too.” Ye Xiu replied.

“Ah? You’re going too? They found you?” Su Mucheng asked.

“What? Who found me?” Ye Xiu was puzzled.

“For this year’s All-Star Weekend of course. Samsara hoped that you would be able to come on stage with a special invitation, so they contacted Excellent Era. The manager even came to ask me whether I could contact you. I, however, ignored him.” Su Mucheng replied.

“Oh, not that..... I have a ticket.”

“You bought a ticket..... How thoughtful!”

“Nah, it’s my boss. She got three tickets and asked me to tag along.” Ye Xiu said.

“Oh, oh, as a spectator!”

“Yeah!”

“It’ll probably feel very different, right?”

“Probably?”

“I want to be a spectator too.”

“Get sick again?” Ye Xiu suggested.

“It probably won’t work this time.” Su Mucheng sent a sad face. When she skipped the team’s Christmas activity, it was obvious that being sick was just an excuse. They just didn’t bother with her. As for this All-Star event, even though it wasn’t an official competition, it was definitely an official event. Sick? You’d need proof.

“Come on.” Ye Xiu obviously understood. This type of official event was quite difficult to escape from. Ye Xiu wasn’t the only one who didn’t want to participate in the All-Star event, but everyone still went anyways.

After chatting for a bit, the two continued to play. It was just the All-Star Weekend. They had gone many times already. There was nothing extraordinarily amazing about it. It was just that Chen Guo had only watched the streams before and she didn’t have any partners before, so she was too lazy to go. Now that she had Ye Xiu and Tang Rou to accompany her, Chen Guo got three tickets and prepared to join in on the excitement.

A day passed and Friday came. In the afternoon, the three flew over to City S. They arrived at the hotel Chen Guo had booked. She and Tang Rou would be in one room. Ye Xiu was lucky and got his own room to himself.

After packing up, Chen Guo shouted at them to get ready to leave. The All-Star Weekend didn’t only last one day. It would start from eight on Friday and would last for two and a half days. Chen Guo was

already unable to wait any longer. She dragged the two out the door and studied the map the entire way there. After looking at it for a long time, she still didn't understand the directions to the event. Ye Xiu was just about to say something, when Chen Guo suddenly made a decision: call a taxi.

But this taxi driver clearly wasn't a Glory fan. In his mind, "Club Samsara" wasn't a landmark. After hearing her, he stopped the taxi and repeatedly asked Chen Guo to confirm that those were the correct words. He then asked, at a loss: "Do you know how to get there?"

Chen Guo coughed blood. She had called a taxi because she didn't know where it was.

"It's not too far from here." Chen Guo vaguely said. It was true that it wasn't that far. She had booked the hotel near Club Samsara.

Ye Xiu wiggled into the conversation: "Go along Changde Road and take a left at Zhaojia Bridge. Once you get past the intersection, we'll have arrived."

"Oh, there!" The taxi driver heard and immediately understood. He stepped on the pedals and they went on their way.

Chen Guo replied stupidly: "Where's that?"

"Club Samsara!" Ye Xiu said.

"You've come here before?" Chen Guo asked, when she suddenly thought again: "Oh, I forgot. Even though you were just a small character, you still had to be a part of a team, right? Have you been to all the Clubs?"

"Yeah, yeah....." Ye Xiu nodded his head.

"Then why didn't you say anything earlier!" Chen Guo said.

"I was about to....."

Once the taxi started moving, Chen Guo stopped arguing. The taxi went with Ye Xiu's directions and, sure enough, it really wasn't that far away. Just as they were about to arrive, the taxi suddenly stopped. The taxi driver stuck his head out the window and looked at the traffic. He opened his mouth, stunned: "Why's the traffic so bad?" The taxi driver couldn't understand the reason for the traffic jam.

"See the sidewalk up ahead? You can let us off there!" Ye Xiu said.

As a result, the three got off at the sidewalk. They looked at the traffic jam. Chen Guo wasn't unhappy, but rather, she was excited: "Wow, wow! Is this all because of the All-Star Competition? How exciting! Look!"

"Yup!" Ye Xiu obviously knew the reason. Experienced fans wouldn't drive to the event. They'd be stuck in traffic and it was highly likely that they wouldn't be able to find a spot to park.

"Lead the way!" Chen Guo waved her hands. After knowing that Ye Xiu knew the way, she threw her map into the trash can.

Ye Xiu looked around left and right. He led the two and they soon arrived. The entrance had already been arranged. Amidst the crowd of people, the three quickly entered Samsara's stadium.

The eSports stadium wasn't any smaller than a conventional stadium. The biggest difference was that the stage in the middle of the stadium had many, many, many electronic screens.

Those watching the TV and Internet broadcast could only watch as the stream chose the scenes for them. But at the actual location, everyone had their own display screen especially for them. The spectators could choose to watch from all sorts of points of view. There were also slow-motion shots for them to look at. In this type of eSports arena, besides the atmosphere, they could watch from all around, which was something that those, who watching the broadcast, didn't have access to.

Especially in the team competition, the ten characters were all fighting at different spots on the map. How the broadcast chose the viewpoint really made the internet watchers curious. Only those at the scene could fully appreciate the competition's brilliance.