

Glory 331

Chapter 331 – As If Nothing Happened

The All-Star event continued. Ye Xiu was already standing outside the stadium, all alone.

This sort of situation was something that he was quite familiar with. In his many years as a pro, he had always left the stage early. He had never participated in any of the press conferences before or after the matches.

As Glory grew, year by year, he received more and more attention and the media's pursuit and blockade grew fiercer and fiercer. Being able to last so long without being exposed could be seen as no easier than creating an era.

He looked back at the great, brightly lit stadium. Compared to it, he looked so measly.

"Tsk, tsk." Ye Xiu clicked his tongue. He had turned his head and prepared to head back to the hotel, when suddenly, he saw a girl sitting on a railing near the street in front of him. She carried a pair of binoculars around her neck and was currently waving at him.

"Amazing. You're actually even faster than me." Ye Xiu greeted back and went to meet her.

"He he." Su Mucheng laughed and jumped down off of the railing. She was once again wrapped tightly in thick clothing, a cap, and a mouth mask. If Ye Xiu hadn't been familiar with her, he wouldn't have been able to recognize her.

"The match is over. You wanna grab some ice cream?" Su Mucheng said.

Ye Xiu was surprised and asked: "That store is still open?"

"It still is!" Su Mucheng lifted her binoculars and looked towards the other side of the street, "See." She then handed the binoculars over to Ye Xiu. Ye Xiu looked and, sure enough, in a small street behind Samsara's stadium was a small ice cream shop that still had its lights on.

"It's winter, though." Ye Xiu said.

"Winter's the best time to eat ice cream. It won't melt as quickly, so you can eat it nice and slow." Su Mucheng said.

"Alright, let's go!" Ye Xiu replied.

Su Mucheng climbed over the railing.

"Be more civilized....." Ye Xiu muttered, but also crossed over slowly the same way.

After crossing the street, they entered a small street. The small ice cream shop was still the same as ever. There were four little tables for two people to sit. The assortment of flavors was displayed on the refrigerator and they each had a small, handwritten price tag attached to them. The owner of the store was a forty or so year old uncle. When he saw that there were customers, he neither greeted them warmly, nor ignored them coldly. He simply stood in front of the refrigerator and quietly waited for their order.

“I’ll have this one, this one, this one, and this one. Can I have a quarter of each of them?” Su Mucheng selected skillfully.

“Sure.” The owner grabbed a large cup and evenly distributed each of the four flavors. He stuck a small spoon into the cup, handed it over to Su Mucheng and then turned his gaze over to Ye Xiu.

“Can I smoke here?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Yes.” The owner nodded his head and, seeing that Ye Xiu wasn’t going to order anything, he then ignored him.

At a little table inside, Su Mucheng fiddled with her ice cream and quickly ate it. Ye Xiu smoked his cigarette and quietly sat in front of her.

The weather was very cold and so was the ice cream. But this sort of familiar feeling made them feel especially warm.

Outside of Samsara’s stadium, Chen Guo and Tang Rou finally ran out.

Chen Guo also had her binoculars ready. She immediately took them out in order to scout around, but didn’t find any signs of Ye Xiu.

“How quick!” Chen Guo said. She and Tang Rou had exited the stadium fairly quickly.

“He said he’d head back first.” Tang Rou said.

“Go. Let’s go back!” Chen Guo stopped a cab and swiftly returned back to the hotel. They didn’t even enter their rooms. They instead, directly knocked on Ye Xiu’s door, but there was no response.

“He’s still not back?” Chen Guo asked, “Where’d he go?”

“Maybe he went out on a stroll. Let’s wait!” Tang Rou opened their door and went in.

“Is he really Ye Qiu?” Chen Guo followed behind Tang Rou.

“Yeah……” Tang Rou replied helplessly. Chen Guo had asked this question for the seventh time.

“This guy……” Chen Guo mumbled to herself as she turned on the TV. She switched to the eSports channel. The All-Star event was still going on and, just like in the past, the pros would accept the challenges from the audience. This time though, nothing unexpected occurred. The pros easily dispatched the audience members, but the atmosphere never grew as excited as it was before. With such a high climax, aside from the audience members who were chosen to go up, no one could feel as excited as they did before.

Chen Guo stared blankly. Her mind clearly wasn’t on the TV. Whenever she heard a small movement from outside her room, she would rush out like an arrow, but it would not be Ye Xiu.

“Where’d he go?” Chen Guo mumbled. She would look outside the window with her binoculars for a while and then run outside her room to knock on the room next door to see if Ye Xiu had come back. After doing this over and over for at least an hour, the second day of the All-Stars Weekend ended, but Ye Xiu still wasn’t back.

“He doesn’t even have a phone.” Chen Guo grumbled. At this moment, the event broadcast had ended and the press conference for the second day soon began. The challenge competition’s unforeseen event was clearly today’s main focus. As one of the main players in it, Du Ming was naturally selected to participate in the press conference and he received God-level treatment.

Du Ming had calmed down quite a lot. If he couldn’t let go of a loss, how would he survive in the pro scene? Even though losing to a normal player was quite embarrassing, he had still won four matches in a row afterwards to prove himself. In addition, the girl’s skill had received a lot of acknowledgement after the match.

As for that even more abnormal second challenger, even though no one saw his true face, pretty much everyone was certain that he was Ye Qiu.

So in reality, there wasn’t much that could be given from Du Ming. It obviously wouldn’t be good for him to appear so unsportsmanlike, so he praised Tang Rou’s skill and then showed his respect towards the God.

“What are your thoughts on God Ye Qiu’s sudden appearance in the All-Star event?” This was a question that practically every reporter asked to all of the pros being interviewed. They had even gone and asked some of the audience members.

The replies from the audience members were obviously very brazen. As for the pros, they answered back cautiously and half-heartedly.

For this issue on Ye Qiu, the reporters obviously wouldn’t let go of the chance they had to interrogate Team Excellent Era’s players. In the end, Team Excellent Era’s players replied very plainly, saying that they hoped he was doing well. There wasn’t any substance to their replies. And since Su Mucheng, who was very close to Ye Qiu, was nowhere to be seen, no one could interview her.

The final highlight shined onto the interview with Han Wenqing. The domineering team captain stared at the camera and bluntly said: “I’ll be waiting for your return.”

This phrase became the reporters’ biggest catch and it became the headlines. The media had guessed that this meant Ye Qiu was planning on coming back. The fact that Ye Qiu had used Dragon Raises Its Head, a move that no one else could replicate and a move that he hadn’t used in two years... It was his way of telling everyone that he wasn’t done yet.

Seeing these assumptions from the media, Chen Guo felt a sort of pleased and superior feeling. While everyone was concerned about how he would do it, Chen Guo jumped up with her fists clenched: “Once that guy comes back, I’ll definitely ask him.”

As she said this, she once again walked over to the window and then to outside of the room. Seeing that it was getting late and Ye Xiu still wasn’t back, Chen Guo was finally beginning to worry: “Don’t tell me..... that after his revealing his identity, he won’t be coming back?”

Tang Rou was also startled: “No way, right?”

“He..... still hasn’t received his first month’s salary.” Chen Guo suddenly said. Her tone was full of sadness. She suddenly discovered that, even though she still wasn’t able to equate Ye Xiu with Ye Qiu,

whether it was that lazy and irritating guy or that God that she respected greatly, him leaving so quietly left a bad taste in her mouth.

Chen Guo suddenly quieted down and sat on her bed silently.

“He’ll come back.” Tang Rou walked over to comfort her.

Just as she said this, they heard a movement from outside their door. It was just that with Chen Guo’s mood, she only let out a sigh, but didn’t move.

Except this time, the movements got closer and closer and then stopped outside of their door.

“Is he back?” Chen Guo was still lost in thought. This time, Tang Rou said this and checked. When she opened the door, sure enough, Ye Xiu was fiddling with his door.

“You’re still not asleep?” Ye Xiu turned his head and greeted. Chen Guo had already rushed out from the room like the wind. In the end, Ye Xiu simply opened his door, turned his head, said a “Try to sleep early.” and then went into his room.

Chen Guo had so many things she wanted to say, but the guy just slipped away.

“What’s going on?” Chen Guo’s mind wasn’t able to process what had just happened.

“It’s as if..... nothing ever happened.....” Tang Rou forced a smile. She reckoned that Chen Guo was about to set off.

Sure enough, after a short pause, Chen Guo immediately rushed over and madly hammered at his door. Ye Xiu opened the door. His face was filled with puzzlement as if he didn’t know what was going on. Tang Rou was already speechless.

“What’s wrong?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Explain yourself!” Chen Guo said furiously. She had been thinking about how she would approach him. In her head, Ye Xiu and Ye Qiu were two completely different beings. Now that the two were one, should she talk to him like the poor Internet Cafe employee she knew or the idol she had respected for so many years?

Chapter 332 – Embarrassing Past

Chen Guo had initially been unsure of what tone to use when talking to Ye Xiu. But after being infuriated by Ye Xiu’s attitude as if nothing had happened, she took out her usual furious state for Ye Xiu.

“Okay.” Ye Xiu calmly said and nodded his head: “What do you want me to explain?”

“You.....” Chen Guo looked like she could pounce and attack him at any moment. Tang Rou hastily stepped in to be the mediator. She pushed the two into the room, while saying: “How about you two take a seat first before talking!”

“Pick anywhere you’d like.” Ye Xiu brought them into his room and took the role as the room’s owner.

“What exactly is up with you?” After Chen Guo sat down, her tone became much calmer, but it could easily be heard from her voice’s ups and downs that she was trying to keep her emotions under control.

“I’m Ye Qiu. Didn’t I already tell you that a long time ago?” Ye Xiu finally spoke.

“That counts?!” Chen Guo turned angry.

“Then how am I supposed to make it count?” Ye Xiu countered back.

Chen Guo fell silent. True! How was he supposed to say it so she’d believe him? Chen Guo couldn’t refrain from thinking about it. But after thinking for a while, she suddenly remembered: why had she been so certain that Ye Xiu wasn’t Ye Qiu? Wasn’t it because she had seen his ID card?

“If you’re Ye Qiu, then what’s up with Ye Xiu?” Chen Guo immediately questioned.

“Ye Xiu is me as well!”

“Why do you have two names?”

“Now that’s a much more complicated question.” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo sat upright, ready to listen to why he had these two names. In the end, her upright posture was for nothing as Ye Xiu was done talking. He then moved a bit as if to tell Chen Guo that he was waiting for Chen Guo’s next question.

Chen Guo’s expression began to gradually grow stiffer. Tang Rou silently turned her head to look out the window. The reason for having two names was something that anyone would be curious about, but Ye Xiu had clearly expressed that answering the question wasn’t convenient. He wasn’t going to change his mind.

From the window’s reflection, Tang Rou could see Chen Guo grip her fist and say: “Why do you have two names?” Chen Guo didn’t think that Ye Xiu wouldn’t be able to recognize that this was the question that needed the most explaining.

“I can’t tell you that.” Ye Xiu said.

“Why?”

“Because…… it’s a secret.” Ye Xiu said helplessly.

A reply without any substance, which hid everything of importance. No matter how badly Chen Guo wanted to know, she couldn’t force him to speak. She breathed in deeply and calmed herself down. She then asked: “Then which one is your real name?”

“Guess?” Ye Xiu asked back.

Deep breaths! Deep breaths!

Chen Guo took several deep breaths and then slowly stood up. She paced back and forth and then stopped at the window’s side and actually guessed.

“I’ve seen your ID card. Even though I personally can’t tell if it’s real or not, when I registered your name for the hotel, your ID wasn’t a problem, so it looks like it’s real.” Chen Guo said.

“But you’ve also been in the Pro Alliance. From what I know, the players in the Pro Alliance have to use their ID cards as well. I don’t know if the Alliance allows you to change your registered name; since most people don’t care, I’m not sure about that.”

“You’ve played in the Pro Alliance for seven years and you’ve never revealed your identity to the public. If I said you simply did it because you liked to be secretive, it wouldn’t make sense because you told me you were Ye Qiu when we just met. You definitely have other reasons for not wanting to show yourself to the public, so your name of Ye Qiu is probably fake and is also a cover up for your real identity. That means that Ye Xiu is your true name, right?”

Chen Guo explained her guess and was quite logical. After saying this, she looked at Ye Xiu, waiting for his response.

Ye Xiu was silent for awhile, before nodding his head: “It seems like it was pretty easy to guess, huh.”

“What do you mean, easy? Are you looking down on my ability to analyze things?” Chen Guo said angrily.

“It was a beautiful analysis.” Ye Xiu applauded.

“So you’re saying I’m correct?” Chen Guo said.

“Is it okay if I don’t say it?” Ye Xiu said.

“You’re really intent on not letting me sleep!” Chen Guo grinded her teeth.

“Okay, I concede. You’re correct. Ye Xiu. I’m Ye Xiu.” Ye Xiu nodded his head.

“Why do you need to use a fake name? Why don’t you want to reveal your identity? What are you hiding for?” Chen Guo was beginning to ask more deeply.

Ye Xiu stood up. He also walked over to the window and looked outside. Tang Rou looked at his face and discovered an unexpected expression of hesitation. This sort of wavering look was something she had never seen on Ye Xiu’s face before.

Chen Guo silently went back to her seat. She had asked what she wanted. If Ye Xiu didn’t answer, then she wouldn’t force him, so she simply sat down, silent.

“Uh.....” Ye Xiu turned around. His face now held a self-ridiculing smile: “The reason is actually very embarrassing.”

“Oh?” The two girls’ ears perked up. Was he actually going to say it?

“It’s because I ran away from home.” Ye Xiu said.

“You..... ran away from home?” Chen Guo repeated stupidly. Tang Rou gave Ye Xiu a weird look, which quickly disappeared.

“Why did you run away?” Chen Guo asked.

Ye Xiu didn’t answer. His face said “You know why.”

Chen Guo immediately understood and, along with a face full of astonishment, she said: "It's not because you wanted to play games, is it?"

Ye Xiu smiled bitterly.

Chen Guo and Tang Rou looked at each other. Even for Chen Guo, who loved Glory, she couldn't understand his actions. Running away from home to play games and becoming so addicted... Was there something wrong with his mind?

The room immediately fell silent. Amidst the cloud of awkwardness, no one knew what to say. Ye Xiu also returned to his seat. His expression continued to stay calm. But when Chen Guo looked at him again, apart from the skilled God and the infuriating smoking demon, he had another face: an extremely naive child.

"You..... When did you run away?" Chen Guo was the one to break the silence.

"Ten years ago!" Ye Xiu said.

"When Glory came out?" Chen Guo asked.

"Around then."

"You ran away just to play Glory?"

"Not exactly. I played other games before that, as well." Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo didn't dig deeper because there wasn't much of a point. In the end, in order to put in every effort he could into playing games, he ran away from home. Then, after Glory came out, he threw himself into Glory, entered the pro scene, and then became a skilled God-level player.

The result was very spectacular. On the other hand, Chen Guo was hoping that he had some sort of tragedy occur to him that forced him to run away. If that had happened, then it would have been a lot more moving to listen to.

Though unfortunately, Ye Xiu had already said that he had run away to play games and he also admitted that it was very embarrassing.

Ye Xiu understood this very well. He had been very lucky to be talented at the game and also succeed upon the release of Glory. If not, then running away from home might have ended in a tragedy.

"Then what about now? You've never gone back home to visit?" Chen Guo asked.

"I have." Ye Xiu said.

"Oh?"

"We parted on bad terms." Ye Xiu said.

"How?"

"Because in their eyes, playing games for a living will never be seen as an honest profession." Ye Xiu calmly said.

Chen Guo was silent. As a gaming fan, she clearly understood this sort of view. Even though Glory's eSports scene was thriving and the pros had a luxurious income and a tremendous popularity, it required that the players give up on school. In addition, a pro's career was very short. There also wasn't a good system to guarantee their life's well-being after their retirement. These sort of problems still existed.

The chance to become a pro was also very low. Of all of the players playing Glory, only two hundred of them were able to make it into the pro scene.

No family would encourage their child to walk this path. Every single one of the pros in the Alliance had a moment of bitterness in their past. And Ye Xiu seemed to be among the more tragic ones.

He had run away from home to play. Chen Guo and even Ye Xiu himself felt that he had gone somewhat overboard. And for those who looked down on gamers, this sort of behavior would only seem that much worse to them.

"At least you succeeded!" Chen Guo suddenly said because she suddenly felt that the disdain in her heart wasn't right. For some, gaming was seen as a terrible drug, the electronic version of heroin. As for Chen Guo and other players, they saw it as a way to kill time. But what about for Ye Xiu and those other pros?

Ye Xiu hadn't run away from home just to have fun. Chen Guo felt that seeing things like what the majority of society did was somewhat harsh.

Ye Xiu had ran away from home for his passion, for his ideal, for his pursuit of a dream.

If a youth ran away from home to pursue his dream in music, would he receive the same harshness?

If a youth ran away from home to pursue his passion for science, wouldn't people see it as a testament to his ambition and drive?

There were many many examples of this. It was just that not many would accept gaming as one.

But for Ye Xiu, his dream and passion would never change.

"I wouldn't get tired even after ten years!"

Chen Guo recalled Ye Xiu's smile when he said this and suddenly felt the urge to cry.

Chapter 333 – A Sleepless Night

Chen Guo was never very good at controlling her emotions. When she wanted to laugh, she would laugh. When she wanted to be angry, she would be angry. When she wanted to cry, it was even more troublesome. She didn't hold back her tears.

When she thought about Ye Xiu's past and realized Ye Xiu's helplessness, Chen Guo's nose turned sour and she knew that tears would soon be pouring down.

"I'm going to sleep." Chen Guo stood up, stamped her feet, and then rushed out.

Ye Xiu was a bit surprised. From his understanding of her, he assumed that she would begin conducting another, even deeper, interrogation. Who would have thought that the boss would just run out like that.

Ye Xiu scratched his head and looked towards Tang Rou. Tang Rou smiled and stood up: "Then I guess I'll go back and rest as well."

"Alright." Ye Xiu nodded his head. After seeing her begin leaving, he put a cigarette to his mouth.

Tang Rou walked towards the door and pulled it open. Suddenly, she stopped and turned her head towards Ye Xiu: "Do you regret running away from home?"

"Never. I just feel a bit sorry. If I regretted it, then I would have gone back long ago. We're still family." Ye Xiu said.

"That's true." Tang Rou paused, nodded her head, and then left the room.

The door to the other room was unlocked. Tang Rou didn't hurry in. She leaned on the wall for a bit before finally pushing the door open. When she looked inside, she saw Chen Guo lying there on the bed. Her head was squished between two pillows, like the stuffing in a steamed bun.

"Ah! What happened? You don't like your hair style?" Tang Rou walked up and said.

"You're back....." Chen Guo pulled her head out from the pillows and said as if nothing had happened. Her tears had been wiped clean by the pillows already, but her two red eyes couldn't be hidden. Tang Rou kept smiling and said as if she hadn't noticed it: "Rest early!"

Quickly, the room turned dark. Chen Guo's eyes were still wide open as she looked towards the stars.

"Little Tang, are you asleep yet?" Chen Guo suddenly asked.

"Not yet." Tang Rou replied.

"Do you approve of Ye Xiu's reckless playing?" Chen Guo asked.

"Yeah." A simple reply.

"But now..... He can't play." Chen Guo said.

Silence.

Tang Rou obviously understood what Chen Guo was trying to say. For Ye Xiu, the Pro Alliance was his stage. However, he had already retired. On the dazzling All-Star stage, he could only be put together with the normal audience and sit there as a spectator. What would he be feeling during those moments?

"He's not done yet!" Tang Rou said.

"What do you mean?"

"Someone who was determined enough to run away in order to play wouldn't give up so easily. His Lord Grim will definitely stand on the stage once again." Tang Rou said.

"Right, Lord Grim!" Chen Guo thought of that account: "An unspecialized has never appeared onstage before. He also has that self-made Thousand Chance Umbrella. When the time comes, he'll definitely be scary, no?"

“Yeah, that’ll be fun!” Tang Rou said.

“But.....” Chen Guo was still worried. She had been following Glory up until now and was a fan of Team Excellent Era. She had quietly watched the downfall of the team and had read all sorts of media reporting Ye Xiu’s slipping condition. Even though she had her own thoughts on it, with so many people saying the same thing, Chen Guo didn’t feel very encouraged.

“It’s not that simple!” Tang Rou said after listening to Chen Guo’s doubts.

“What do you mean?” Chen Guo didn’t understand.

“One night.....” Tang Rou quickly explained the night when Liu Hao paid a visit to the Internet Cafe.

“So there was something like that!!” Chen Guo jumped up from her bed in astonishment.

“That’s why I think that there is still a lot being hidden about his retirement.” Tang Rou said.

Chen Guo nodded her head repeatedly.

“I don’t really have a good understanding of that stuff though, so there’s only so much I can guess about it.” Tang Rou said.

“Uh..... I don’t know too much about the inner workings of the Club, either. However, with Ye Xiu’s seniority and status in Excellent Era, I don’t really think that such a three-footed cat like Liu Hao would be able to do too much.” Chen Guo said. She hadn’t originally been so disgusted by him. She had actually supported him before this because he was the vice captain, but in the blink of an eye, her impression of him turned into a three-footed cat.

“So you’re saying that there’s no way these guys could cause such a storm and that there are most definitely other reasons as well?” Tang Rou said.

“But in Excellent Era, only the Club’s owner would have a higher status than him, right?” Chen Guo said.

“If the owner wanted to kick him out, then it would be easy to do it, right?” Tang Rou said.

“In theory..... but he has to consider a lot of things too. For example: his team’s stability, the fans’ feelings, the sponsors, etc.” Chen Guo had never experienced it herself, but she had seen it before. After following Glory for so many years, she understood quite a few things.

“If for you it’s like that, then..... What if some of the players on the team objected to him, so even if he left the team, the team wouldn’t become a mess but, on the contrary, be even more steady?” Tang Rou said.

“Ah..... and as for the sponsors, he never showed his face, so he had no one to speak for him. He also doesn’t help advertise what the sponsors want, so no matter how amazing he is at the game, he’s of very little value to the sponsors.....” Chen Guo said.

“As for the fans’ feelings..... they saw that the team was performing poorly and that the captain’s condition had been falling as well. For those reports you talked about, they often put those two points as one and the same? For these reports, were these truthful public media reports or was there someone in the dark leading the discussion?” Tang Rou said.

If there was someone spinning the webs behind all this, then the two girls discovered that there were many more possibilities now.

“So you’re saying that Team Excellent Era basically wanted to kick him out?” Chen Guo said in astonishment.

“And it’s not just kicking him out of Team Excellent Era, but also kicking him out of the Glory pro scene.” Tang Rou said.

“That’s..... going too far!!” Chen Guo jumped up again. When she thought of Ye Xiu’s hidden heavy feelings and how hard he had worked in order to open the path for Team Excellent Era’s golden age, only to be kicked out after considerable planning, she felt sympathetic towards him.

“How terrible!” Chen Guo jumped down from her bed. She ran to grab a cup of water and drained it down.

“These are all just guesses!” Tang Rou said.

“It sounds right. Why else would he suddenly retire out of nowhere? His condition is slipping? Did you know? When he fought with Du Ming, he used Dragon Raises Its Head! Do you know what that is? Maybe you don’t know yet, but this is a move that only one person in the entire Glory can pull off! Even though it hadn’t been used in a while, he used it again today. Slipping condition? Bullsh*t!” Chen Guo fired off like a cannon.

“Ah..... then there’s something else I analyzed. Want to listen?” Tang Rou asked.

“Go ahead.” Chen Guo threw down her cup, wiped her mouth and returned back to bed.

“He said before, that when he went back home, he parted on bad terms, right?” Tang Rou said.

“Yeah.”

“What’s the salary for a pro player in Glory? Compared to the average person.” Tang Rou said.

“How could they be compared! Each and every contract is at a sky high price in addition to other sponsorship money. The above average ones can easily get more in a year than what you can get in a hundred years staying in my Internet Cafe.” Chen Guo said.

“Ye Xiu had been a top-tier God in Glory since the very beginning. Even if his family doesn’t understand his achievements, with just his income, his family should have at least been able to recognize that, even though there are several problems with being a pro gamer, Ye Xiu’s an exception. He had already become a top-tier player in the pro scene and he shouldn’t be so disdained like that, right?” Tang Rou said.

“Yeah..... That’s true..... With his status, he shouldn’t have too much to worry about.” Chen Guo said.

“However, they still parted on bad terms. That’s why I think that his family probably isn’t an ordinary family. His status as a Glory pro player and his income didn’t mean anything in front of his family’s eyes.” Tang Rou said.

“Could he be from an extremely wealthy family?” Chen Guo said in astonishment.

“That’s hard to say, but his family can’t be so simple. Whether his family is high up in the political world, business world, or even literary world, his future had already been decided when he was born. He might have a bit of leeway in his choices, but for him to become a pro gamer? That choice probably didn’t exist. That’s why, no matter how incredible his achievements are, his family will never acknowledge him.” Tang Rou said.

“That make sense.” Chen Guo nodded her head.

Tang Rou went silent for a moment. After seeing that Chen Guo wasn’t going to say anything, she continued: “If we go further, when Ye Xiu is no longer able to go on any longer in the pro scene, where will he go then? Is his home his first choice?”

When things got here, Chen Guo suddenly understood: “So you’re saying that his retirement might also have something to do with his family?”

“Yeah……. I have that sort of feeling.” Tang Rou said.

“That…….” Chen Guo didn’t know what to say. If it had only been Excellent Era conspiring, then she could still justly support Ye Xiu and look down on Excellent Era. But if it really was Ye Xiu’s family causing mischief, that would become a family issue and she wasn’t in any position to say anything. What status did she have? A fan? Ye Xiu’s current boss?

“If his family really had been working behind the scenes, then his family’s background can’t be simple……. We might be able to look for clues about his family’s background from his ID card’s address.” Tang Rou said.

Chen Guo heard this, stunned. After a short pause, she said: “I just discovered that your talent in gossiping is even greater than mine.”

Chapter 334 – Day Three

The two girls still didn’t sleep. They were once again whispering to each other. This was when Tang Rou’s deductions stopped though because, in the end, she didn’t really understand the Glory pro scene that well. Even after she began playing the game seriously, most of her attention was still focused on improving herself. She wasn’t a true fan like Chen Guo, who paid attention to the news reports on the pro scene and all the random gossip there.

The two did a recount of what they had discussed. Even though they had deduced all sorts of scenarios, it would be way too disrespectful and impolite to actually take Ye Xiu’s ID card and force him to explain his background.

“It’d be better to ask when an opportunity comes! If he doesn’t want to say it, then that’s that.” Tang Rou said.

“Okay…….” The gossip demon inside Chen Guo was still burning, but she was still someone who understood what proper behavior was.

“The real question is: what is he planning on doing for the future? Is he just going to wait around for a year and then apply with his unspecialized Lord Grim? With his ability, he wouldn’t have any trouble

getting in, but which team does he plan on joining? Excellent Era probably isn't an option, no?" Chen Guo said.

"It'd be best to wait for an opportunity to ask....." Tang Rou said.

"Okay....."

The two girls chatted, until they finally fell asleep.

Early next morning, the sunlight lit up the room around their wake-up time. After telling each other good morning, they did their daily routines and then looked at each other. The two sneakily walked up outside their neighboring door.

After hearing Ye Xiu reveal a bunch of stuff yesterday night and then analyzing it, they realized that Ye Xiu had a lot of things he needed to worry about. They couldn't help but prod carefully, afraid that they might accidentally trigger something.

The two girls put their heads against the door, one on top, one on the bottom, in order to listen. The cleaning lady came out of the neighboring room, pushing a small cart and looked suspiciously at the two of them.

"Cough!" Tang Rou immediately coughed after realizing that they had been discovered.

Chen Guo hastily stood up, turned her head to look at the cleaning lady, and officially said: "There's no need to clean our room today."

"Understood....." the service lady said, pushing her cart over and turning her head every couple of steps. The two felt too embarrassed to continue with their previous actions. They also had to do something to try and explain themselves, so they directly knocked on the door.

After a while, Ye Xiu opened the door. His eyes were sleepy as he looked at the two of them: "Why so early? Are we going on a walk again? Even if you try to kill me, I'm not going."

"Ah, you're still not awake? Then go sleep a bit longer!" Chen Guo said. Before yesterday, she didn't think she'd have been able to speak so nicely to Ye Xiu.

Tang Rou shivered. Ye Xiu also straightened up and immediately woke up. He looked at Chen Guo and after a short pause, he asked: "How long is a bit?"

"However long you want!" Chen Guo said.

Ye Xiu continued to be shocked. He looked towards Tang Rou and pointed at Chen Guo: "Did something happen?"

Tang Rou looked up at the ceiling: "It's probably your strength as her idol!"

"Really? Wow!" Ye Xiu put out the expression pros used when they looked at the camera after winning a match: "Buy me breakfast and send it to my room."

Bang!

Ye Xiu closed the door, almost hitting Chen Guo's nose.

Tang Rou watched as Chen Guo's warm expression gradually disappeared. After a few twitches, she looked as if she was about to kick the door down, when Tang Rou hastily stopped her: "Can't you see that he was doing it intentionally? Why do you always fall for his traps!"

Who knew if it was because of Tang Rou's urge or her idol's status... but Chen Guo didn't kick the door. She tugged on Tang Rou: "Hmph, we're going to eat breakfast."

In the dining hall, Chen Guo's furious munching on her steamed buns attracted a few glances from other guests. They were all astonished at how such a pure looking girl could eat so barbarically. For a moment, glances toward Tang Rou's pleasing appearance were snatched away cleanly.

After annihilating her breakfast, Chen Guo looked at the menu and revealed a hesitant expression. Tang Rou laughed and asked, while wiping her mouth: "Should we bring him something?"

"No! Never!" It had probably been better not to say anything. When Tang Rou asked this, Chen Guo immediately made a decision and got up to leave. Tang Rou laughed once again. She stayed a bit behind her, calling for a waiter to send that room some breakfast. Chen Guo saw her doing this from the reflection from a window, but pretended she didn't know.

Back at her room, Chen Guo continued to vent her anger through the TV by mashing the remote control and switching channels randomly. Tang Rou didn't say anything about that. She turned on the computer and logged into the game. When she got in, she discovered that Ye Xiu was online.

"Why aren't you sleeping?" Tang Rou said surprised.

"I woke up from the noise and didn't want to sleep anymore." Ye Xiu replied.

"Breakfast will be sent to you soon."

"Oh, thanks."

After only a short exchange, Chen Guo came over. Seeing that Tang Rou was playing Glory and then the chat, she angrily said: "Didn't he say he was sleepy?" She then rushed out of the room to knock on the neighboring room's door.

Ye Xiu went to open it. Chen Guo wanted to say something, but she didn't know where to start.

Ye Xiu lowered his head and looked suspiciously at her two hands: "Where's my breakfast?"

"Two steamed buns the size of my fists. You want them?" Chen Guo raised her fists. They looked like the Striker's Collapsing Fist, which Ye Xiu's rival Han Wenqing was an expert at using.

"Little Tang, I thought you said that breakfast was coming. Did you set me up?" Ye Xiu cried out for help.

"A misunderstanding....." Tang Rou's voice floated by.

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They had only finished half of their planned shopping spree yesterday, but Ye Xiu said that he refused to come today. Chen Guo and Tang Rou discussed for a bit and then decided not to go, either.

As a result, the two rooms turned into two Internet Cafe booths where Glory was being played. Ye Xiu was watching TV, though.

Each room had a computer. Tang Rou and Chen Guo occupied both stations, while Ye Xiu had been kicked out. The reasoning couldn't be disputed: "You're already so skilled, so why do you need to practice?"

"To level up....."

"If it's just that, then I can help you....." Chen Guo said.

As a result, Chen Guo played on Ye Xiu's Lord Grim account. A normal player getting the chance to use a Silver Weapon? Plus, the Thousand Chance Umbrella could change forms. Ye Xiu taught her how to use it and then Chen Guo slowly began playing with it. She was practically always switching forms. How was she killing monsters to level up? Wasn't she just using his weapon as a toy to play with?

Seeing that she was having so much fun, he didn't stop her. Ye Xiu ran over to look at Tang Rou and instructed her on a few Battle Mage techniques.

Dragon Raises Its Head.

This type of high end technique was obviously way beyond someone like Tang Rou, who wasn't even Level 40 yet. Even though she had been watching yesterday, Dragon Raises Its Head didn't seem like much in her eyes. She didn't really know what was so startling about it.

However, yesterday night, Chen Guo had explained repeatedly how incredible Dragon Raises Its Head was. She didn't know how many times she had repeated herself, but in the end, it made Tang Rou change her mind and realize why it had been so shocking.

Now that the user was here, Tang Rou really wanted to ask him. It was still early, though. Her character's level wasn't quite there yet and there was no way she could practice it yet, so what was the point in knowing?

Although, now, her motivation to level was even greater.

"What'd you think about yesterday night?" After Ye Xiu came in, he asked for Tang Rou's opinion on the match.

"It felt good." Tang Rou recalled. Her emotions were quite complicated. She wasn't able to figure out how to describe it. She just felt that something had sprouted in her and was making her itch all over.

"Do you want to come with me into the Pro Alliance?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Go with you?"

"Yeah! I'm definitely going back. As for you, you'd definitely be good enough to become a pro. The real peak of Glory isn't a single strong person, but rather to be the Champions of the Pro Alliance! Occasionally beating someone isn't anything to be praised for. Being able to complete the challenges over the entire season and finally beating every single opponent, now that's the true throne." Ye Xiu said.

“But you’ve already become the Champion three times. What’s that to you?” Tang Rou laughed.

“There’s no highest, there’s only higher.” Ye Xiu replied.

“So you’re saying that surpassing you really is going to be hard. Just beating you in PK isn’t going to be enough?” Tang Rou said.

“Kid. Why do you like competing with me so much?”

“No matter how you say it, you’re also at the peak of Glory! We can just look at how many Championships you’ve won to see it. Even if your three Championship titles weren’t consecutive titles, you’re still the one with the most titles in Glory, right?”

“Oh, if you say it like that, then I really am quite amazing.” Ye Xiu looked out from the window.

“Who do you think will stand at the top this year?” Tang Rou suddenly asked.

“This year?” Ye Xiu was startled. Tang Rou had unexpectedly asked this question. He hadn’t been prepared for it.

“You can’t know until the last day! That’s what makes things interesting!” Ye Xiu said.

“That’s true..... Not being able to know until it happens is the most interesting.” Tang Rou said.

“Keep it up. You can definitely become a participant and not a bystander.”

“Okay, I’ll think about it.” Tang Rou nodded her head.

“If you’ve made a decision, then don’t be like me!” Ye Xiu said.

Tang Rou listened and understood what he was saying. She turned her head towards Ye Xiu and laughed: “I’m not 15.”

“I haven’t been 15 in a long time, either.” Ye Xiu grinned.

Today, nothing else happened until it was time for the All-Star event.

Yesterday, the three had shone in the spotlight, especially Ye Xiu. In the press conference after the event, many of the pros straight up told the reporters that he had to be Ye Qiu.

Would their seats be surrounded by dogs today?

Chapter 335 – All Star 24 (1)

From up above in the hotel, the bright Samsara stadium could be seen from the window. They were already busily preparing for the final day.

The All-Star Weekend was a three day event and only had a one-day pass and a three-day pass. Chen Guo had managed to obtain three-day passes. But just from their retail price, it could be seen that the ticket for the third day was the most expensive.

There was only one event on the third day: the All-Star Competitions. The 24 players that were chosen by the fans, in other words, the 24 most popular players, would be split into two teams and would

compete in an official match format with an individual competition, a group competition, and a team competition.

Even though the competition was simply just for show, the number of viewers and the ratings it received could be compared to those of the finals in the regular season.

As a result, Chen Guo would be very conflicted as to whether she wouldn't be able to watch the All-Star event live at the stadium. Tang Rou and Ye Xiu, on the other hand, didn't really care. Tang Rou still hadn't logged out of the game, while Ye Xiu was still giving her pointers. They would only turn their heads around whenever Chen Guo said something.

"In reality, your family all know that you're a pro player, right?" Chen Guo suddenly asked Ye Xiu.

"Yeah." Ye Xiu didn't turn his head around this time.

"Then why are you still afraid of revealing yourself?" Chen Guo found the chance to dig deeper.

"Initially, I didn't want them to find out, but later..... I didn't want to embarrass them. In their eyes, no matter how great I become, I'm just a failure to them." Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo fell silent. She realized that she shouldn't have dug so deep into Ye Xiu's roots. Perhaps he didn't want to remember these things, but she had helped him in bringing them up. She felt extremely bad for doing so.

With this ounce of regret, Chen Guo immediately patted the TV: "Forget about it, then. We won't go tonight. We can just watch from the TV."

"Actually, it'll be fine if only I don't go. It's not like it matters if you two go." Ye Xiu said.

"Oh, that's true! When the reporters come, I can give my Internet Cafe some advertisement." Chen Guo spoke her thoughts.

Tang Rou turned her head and said: "But if you do that, when the customers come, they might be there to crowd around instead of going online, no?"

"Oh....." Chen Guo sighed in lament: "I forgot about that."

"Go, go! You guys go ahead!" Ye Xiu stood behind Tang Rou and urged them.

"What are you going to do?" Tang Rou turned her head to look at him.

"You're going to watch the event, no? Let me play!" Ye Xiu exclaimed.

"That isn't your actual reason, is it? You just want to play the game!" Chen Guo said.

"No way. Didn't I already tell you about my difficulties?" Ye Xiu said. It was just that his tone was very casual and didn't sound pained. Chen Guo doubted for a second, but then decided not to say anything more and turned towards Tang Rou.

Tang Rou obviously knew that no matter what, Chen Guo still wanted to go very much. It hadn't been easy getting the tickets. Missing the big event like this would be something that no fan wouldn't regret. As a result, she got up and gave the seat to Ye Xiu: "Then we'll be going now."

“Go, go!” Ye Xiu waved his hands. He swiftly logged out of Tang Rou’s Soft Mist account and logged on to play his Lord Grim.

“You’re not going to watch the All-Star event?” Chen Guo asked.

“I will, but it’s still early, no? When the time comes, I’ll watch, while playing the game.” Ye Xiu said.

Thus, the two girls left the room, leaving Ye Xiu alone.

The All-Star Competition deserved to be comparable with the finals. It greatly impacted the number of players online. In the afternoon, the leveling areas were still quite crowded, but as it got closer to the peak hours at night, there were fewer players. Playing while watching? That wasn’t something easy to do. An intensive game like Glory didn’t allow for much room to be distracted when fighting.

As a result, Ye Xiu played for a bit and then, when he saw that it was almost time, he logged out of the game and turned on the TV.

The press conference began before the competition. At this moment, the 24 All-Stars hadn’t yet got onstage yet, when suddenly they were swarmed by reporters.

The first one to be interviewed was at the pro player seats. He had arrived early, the upright Team Tyranny vice captain, Zhang Xinjie.

“Hello, vice captain.” The reporter hastily went forward.

“Hello.” Zhang Xinjie nodded his head.

“Even though it’s the All-Star event, you’ve still kept your habit of arriving onstage thirty minutes earlier!” The reporter began to talk.

“Yes.” Zhang Xinjie nodded his head.

“I’m sure our audience is looking forward to how the teams will be split. Could you give us an early reveal?” the reporter said.

Zhang Xinjie looked at the reporter strangely: “Isn’t one of the rules not to reveal things early?”

“Ha ha, it’s about to start in half an hour anyways. It’s not like it’s going to matter much!” the reporter said.

Zhang Xinjie shook his head: “No comment.”

The atmosphere stiffened. The reporter could only switch to a different topic: “With vice captain’s class, you’re probably going to be competing in the team competition. As one of the Master Tacticians, could you have already prepared some sort of amazing strategy?”

“You’ll know when the times comes.” Zhang Xinjie politely replied. His tone didn’t reveal anything.

“Thank you, vice captain.....” The reporter was helpless and could only end this pointless interview.

Afterwards, he looked around and saw that someone was already sitting at Team Excellent Era’s seat: Su Mucheng, one of the 24 All-Star players.

The relationship between Su Mucheng and Ye Qiu wasn't a secret and it was currently an extremely good topic to talk about. The reporter wouldn't let this opportunity slip and immediately rushed forward along with the cameraman.

"Mucheng, could you give the audience a wave?" the reporter said.

"Hi!" Su Mucheng waved her hands at the camera: "Are you watching TV?"

Ye Xiu, who was sitting in front of the TV, was completely speechless. Wasn't that wave a bit personal?

Sure enough, the reporter caught it and laughed: "Your wave was a bit special. Was there some sort of special meaning to it?"

Su Mucheng smiled: "You understand."

"Were you waving to Ye Qiu?" the reporter understood.

"Yup!" Su Mucheng confirmed.

"So you're saying..... Ye Qiu won't be coming to watch today?" The reporter immediately became aware of this issue.

"I actually have no idea!" Su Mucheng said.

"But you just waved your hands at the camera!" the reporter said.

"Isn't it the same thing? If he's watching in front of the TV, then he'll have seen me. If he's at the stadium..... then he'll see me on the big screen, as well." Su Mucheng pointed to the big screen in the stadium, which was broadcasting this interview.

"So it's like that. Thank you, Mucheng." The interview ended. The frame temporarily cut off and the reporter went to find another target.

The broadcast turned the camera around towards the audience. Ye Xiu looked. Wasn't the camera pointed at Chen Guo and Tang Rou? The broadcast team had clearly prepared for this and began to focus in on them. These two beautiful girls very naturally looked good on camera. Even though it didn't have the same feeling as it did yesterday, they were still pleasing to look at. However, the feature clearly wasn't towards them. The camera turned and turned and then stopped at the empty seat beside the two of them.

After the reporter found another All-Star to interview, the camera turned back to the interview. For matches like these, the pros were more relaxed. Very few of them would be as official like Zhang Xinjie was. They joked around with the reporter and made fun of pros they were friends with. The thirty minutes before the event officially began went by quickly.

When the event officially began, the stadium's lights turned off. Even though the list of which 24 players were chosen had been released on the first day of the event, the true All-Star event really only began on the final day.

The spotlights flashed on. The first to come up onstage was Samsara's ace player, Zhou Zekai. Under the dazzling lights, he stepped onto the stage and a projection appeared beside him, which was Zhou Zekai's

character, Cloud Piercer. The crowd gave a deafening cheer for their home team's ace. Zhou Zekai also acted very appropriately. Along with his looks, he gave off an air that was fit for a god.

The second player to come up onstage was also a Samsara player: Jiang Botao. His character Empty Waves was a Spellblade and was second in Team Samsara only to Zhou Zekai.

Only the player's name and character was introduced, so the introductions went by very quickly. After Samsara's two players, next up was Team Blue Rain. They had three players in this year's All-Star event:

Yu Wenzhou. Character: Swoksaar. Class: Warlock.

Huang Shaotian. Character: Troubling Rain. Class: Blade Master.

Yu Feng. Character: Brilliant Edge. Class: Berserker.

Next came Team Misty Rain's two players:

Chu Yunxiu. Character: Windy Rain. Class: Elementalist.

Li Hua. Character: Dark Forest. Class: Ninja.

Team Hundred Blossoms:

Tang Hao. Character: Delillo. Class: Brawler.

Zou Yuan. Character: Dazzling Hundred Blossoms. Class: Spitfire.

The two Team Hundred Blossom players were somewhat of an anomaly. Tang Hao was a rookie who had only been a pro for two years. His character Delillo wasn't anything special in the pro circle, but based on his outstanding performance in the last year, he had won over many fans and was able to obtain a spot as an All-Star despite his mediocre account.

As for Zou Yuan, he was the exact opposite of Tang Hao. This hastily-found substitute, using their original team captain Zhang Jiale's Dazzling Hundred Blossom, didn't have much going for him. The reason he was able to become one of the 24 All-Stars was largely because of Dazzling Hundred Blossom's popularity. There were too many Glory fans who didn't want to see this God level character missing from the All-Star stage.

Zou Yuan clearly understood this. On the stage, he quietly stepped back when the projection of Dazzling Hundred Blossoms appeared.

Chapter 336 – All Star 24 (2)

Compared to the All-Stars that introduced before them, of the two Hundred Blossom players, one of them was lacking in terms of his character and his experience, while the other was lacking in skill. Though for Tang to be able to say "the junior succeeds the senior", it meant that he was also a very arrogant guy. He didn't care too much about all of this and stood there proudly.

As for Zou Yuan, he was more uneasy. He stood behind his character and it appeared as if he was too afraid to look at the audience.

Next up was Team Excellent Era's two players, Sun Xiang and Su Mucheng. Their characters, the Battle Mage, One Autumn Leaf, and the Launcher, Dancing Rain, were quickly projected onto the stage. These two were originally the closest partners in the Alliance, but it was different now. Dancing Rain's owner didn't hide her thoughts. She stayed a good distance away from Sun Xiang, instead, standing closer to Hundred Blossom's player, Zou Yuan. The broadcast team knew what they had to do and immediately featured this point. They shifted to the empty seat where Ye Xiu was supposed to be at and once again paused on it.

After them came Team 301's captain, Yang Cong, with his Assassin, Scene Killer. Even though he was also the ace of a team, Yang Cong's character couldn't be considered top-tier and so, when it stood up on stage, it gave off a very modest appearance.

Following Yang Cong's introduction was a short break. The audience counted twelve players on stage and immediately understood that these twelve players compromised one of the All-Star teams. Tonight, they temporarily became teammates. Team Samsara's Zhou Zekai turned into the All-Star team's temporary captain. However, this appointment was simply a title. Zhou Zekai carried the team captain name, but in reality, the one who took on the role of team captain was Team Blue Rain's Yu Wenzhou.

No one had any objections to this. This friendly and polite team captain had exceptionally good relations with everyone in the pro circle.

The host conducted brief interviews with each of the twelve players and had them sit in specially prepared seats. The twelve players sat down on one end of the stage and then, the other twelve players began to come onto the stage.

First up was Team Tiny Herb and, like Blue Rain, they too, had three All Stars.

Team Captain Wang Jiexi. Character: Vaccaria. Class: Witch.

Vice Captain Deng Fusheng. Character: Angelica. Class: Knight.

And a Grappler. Li Yihui. Character: Flying Drops. He was also one of Team Tiny Herb's main pillars.

Next up was two players from Team Tyranny, the team captain and vice captain, Han Wenqing and Zhang Xinjie.

Han Wenqing's character was naturally extremely famous, the "King of Fighting", Desert Smoke. Class: Striker.

Zhang Xinjie's character, on the other hand, was a Cleric. Character: Immovable Rock.

After them was Team Void's Li Xuan. Character: Sobbing Ghost. Class: Ghostblade. Alongside him was Wu Yuce from the same team. Character: Carved Ghost. Class: Ghostblade. He and Li Xuan's duo Ghostblade combo was another classic combo in the pro scene and had been competitors against Ye Xiu and Su Mucheng's title of best partners ever ever since their creation.

Following Team Void was Team Wind Howl's Lin Jingyan. Even though his condition had fallen and now that he had been beaten by Tang Hao, the All-Star invitation was based on popularity, not skill. A God like Lin Jingyan could easily make it into the 24 All-Stars with just his past achievements. In addition, he also had Three Hits, the reputed number one Brawler character.

Lin Jingyan hadn't come alone from Team Wind Howl. There was also Fang Rui. Character: Doubtful Demon. Class: Thief. His signature style was playing dirty, dirty and dirty.

Next up was Team Thunderclap's captain, Xiao Shiqin, one of Glory's four Master Tacticians. He was someone who could take a bad hand and give any team trouble. His character: Life Extinguisher. The name sounded extremely murderous, but his class was actually a Mechanic, which was not a character that could fight against another face-to-face.

After Xiao Shiqin was Team Royal Style's Tian Sen, who had the back of a tiger and the waist of a bear. The energy from his build was enough to make one tremble. Pro players were practically all shut-ins. Very few of them exercised to such extents. As a result, a pro with a muscular physique was very rarely seen.

Tian Sen's character was called Peaceful Hermit. Class: Exorcist. It was also a very old God-level character. Tian Sen was already the third owner of this character. With every following successor for this character, Team Royal Style turned worse and worse. Even with a top-tier character, they still weren't even able to make it to the playoffs.

Following Tian Sen was Zhao Yang, Team Seaside's ace player. Character: Boundless Sea. Class: Qi Master. Their team's situation was the same as Yang Cong. The player himself and his character weren't considered as extremely top-tier, but that was only when it was compared to the top of the top. After all, anyone on the 24 All-Stars list was still an excellent player.

The final twelve players had joined the stage. This team had Wang Jiexi as the temporary captain. He represented the team and said a few words. Afterwards, the host did a brief interview with each of them and the twelve sat down on opposite sides of the stage, facing the other twelve players.

Who would participate in the individual competition? Who would participate in the group competition? And who would participate in the team competition that hadn't been announced yet? The audience was already quite excited.

Even though the All-Star event was just for show, if they were too relaxed, the viewers would lose interest. As a result, the Alliance would also set things up to fire up the All-Stars. For example, in this event, they had Blue Rain and Tiny Herb, Excellent Era and Tyranny, the two big rivalries, split into two different teams. By doing this, the players wouldn't play so half-heartedly. Even if the players didn't care, the fans still would. Some opponents, no matter the time, no matter the location, would never go easy. With these types of players bringing in the energy, what was there to be worried about?

The 24 players were, after all, the 24 most popular players in Glory, so they didn't need a big introduction. The event quickly entered the competitive stage. The first round for the individual competition was about to begin. Who would be chosen among the two sides? The viewers watching at the stadium and those who were watching the TV were all impatiently waiting for the answer.

The host purposefully slowed down his words when announcing the first contestant in order to heighten the suspense.

In the end, the first team chose Team 301's Yang Cong, while the second team chose Team Royal Style's Tian Sen.

Of the twenty-four players, there weren't any that even the top-tier Gods would be able to steamroll over. Their performance onstage was way more important in this level of competition.

Though for these two players, the end deciding factor was actually the differences in their characters.

Peaceful Hermit was more than powerful enough to be considered a God-level character.

Comparatively, Yang Cong's Scene Kill was a bit inferior. Tian Sen took advantage of his character's superiority and struck steadily and surely without giving any major openings, until he won the match.

After finishing the match, the two received interviews on the spot. Naturally, the winner said that the loser had played well and that he had won through luck. As for the loser, they said that the winner had played better and deserved the victory. After all, this was only the All-Star event. The two didn't have any enmity towards each other and weren't affected by any riling up. The two happily shook each other's hand and the first match ended.

For the second match, Team Hundred Blossom's Zou Yuan was sent out. For the second team, they sent out Team Tiny Herb's Grappler, Li Yihui.

Zou Yuan's Dazzling Hundred Blossom was undoubtedly a God-level account. It was just that there was nothing praiseworthy about his performance in the season. This hastily-found substitute had to take the place of God Zhang Jiale and he also had to use the team's core account. The amount of pressure on Zou Yuan was unimaginable. Though for this All-Star event, where there didn't need to be any pressure, the relaxed Zou Yuan unexpectedly gave off his most outstanding performance of the season. He defeated the Champion team's Li Yihui, obtaining a heated round of applause.

After another modest interview, the third match began. For the individual competition, each match was one round. There was no best-of-three format. As a result, there wasn't a need for too much thinking for who to send out.

For the first team, they sent out Team Blue Rain's Berserker Yu Feng. As for the second team, they sent out Team Wind Howl's dirty Fang Rui.

In the individual competition, the two rivals, Blue Rain and Tiny Herb, had both sent out players. Unfortunately, they had missed each other. If these two teams' players fought, the audience members were certain that the match would be more intense. From this, it could be seen that the host split the teams accordingly, but when it came to the actual competition, which players were sent out entirely depended on the players. If not, then how could the Alliance miss out on such an opportunity?

Yu Feng's Berserker was a class that went for direct attacks. Fang Rui's character, on the other hand, was a dirty Thief. This match turned into a game of hide and seek, but no one dared to look down on the amount of skill involved in the match.

The two were carefully examining the other side's movements and slowly wearing down their opponent. Of the three individual matches, this one took the longest. After a good five minutes, Fang Rui's dirty Thief made a mistake, which was seized by Yu Feng, who directly ended the match.

The applause was deafening. A dirty way of fighting was one type of extreme. Some people loved it, while others hated it. The audience members who were clapping like crazy were naturally those who

hated that sort of dirty fighting. Seeing the dirty Fang Rui get cut down brought them incomparable delight.

Chapter 337 – All Star Competition

Even though the audience cheered when the dirty Fang Rui fell, he didn't care at all. Although many did not like his way of fighting, he had many supporters as well. If not, then he wouldn't have been able to enter the ranks of the all stars.

He politely waved his hands towards the audience along with the victorious Yu Feng and then left the stage.

The individual stage was over. Team One had earned 2 points, while Team Two's had earned 1 points. Team Two was current losing.

Although it was only for show, the spectators still cared about who won or lost. They paid attention to which side their favorite pros were on. For example, Chen Guo naturally supported the team that Su Mucheng was on.

After a few minutes, the second competition, the Group Competition, began. The viewers quietly discussed the possible arrangements for the groups as the players for the first match went out.

For Team One, the first player to come out was Excellent Era's ace, Sun Xiang. As soon as One Autumn Leaf was projected onto the stage, the crowd erupted into cheers.

For Team Two's, their first player was Wind Howl's Lin Jingyan.

Sun Xiang's mechanics were not below Tang Hao's and One Autumn Leaf was absolutely the better character. On paper, Sun Xiang had the higher chance of winning.

However, the paper didn't account for the two's current conditions.

In the Rookie Challenge Competition, one had been beaten with a "junior succeeds the senior", while one had been beaten with a "still too green". Both defeats had been somewhat embarrassing. Especially for Sun Xiang, since he had dug the hole himself. It had only been two days since then. If their mental states hadn't adjusted, then their performance on stage could very likely be affected.

When the two sides fought, Lin Jingyan performed efficient and ruthless as always, while Sun Xiang clearly was having a bit of situation. Young people could rarely compete with the veterans in having this type of inner quality. Even though Sun Xiang was stronger on paper, the deciding factor in a match was still their performance on stage. Nothing praiseworthy could be said about Sun Xiang's current performance. In the end, Lin Jingyan's Three Hits still had a quarter of his health left, when One Autumn Leaf fell.

Sun Xiang silently exited his booth amidst the crowd's boos. Chen Guo was even less polite and began ridiculing him. If this had been yesterday, she wouldn't have gone so far, but after hearing of Ye Xiu's past, Chen Guo didn't have any good feelings towards Team Excellent Era. This clearly showed that Chen Guo cared more about the players than the team, so when she discovered a bad relationship between a player and his team, with the team being unjust, her opinions of the team naturally turned sour. How

could she care about Sun Xiang, Ye Xiu's replacement? As soon as she saw that he wasn't helping the team win any advantages, she immediately looked down on him.

After Sun Xiang answered a few interview questions, he hastily exited the stage. The second player in Team One's group was Team Misty Rain's Li Hua using the Ninja, Dark Forest.

Li Hua was known for his quick mechanics and constantly changing movements. This type of player was the bane of a veteran with a deteriorating condition like Lin Jingyan. In addition, Dark Forest had a full health bar, while Three Hits only had a quarter health left. This time, Lin Jingyan was defeated.

Team Two's followed up with Team Seaside's Zhao Yang using his Qi Master, Boundless Sea.

Qi Masters were an all around class. They had both offensive and defensive skills. They could support and burst. They were very easy to pick up. However, once things reached the pro level, there wasn't any advantage in being "easy to pick up". No matter how difficult the class, at that level, all of them were being played at extremely high levels.

The battle between these two was another intense fight. Each side displayed their character and play style's strengths. Neither side made any obvious mistakes either. In the end, Zhao Yang was able to defeat Li Hua with the small advantage Lin Jingyan had brought.

The final player to come out for Team One was Team Hundred Blossom's Tang Hao. He had succeeded earlier with his "junior succeeds the senior" and was at peak condition. Against Zhao Yang's Boundless Sea, he easily defeated him.

Team Two's's final player was unexpectedly Team Thunderclap's Xiao Shiqin.

The audience was very surprised by this arrangement. This was because they all knew that Xiao Shiqin was good at team play. In the All Star Competition, players weren't allowed to participate in more than one competition, so the audience had expected Xiao Shiqin to participate in the team competition. In this team of all stars, all of them should be a better choice than Xiao Shiqin, no?

In any case, the match began and just as expected, Xiao Shiqin's solo ability couldn't be compared to Tang Hao. Even if his character Life Extinguisher was slightly better than Tang Hao's Delillo, he was still beaten.

In the end, Xiao Shiqin was defeated and Tang Hao had made a turnaround for Team One. Team One won the group competition and earned two points. They were now winning 3-2. Undoubtedly, the final team competition would determine who won and who lost.

Before that, there was a quick rest break and highlight replay. The audience recalled the all stars that played in the group competition. They discovered that on paper, Team One had the advantage. Sun Xiang and Tang Hao, the two second-year rookies already had God-level skill, while the players that came out for Team Two's truly weren't as good.

Of course, Sun Xiang didn't play well and lost the first match, making many of them look down on him. In the end, Tang Hao defeated two opponents and played outstandingly in this All Star Competition. The players he had defeated were after all, All Star level players.

After a short break, the final performance in the All Star Weekend was about to begin. This sort of brawl between all stars could really only be seen in the All Star Competition. That sort of one on one play could be seen normally when two teams fought against each other.

As for which players were chosen for the two teams, all the audience had to do was eliminate the ones that had already gone up. The only part they didn't know was who would be the substitute player.

Twelve players came up on stage one after the other. After receiving interviews asking random nonsense like if they had the confidence to win or not, the twelve players entered their respective booths.

The map was projected onto the stage and the arrangement for the two teams was immediately clear.

For Team One, the main roster consisted of Samsara's Zhou Zekai, Blue Rain's Yu Wenzhou and Huang Shaotian, Misty Rain's Chu Yunxiu, and Excellent Era's Su Mucheng. Their reserve player was Samsara's Jiang Botao.

For Team Two's, the main roster consisted of Tiny Herb's Wang Jiexi and Deng Fusheng, Tyranny's Zhang Xinjie, Void's Li Xuan and Wu Yuze. Their reserve player was unexpectedly Han Wenqing!

Han Wenqing being the substitute was a big surprise to the viewers. However, after looking more closely at Team Two's arrangement, they understood why they had Xiao Shiqin participate in the group competition.

Team Two's had two Master Tacticians, so with Zhang Xinjie there, they could let Xiao Shiqin participate in the group competition. The six remaining players on Team Two's was their most balanced formation. Wang Xinjie and Deng Fusheng, one active, one quiet. Han Wenqing and Zhang Xinjie, one offensive, one supportive. Li Xuan and Wu Yuze, the Ghostblade duo. Without a doubt, Team Two's play style would be full of variations.

As for Team One, they were clearly an offensive oriented formation.

Apart from Yu Wenzhou's Warlock, Swoksaar, their team didn't have any other supports. Huang Shaotian's Blade Master Troubling Rain, Zhou Zekai's Sharpshooter Cloud Piercer, Chu Yunxiu's Elementalist Windy Rain, Su Mucheng's Launcher Dancing Rain. They were all offensive classes. Only their reserve player, Jiang Botao's Spellblade Empty Waves had decent crowd control with his Wave Sword and Wave Boundary.

However, looking at them from an offensive perspective, Team One had both extremely long ranged and close ranged members. Just from their range, they had an all around offense. Their team formation hadn't been randomly chosen.

As for their team lacking the very important support and crowd control classes, there wasn't much they could do about it in the All Star Competition. After all, the more popular players were certainly the ones who were more offensive oriented players. It was just like how in football, the forwards were definitely more eye catching than the rear guard. And since the all stars were chosen by popular vote, they wouldn't have such a good team composition like a normal team. Their end result had clear faults, but there wasn't much they could do about it.

In comparison, Team Two's had included both supports and crowd control characters inside, so their formation was more perfect.

The host and broadcast clearly recognized that this was the true climax for the All Star Event and began to build up the suspense. The commentators analyzed both side's team formation. When the excitement hits its peak, that was when the All Star Event's team competition officially began.

An impressive ten of Glory's top-tier characters from their respective classes were participating in this battle. Team One's shot caller was Yu Wenzhou. As for Team Two's, even though Wang Jiexi's shot calling was good, he gave the position to Zhang Xinjie. These two Master Tacticians would lead the confrontation between the two sides.

Team One arranged their troops and then directly rushed forward. Team Two's seemed to have understood their intent. Their five players scattered and found their own spots on the map, waiting for the other team's players to come up.

This sort of tactical intent obviously couldn't be revealed to the opponent. However, there was a flaw in this All Star Event due to the projection!

The hosts had specially installed windows in the player booths to let the players have a taste of the projection technology. However, at this moment, the projection technology allowed Team One to see Team Two's tactical intent. This was something that the hosts had miscalculated. They had only been paying attention to the experience the projection provided and had compromised the competitiveness on accident.

Chapter 338 – Know Yourself, Know Your Enemy

Team One quickly adjusted their advances. Those who had some sense of strategy immediately understood their intent. They discovered that the adjustments had been made to counter Team Two's formation. The spectators didn't know that there was such a large flaw in the booths. At the moment, they were all gasping in surprise. They thought that it was Team One's Master Tactician, Yu Wenzhou, who was predicting Team Two's formation like an all-knowing God.

As for Team Two's supporters, when they saw this, they looked like captured lambs and immediately felt worried. They wished that they could rush up onstage and warn Team Two.

As Team One's players closed in, quite a few members of the crowd anxiously stood up, when they suddenly saw Team Two's formation change. The scattered players contracted together and were ready for the Team One's incoming assault.

However, Team One reacted quickly as well. Their initial strategy was tossed away and they contracted as well, in preparation for a direct confrontation with Team Two.

The audience members who understood what was going on were clapping wildly. They felt that the two shot-callers deserved to be called Master Tacticians. They were like true Gods, predicting what the other side was going to do next.

How could they know that the shot-callers on both sides, Yu Wenzhou and Zhang Xinjie, were both laughing bitterly.

They were both smart, but their opponents weren't stupid, either. In reality, the two sides could see the other side's movements just from looking at the projection. They weren't making any godly predictions. They were just looking at the map! Because both team consisted of top-tier players with a solid knowledge of tactics and strategies, even though they weren't from the same team, their coordination wouldn't be too poor. Their movements after hearing the commands were clean and crisp. It looked as if their adjustments to their formations had been practiced beforehand. The unknowing spectators only felt how amazing and spectacular they were.

Yu Wenzhou and Zhang Xinjie could see how sharp both sides were. Planning a sneak attack or flanking each other weren't going to work. In this match, a direct confrontation was clearly their only option.

Zhang Xinjie felt like their side had the advantage in a direct confrontation. After all, their team had the balanced team composition. As for Team One's offense-oriented team, they were better at bullying, but both teams consisted of all-stars. Their skill levels were equal, so there was no way that they would be pushed down so easily.

Thus, Zhang Xinjie stopped playing tricks. He gave an order and Team Two advanced forward in an X Formation.

The audience saw that it seemed like the fight would start soon. But who would have thought that the initially aggressive Team One would suddenly have their hands and feet bound and, instead of meeting the fight, they actually began to retreat. Their movements made the audience very confused. But what made the audience even more confused was that, when Team One began to retreat, Team Two suddenly halted.

The audience members looked at one another. What were these two Tacticians thinking? They couldn't understand at all!

The audience was completely confused. Zhang Xinjie, on the other hand, had sweat pouring down from his head.

Why did Team Two suddenly stop? The reason they had stopped was because, as soon as Team One began to retreat, they were unable to see the positions of Team One's players anymore from their booth windows. Team One's five players utilized their dead angle in order to hide from them.

Zhang Xinjie would naturally be alarmed. He immediately understood that Yu Wenzhou's strategic sight was better than his. He had thought about how normal matches and this match differed and that both sides had the ability to see the general overview of the battle through the projection. This was something that official matches definitely wouldn't have, which was why Yu Wenzhou had specially took note of the position of Zhang Xinjie's booth, in order to determine where his blind spot was. And now, he had used this point, giving his team, Team One, the chance to hide. Team Two was now fighting against an invisible enemy. The momentum immediately shifted. As for Zhang Xinjie, he hadn't taken note of the position of Yu Wenzhou's booth. It wouldn't be good to randomly guess, either, so his only option was to have his team halt temporarily.

Zhang Xinjie didn't hide anything and told his team of his current predicament.

"I can see from here." Wang Jiexi replied. The positions of their booths were different, so they had different viewing angles. Zhang Xinjie's dead angle could be seen from Wang Jiexi's point of view.

“Then I’ll hand the shot-calling over to you!” Zhang Xinjie gave him the authority.

He may be called a Master Tactician, but that didn’t mean that their victory would be guaranteed with his shot-calling. Handing the shot-calling over to Wang Jiexi, in order to solve their current predicament, didn’t mean that they were necessarily going to lose. After Wang Jiexi observed Team One’s formation, he read and understood the opponent’s intent and Team Two naturally made their adjustments.

The adjustment was simple. Their goal was to not suffer losses. They weren’t thinking of using the knowledge of their opponent’s positions to their advantage. This was because this match truly was too transparent. The flaw in the booths made it so that both sides knew themselves and knew their enemies. Even when Yu Wenzhou used his knowledge of Zhang Xinjie’s point of view to his advantage, by switching the command over to Wang Jiexi, everything had gone back to the beginning. Neither side could deceive the other.

Even if they took Wang Jiexi into account, there was still Li Xuan and Deng Fusheng..... It wasn’t like Yu Wenzhou could account for everyone’s point of view, right? If he really did, then their movements would be very limited and they wouldn’t be able to make any sneak attacks.

These exchanges truly showed the two sides’ abilities. It was just that, to the audience members, they couldn’t really understand what was going on. Only Ye Xiu, who was an expert and who had gone up on stage before, could tell from their movements what their situation was. He couldn’t help but laugh when he saw it.

“Ah, this isn’t very fun. You can see us. We can see you. Hide and seek? They might as well just send one player up at a time and play the group competition out!”

Up until now, the two sides still hadn’t fought each other, yet. But Team One’s chat window suddenly exploded with Huang Shaotian’s chatter. These words couldn’t be seen from the projection, but they could clearly be seen on the electronic screens that were broadcasting the battle, as well as on the player’s computers.

Huang Shaotian represented everyone and directly stood out, challenging the other side to duels.

“Do you dare?”

“Are you coming?”

“You afraid?”

“Could it be that you want to fight me in a 2v1?”

No one on either side responded. Huang Shaotian was obviously ridiculing them. He was indicating that not accepting his challenge would be too shameful.

The audience clearly wasn’t as cool-headed as the pros were. They had already begun to get riled up. Team One’s supporters looked down on Team Two’s cowardice. Team Two, on the other hand, were ridiculing Huang Shaotian’s competitive attitude and how he wanted the team competition to turn into individual duels.

At this moment, the players on stage still hadn’t done anything and the audience members were already on the verge of breaking into a brawl.

Team Two stayed cool-headed the entire way through. On one hand, they were used to it. But on the other hand..... Huang Shaotian was continuously taunting them. But he wasn't wrong though; their Team Two didn't dare.

Dueling also depended on the team composition. As a whole, Team Two had support and crowd control classes. They were very complete. But in duels, they were against burst characters. If Zhang Xinjie's Cleric from Team Two went up, that would just be giving Team One free points. How could they agree to duels?

But there was no escape! Huang Shaotian saw through this point and knew that they wouldn't agree, so he continued to taunt at them. This was also a part of his style. Team Two consisted of all-stars, so they wouldn't be so easily incited. As a result, they could only laugh bitterly. There were some from Team Two that wanted to respond back to Huang Shaotian, but Han Wenqing was currently crouching at his reserve seat.

Being taunted at like that wasn't good for their reputation. Team Two advanced forward to pressure them, but Team One seemed to take delight in watching Huang Shaotian taunt them and retreated in response.

If Team Two had someone who liked to trash talk, then they would have spoken up long ago. But the problem was, in Team Two, not a single one of them liked to trash talk. And for Team One, they had the King of Trash Talking, so they had the complete advantage in the chat window.

Retreat, retreat, retreat. Team One only retreated, while Team Two only advanced.

Sometimes the person that was doing the trash talking didn't know if it was working. Team Two thought that they were being very cool-headed in response to Huang Shaotian's trash talk, but to the outsiders, they thought that they had been provoked by Huang Shaotian.

Team Two continued to push forward and, just as they were about to fight, Team One's five players suddenly scattered. Team Two still hadn't figured what was going on, yet, when suddenly, Team One's players disappeared from their sight.

The five players were already used to looking out of the window to see the projection.

"None!"

"None."

"None."

"None here."

"None....."

The five players communicated and immediately became alarmed. Had the other side actually figured out where all of their dead angles were?

"Hurry and retreat!" Zhang Xinjie shouted. He had already realized that they were in one of their opponents' formations. They seemed to have intentionally lured them to this spot and created this situation.....

Zhang Xinjie retreated along with everyone else, while carefully observing the terrain around them, looking at those spots that they weren't able to see.

"Everyone, stay in position!" Zhang Xinjie quickly reminded. He discovered that there were too many places here for the opponent to hide.

At this moment, the first attack of the match struck.

"Pshew!" Team Two nimbly stepped to the side. A Laser Beam split their formation into two.

"Ha ha ha, I can finally move!" A word bubble popped out from above Huang Shaotian's Troubling Rain. Who knew where he had come from? He struck with a Falling Light Blade from up above, directly into the five players' formation.

Chapter 339 – Each Side With Their Own Shortcomings

If this type of surprise attack agitated their team, then Team Two wouldn't deserve to be called all stars. Huan Shaotian's Falling Light Blade had been sudden, but Team Two didn't react slowly. Tiny Herb Vice Captain Deng Fusheng's Knight Angelica stepped out on his own and raised his shield to take the blow: Shield Counter.

Shield Counter's effects were determined by the skill that was used against it. When a direct attack was Shield Countered, the damage from the attack and its effects would be reflected back onto the attacker according to a certain percentage. It could be considered quite an abnormal defensive skill.

Even though Falling Light Blade fell from the sky, against the shield, it had no way of continuing down. The reflect from the shield would give rise to a knock up effect. How could the experienced Huang Shaotian not know this? He immediately dispelled his skill and switched to a Falling Phoenix Slash, sweeping past the lone defender.

Huang Shaotian being able to use so many movements in such a short amount of time wasn't something an ordinary Glory fan could do. The crowd had already erupted into cheers.

Deng Fusheng had no way of using Shield Counter to receive Falling Phoenix Slash. If he changed directions and his position, allowing him to use another skill, he could try again. However, Shield Counter was on cooldown right now. How could he use it again? However, he wasn't the only player on Team Two. Wang Jiexi's Vaccaria, dressed in a black magic robe and a large wizard cap, hopped to the side. He waved his arms and a Shadow Cloak headed towards Troubling Rain.

Dark Mantle was a Grab skill and had high priority. At this moment, Wang Jiexi choosing use it against Troubling Rain's Falling Phoenix Slash meant that he had the utmost confidence he would be able to block it.

Suddenly, a gunshot rang out. Zhou Zekai's Cloud Piercer had rushed out, firing rapidly towards them. Amidst the high speed exchange, his gun aimed towards Wang Jiexi's Vaccaria. If Wang Jiexi persisted in using Dark Mantle, then he would certainly be hit by Zhou Zekai's firing.

Wang Jiexi immediately decided to cancel his Dark Mantle and leaped backwards. Deng Fusheng's Angelica perfectly switched positions with him.

Angelica's shield blocked Zhou Zekai's firing. Huang Shaotian's Falling Phoenix Slash didn't receive any hindrances, but his target had already moved away, causing him to miss.

Li Xuan and Wu Yuce didn't idle around either. They cast an Ice Boundary and Flame Boundary. Ice and fire overlapped headed towards Troubling Rain.

No matter how good Huang Shaotian was, he had no way to run from this encirclement.

Team Void relied mainly on Ghostblades. Li Xuan's Sobbing Ghost was also considered the number one Phantom Demon. Wu Yuce's Carved Ghost was also a top-tier Ghostblade. In setting up an Ice and Fire Boundary, who could do it better than these two?

Sobbing Ghost's Silver Tachi, Four Heavenly Dances, buffed Ice, Fire, and Dark attribute skills. The Boundary set up by his Ghostblade would certainly be stronger than a normal one.

Even for Huang Shaotian's Troubling Rain, being surrounded by these two Ghostblade Boundaries immediately made the situation difficult for him. If it had just been a Flame Boundary, then with Huang Shaotian's exceptional mechanics, dodging those fire ghosts wouldn't have posed a problem. However, with an Ice Boundary on top of it, he didn't immediately get turned into ice, however his movement speed had slowed down. With this movement debuff, how could he dodge these fire ghosts? A mob of ghosts instantly leaped onto Troubling Rain's body, enveloping him in a purple fire.

With Troubling Rain trapped, Team Two prepared to surround him. Suddenly, a bang reverberated through the air and several ice walls erupted from the ground, putting up a wall protecting Troubling Rain. Chu Yunxiu's Elementalist Windy Rain had come out.

"Retreat!" Zhang Xinjie immediately shouted. But these experienced all stars didn't need his reminder and had already scattered. Sure enough, Windy Rain waved her hands forming a magic symbol. "Bang!" The ice walls shattered and ice shards shot wildly into the surroundings. But Team Two had backed away in time. The damage from one or two ice shards hitting could be ignored.

Amidst the rain of ice, Huang Shaotian's Troubling Rain rushed forward with a Triple Slash. His speed was even faster than those ice shards and in an instant, he had closed in on Sobbing Ghost.

Sobbing Ghost might be a powerful Phantom Demon, but the "Sword Saint" Troubling Rain wasn't an ordinary Blade Master. Troubling Rain moved like a shooting star and arrived in front of Sobbing Ghost in the blink of an eye. Troubling Rain clearly had movement speed increases on his equipment.

He initiated with an Upwards Slash and this time, no one could save Sobbing Ghost as he was launched into the air. Li Xuan immediately adjusted himself in order to break the knock up, when a cannon shot fired from far away. Su Mucheng's Dancing Rain had sent over an artillery shell.

Team Two's players were quite helpless against Su Mucheng's attacks.

Their team composition consisted of a Witch, a Knight, two Ghostblades, and a Cleric. They didn't have anyone that could match a Launcher's range. In terms of pure DPS, their Team Two had no way of competing against Team One. They required teamwork using different strategies to outlast the other team. There was nothing they could do about the long ranged attacks, but their team wouldn't fall into disarray just because of that.

Under Zhang Xinjie's shot calling, Team Two's players didn't hurry to surround Su Mucheng and instead went to save Sobbing Ghost.

Li Xuan's Sobbing Ghost still hadn't come down yet after being launched up. Huang Shaotian had completed the first step and Su Mucheng had completed the second step by firing an explosion to get him away from his allies. Next up was Zhou Zekai, who executed a brilliant Delivery Gun. Their plan was to send Sobbing Ghost farther away in order to take him down first.

It seemed like trying to save him wouldn't be easy.

Chu Yunxiu's Elementalist continued to fire AoE magic attacks, blocking their advances. Huang Shaotian's Troubling Rain stuck close to them, charging in and out. His head also carried a bunch of word bubbles, adding to his annoyance. Apart from this, Su Mucheng's Launcher chased after behind them with artillery shells. Team Two could only grit their teeth and dodge.

As an all star and the number one God of Ghostblades, it wasn't as if Li Xuan could do nothing about the Delivery Gun. However, the problem was Delivery Gun wasn't the only thing he had to worry about. Yu Wenzhou, Team One's shot caller, hadn't joined in on the intense battle previously, but at this moment, he came out. His Warlock Swoksaar calmly cast all sorts of curses and magic. His movements weren't quick, but they were extremely accurate. In addition, his actions synergized very well with Zhou Zekai's firing. It was very difficult to believe that these two had never played together before.

With these two top-tier players coordinating spectacularly together, Li Xuan was unable to escape. The reason he was able to hang on though was because of his character's advantage. Ghostblades had relatively high innate Dark resistance. The Warlock's curses and magic were all Dark attribute attacks. As a result, Sobbing Ghost didn't take as much damage. This issue could be eliminated by increasing the tempo, however, everyone in Glory knew of Yu Wenzhou's famous "handicapped hands". Besides increasing the tempo, you could have him do anything else. It was a pity. His hands weren't able to keep up. This sort of weakness couldn't be resolved.

However, this issue only dragged things out a bit longer, that was all. Ghostblades had never been solo characters, plus, it was a 1v2. Wasn't he already in an extremely unfavorable position?

Li Xuan urgently needed help, but help was coming late.

Even though Team Two were strong as a whole, they had one clear weakness: range.

Su Mucheng couldn't be ignored and since she was used to supporting behind Ye Xiu, this formation was extremely favorable for her. Under Yu Wenzhou's lead, every player's strengths were completely brought out. For example, Huang Shaotian charging in and causing a disturbance. Causing a disturbance would make the opponents feel annoyed and who else was better at this than Huang Shaotian? He could put out two attacks as well. Those strings of word bubbles were already making some of the audience members unable to bear it.

Team Two could do nothing about their slow advance.

In the end, Li Xuan's reinforcements didn't arrive on time and under the suppression by those two players, his character died in battle.

Team One's supporters immediately cheered and felt like this team competition was completely worth the ticket price.

As soon as Li Xuan's Sobbing Ghost died, Huang Shaotian immediately ran away in order to avoid them switching their focus to him. Chu Yunxiu and Su Mucheng had changed their attack patterns as well.

To their surprise, Team Two used this time to suddenly break out from their previous restrictions and immediately blocked off Yu Wenzhou's Swoksaar.

Escaping from an encirclement couldn't be done with just decision making and knowledge. After all, some decisions could only be made with a high enough hand speed. This once again hit upon Yu Wenzhou's weakness. His current plight was extremely terrible as the four assaulted him fiercely.

However, Team One's rescue wasn't as restricted as Team Two's. Zhou Zekai's Cloud Piercer Slide Kicked into the encirclement to the audience's cries of alarm. They all thought he had thrown himself into a trap and killed himself. But then, Cloud Piercer jumped up, dodged an attack, took out two guns, crossed them in front of his head and repeatedly fired.

Sharpshooter Skill: Random Firing.

Sidestepping, turning, stretching his arms, crossing his arms, Cloud Piercer continued to shift stances as if Zhou Zekai was controlling the Random Firing.

Gunshots rang through the air and bullets flew out randomly. The four players on Team Two had actually all been blown away out of their formation. Wu Yuce controlled his Ghostblade to quickly jump back in order to get out of range, but who would have thought that after this jump, he would never touch the ground again.

The stadium once again erupted into cheers. Zhou Zekai was even using Delivery Gun, while Randomly Firing!!!

Chapter 340 – The Gods Erupt

Random Firing. This was the Boneyard Wild BOSS Blood Gunner Yagg's Berserk skill. As for players, this was a Sharpshooter Level 60 skill.

But compared to the BOSS's Random Firing, who knew how many times better the Great Gunner Cloud Piercer's Random Firing was.

The Blood Gunner's was a true random firing, but Cloud Piercer's had order within the randomness. Being able to accurately hit targets without missing was already incredible, but even more terrifying was that during the brief moment, he completed a Delivery Gun. This was a godly performance.

Being Samsara's home stadium, there were naturally many Zhou Zekai fans. With such an astonishing display, the largest craze today erupted.

Wild applause and cheers drowned out the broadcast. As for the broadcast, they were all delighted. The crowd's excitement was exactly what they wanted to see from the crowd.

Zhou Zekai might not be very good at interviews, but on stage, his ability to stir up the crowd didn't lose to any player.

Team Two's four players had been forced back. Wu Yuce's Carved Phantom had been directly sent flying away. The other three didn't have an opportunity to rescue him; they were still being suppressed by the Random Firing!

As soon as Random Firing stopped, Cloud Piercer continued his barrage. He sprinted forward, chasing after Carved Ghost. The forced back three players were finally released. Deng Fusheng's Angelica rushed forward with his shield raised, hoping to block Cloud Piercer's bullets. Suddenly, Zhou Zekai Slide Kicked, diving past Deng Fusheng's Angelica.

Deng Fusheng immediately had Angelica jump to the side. The moment the two passed each other, Cloud Piercer suddenly stood up and struck out with a Knee Strike.

The attack had been both fast and sudden, but Deng Fusheng wasn't slow. He raised his shield and backed away. He didn't try to block him off because he knew that Gunners had the skill, Punisher, which would force him to be knocked down. Against this type of skill, even using "Shield Counter" wouldn't block its effects.

The instant Deng Fusheng felt the strike hit his shield, he moved his shield to one side and stabbed forward with a Holy Punishment. His blade flashed with light and a cross appeared on the ground. However, Zhou Zekai's Cloud Piercer was already gone. Deng Fusheng was surprised, but then he saw a shadow flit across the ground. He hastily lifted up his head to look, but blood had already splashed into his line of sight. Zhou Zekai's Cloud Piercer had leaped over his head and at the same time, the two guns in his hands continued to dance about. This time, the bullets poured down onto him like rain.

Random Firing. Random Firing again. Except this time, the Random Firing had been done in the air, making it more difficult to use. But it seemed like this sort of problem didn't exist for Zhou Zekai. The even more difficult maneuver, hitting a single target using Random Fire, had been achieved beautifully.

Of course, a Level 60 skill like Random Firing wouldn't have a short cooldown. However, Sharpshooters had a skill called Dual Load, which allowed them to repeat a skill that was on cooldown. Zhou Zekai had clearly used this and doubled Random Firing's cooldown. This was what allowed him to use Random Firing in quick succession.

Random Firing was supposed to be an AoE skill, but in Zhou Zekai's hands, it had been twisted into a single target skill. The entire attack focused onto Deng Fusheng's Knight. Even though the Knight was the class with the highest defense, it wasn't a small blow. Even worse, Zhou Zekai's attacks didn't stop there. He ignored the target he had been chasing and after landing on the ground, he began circling around Angelica, running and firing.

The atmosphere of the crowd grew even wilder.

Zhou Zekai was actually suppressing Deng Fusheng. For such a situation to occur on two All Stars didn't mean that Deng Fusheng was weak, but rather, Zhou Zekai was too strong. So strong that it was beyond the norm. There were already die hard Zhou Zekai fans waving around banners calling him the "Glory's Number One Expert". With Zhou Zekai's current performance, he really was living up to the name. Team Two's four players had practically been broken up by him alone. Wang Jiexi, Deng Fusheng, Zhang Xinjie, Wu Yuce, these were all famous and resounding figures, yet in front of him, they appeared as if they were just random players.

Team Two hurriedly tried to turn the situation around. Wang Jiexi's Vaccaria flew after Cloud Piercer, but was suddenly blocked by Huang Shaotian. The two fought a dazzling battle and for now, it was difficult to say who was on top.

As for Wu Yuce's Carved Ghost, which had been sent flying away by Zhou Zekai, was now being taken care of by the sole two female all stars. These two had a good sense for tactics and were also good friends. In private, the two often played together and as a result, their current coordination showed this. Wu Yuce's Carved Ghost was a rare kind in the pro scene, a Phantom Demon and Sword Demon hybrid. However, despite his all-roundedness, he was unable to keep up with the 2v1 and was slowly being pushed back.

Zhang Xinjie's Cleric was a support class without many DPS skills. He wanted to go and save them, but he was suddenly blocked by Yu Wenzhou's Swoksaar. The two began battling unhurried.

Zhang Xinjie observed the situation. Team One's intents really had been what Huang Shaotian had been chattering about. They wanted to split them apart and fight 1v1s. After their formation was broken apart, the two formed this type of situation. Team One consisted of completely offensive characters. In a 1v1, Team Two would certainly suffer. In addition, Li Xuan's Sobbing Ghost had already died. After quickly scanning around him, he saw that Wang Jiexi and Huang Shaotian were in a deadlock. Deng Fusheng was being suppressed by Zhou Zekai quite miserably. As for Wu Yuce, calling it miserably would be an understatement, in a 1v2 situation, he was simply taking a beating.

It had to be known that Chu Yunxiu's biggest weakness was that she often collapsed under pressure, but since this was the All Star Competition and just for show, she had absolutely no pressure on her. Her performance right now wouldn't lose to top-tier Gods like Wang Jiexi or Huang Shaotian. With her as the main attacker and Su Mucheng, who was an expert at coordinating with others, Wu Yuce had practically no way of fighting back.

Speaking of top-tier Gods, Team Two had one more.

Han Wenqing and his Desert Dust had originally been on the reserve player seat. After Li Xuan's Sobbing Ghost died, his character would automatically take his place. There were many areas on the map his character could appear at. Even if they were in the middle of a battle, as long as they were in such an area, they could switch positions. However, the switched out character would be in a cooled down state. Even with health or mana recovery equipment, the character would not be able to recover until he was switched back in onto the field.

Han Wenqing and Desert Dust had already been switched in, but he still hadn't arrived yet. Zhang Xinjie glanced at the map and discovered that the two sides were fighting in an area a distance away from any exchange area. No matter where Han Wenqing chose, it would require some time for him to arrive.

Wang Jiexi and he weren't in any danger. Deng Fusheng was being suppressed, but he could hang on. However, Wu Yuce couldn't wait. Against an attack on all sides like this, it wouldn't even take 30 seconds for him to die, let alone that in a 2v1.

He originally thought that he'd be able to rush over and heal him, but as it turned out, that plan wasn't going to work. Zhang Xinjie was growing very worried. What type of opponent was he up against? Yu

Wenzhou wasn't trying to do damage to Zhang Xinjie's Immovable Rock, his goal was simply to stop him from aiding his ally. This was something completely within Yu Wenzhou's capabilities.

If this situation continued, Team Two would be in a deep trouble. Zhang Xinjie saw that dragging it on wasn't an option. The other three also realized this, but the only person who could do something was Wang Jiexi.

Neither Wang Jiexi nor Huang Shaotian could find an advantage. Once Wang Jiexi saw that his team was in a very bad predicament, continuing to fight with his chatterbox was a complete waste of time.

He turned his broom around and Vaccaria flew off. He didn't try and save Wu Yuce's Carved Ghost and instead went to the aid of Zhang Xinjie.

This decision made Zhang Xinjie very pleased. Wang Xinjie flew over and threw down a Lava Flask, surrounding Yu Wenzhou's Swoksaar in sea of flames. Vaccaria chased after him and began attacking randomly. This sort of tactic could be considered Yu Wenzhou's greatest bane. He could see what Wang Jiexi was trying to do and he knew what he was going to do, but no matter how well he understood it, he wasn't able to respond. In this type of situation, Yu Wenzhou could only let out a bitter laugh as he ran for his life.

Huang Shaotian naturally understood that his team's captain would suffer greatly against Wang Jiexi, so he hurried over to save him. But then, Wang Jiexi completely abandoned him as his Vaccaria flew around the skies like an arrow, not only messing with Blue Rain's two players, but also randomly throwing magic and items at Zhou Zekai, Chu Yunxiu, and Su Mucheng.

In terms of damage and threat, it did very little. But similar to Zhou Zekai's initial Random Firing, Wang Jiexi's sudden eruption instantly threw Team One into disorder. Deng Fusheng took advantage of this moment to group up with Zhang Xinjie. Knight and Cleric, one defense one support, would have trouble killing someone, but would also be very difficult to kill. A very disgusting combo.

The almost dead Wu Yuce suddenly received support. His spirit immediately rose and tried to find a chance to regroup with Zhang Xinjie's Cleric.

However, to his surprise, Chu Yunxiu suddenly displayed an unprecedented toughness. After Wang Jiexi resolved the other teammates' situations, he focused his attention on messing with the two female players. But Chu Yunxiu didn't back away. Instead, she shot forward with her defenceless Elementalist and actually planned on taking the incoming damage in order to blast apart Wu Yuce's Carved Ghost once and for all!