

Glory 41

Chapter 41 – A Simple Leave

When Blue River and the others left the dungeon, Bound Boat and Flower Lantern were still waiting outside. Before the party went up on TV, the two had already prostrated before Lord Grim in admiration. They were the original party members and they clearly knew the party's strength. Lord Grim was 100% the reason that they were able to break the clear record by five minutes.

Flower Lantern, who had previously doubted Lord Grim, also felt extremely embarrassed.

Finally, he mumbled: "You really are a God. I bow down, I bow down. I was lacking in manners before."

On the other side, Bound Boat asked Thundering Light how they cleared the dungeon. Thundering Light spoke, splattering spittle everywhere. Returning Cloud and Lunar Grace repeatedly raised their eyebrows: could you be anymore ridiculous? If you say it like this, then it seemed like we cleared the dungeon in ten minutes.

"Okay, the clear record has been broken." Ye Xiu said to Blue River.

"Right, right. Strong, strong." Blue River immediately agreed.

"Brother....." Ye Xiu greedily said.

"Here, here!"

"The items!" Ye Xiu said.

"What items? Oh, oh! Look at me. I was so happy I forgot." Blue River finally realized that the other side was talking about the promised items, "Bound Boat, the items?"

Blue River hadn't carried the items on him. Only after Blue River confirmed that they would break the record did Bound Boat go and retrieve the items. In Glory, the character's movement, jumping, and speed were all affected by how much weight they carried. As a result, when going for clear records or engaging in PK, times when they needed to be at their strongest point, players did their best to lighten up their inventory.

Bound Boat took the items and asked Lord Grim to trade. Ye Xiu accepted and the items were put into the trade box. Astonishingly, there were 72 Strong Spider Silk, 2 Mithril Pendants, and 8 White Wolf Sharp Fangs.

"What?" Ye Xiu didn't understand. This was his initial proposal and wasn't the deal he had haggled for.

"Brother, directly beating the clear record by 5 minutes, you don't know how much effort you've saved us." Blue River said.

"Oh, so it's like this!" Ye Xiu didn't know whether to laugh or cry. He didn't need these materials to sell. They were all for upgrading the Thousand Chance Umbrella. He only needed 24 Strong Spider Silk. Proposing 72 at the start was just to leave some space for haggling. But in the end, the other side was more than happy to give him 72. Who didn't want free stuff? Ye Xiu certainly did, so he bluntly accepted it. Then again, what Blue River said also made a lot of sense. Beating the clear record by 5 minutes, it

really did save them a lot of time. Otherwise, if they hadn't, who knew how many times they'd have to contest with the other guilds!

"Thanks!" Ye Xiu said.

"You're welcome. Brother, look....." Right when he spoke half a sentence, he suddenly grew frantic.

Left! Why did he leave already? After accepting the items, he actually just directly left the guild. Blue River was just about to ask him to stay in their guild. He gave him more items for two reasons. One was to reward him for clearing the dungeon. And the other was because he recognized that he was a super expert and deserved to be bribed.

If only I knew! Blue River thought in grief and indignation. This price had become a business deal when it should have been a way to make friends with him!

"What should I look at?" Ye Xiu, who already left, asked Blue River who had only spoken half a sentence just a moment ago.

"Do you have any space on your friends list. Let's work together later." Blue River said without spirit.

"Okay." Ye Xiu said.

"Brother, do you need to run a dungeon? Are you missing anyone? If you are, just ask me and I'll call people for you." Blue River said.

"Oh, I don't need it. I have other things to do. I'll be going first then!" Ye Xiu said.

"Oh, oh, bye bye." Blue River's cheeks streamed with tears as he sent Lord Grim off. Thundering Light, Bound Boat, and the others had already seen the "Lord Grim has left the guild" message in the guild channel. They were all astonished. When they saw him leave, they immediately recovered.

"Why did he leave?" Returning Cloud asked.

"Work's done, so of course he's going to leave." Blue River said unhappily.

"Why didn't we keep him?" Bound Boat asked.

"With his APM. Him leaving was faster than me speaking." Blue River said.

This had to do with APM? Everyone was dumbstruck. This Blue River had turned stupid from anger!

"Roping in this type of expert just relying on benefits won't work. With his skill, coming over to help us would be the same as the benefits we can give. So he didn't have to think twice. It's more important to establish a relationship." Bound Boat said.

"Right! I originally thought like that, but....." Blue River gloomily concluded. What had originally been a way to establish a revolutionary friend in the dungeon had become a business transaction.

"Ai ai, let's use a honey trap. Hurry up and notify the leader to bring some beauties over." Thundering Light said.

"Cough cough." Someone coughed.

“Then let’s match him with Lunar Grace.” Thundering Light added.

“.....” Lunar Grace remained silent and only looked at Lord Grim, who hadn’t completely disappeared out of sight yet.

“Lunar, you’ve been looking in that direction huh? Could it be you.....” Flower Lantern circled around Lunar Grace twice.

“You’ve already been itching to go at it?” Thundering Light said.

Lunar Grace didn’t notice what he said and calmly said: “Don’t you guys feel that he’s too strong?”

Everyone was startled and immediately went silent.

“We’re already considered top-tier experts in Glory, right? Even if we weren’t, Blue River definitely is, right? But it looks to me that this guy’s still better by a level. Then what level of an expert would he be at?” Lunar Grace said.

“Cough cough, I haven’t played on a low-leveled account in awhile.....” Blue River said.

“We’re all low-leveled.” Lunar reminded.

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“His weapon was better than mine. I think it’s an Orange weapon.” Blue River said.

“He still hasn’t changed classes.” Lunar reminded again. In short, everyone all had their good and bad points.

“Fine, I concede. I’m afraid this person’s skill is higher than mine.” Blue River discovered that he couldn’t struggle for his face back, “But Glory has so many players, how can there not be some hidden experts? It’s not like we haven’t seen one. For example, Poplar Beach.”

Once this name was mentioned, everyone suddenly went silent. They all knew that his was a name that Blue River didn’t like.

This person was Blue Brook guild’s recent focus of attention. He didn’t have much of a name before. But in a short period of time, in the Heavenly Domain, he showed his strength in all sorts of battles. As the guild placed more and more value on him, his equipment grew better and better. A lot of people in the Blue Brook Guild had already discussed whether the Five Great Experts should be updated. Of the Five Great Experts, the one who had been compared the most with Poplar Beach was Blue Bridge Spring Snow, Blue River’s main account, because the two player’s classes were the same; they were both Blade Masters.

Blade Masters, due to their WuXia-like playstyle, were Glory’s most popular class.

And after Poplar Beach was discussed about, he wasn’t modest at all. He would often show off his damage records, kill records, what expert he beat in the last arena battle, how he single-handedly dueled how many people in a wild area, and so on, in the guild channel. He clearly wanted to show his superiority over Blue Bridge Spring Snow, who almost went and directly challenged him to a duel a round.

Before that happened, Blue River was ordered to be the leader in the tenth server. In the guild, there were already many rumors saying that this was the guild intentionally giving Poplar Beach a spot by deliberately moving Blue River away.

Chapter 42 – A Good That Could Be Bought

Blue River was a person who worried about losing face. Being mocked by Poplar Beach made him feel as if his face would fall off. Finally, he took the initiative to invite Poplar Beach and was ready to compare notes in the Arena. Poplar Beach was waiting for this opportunity, so he happily accepted.

Members of the same guild often compared notes in the Arena. But the members of Blue Brook Guild all knew that this battle wasn't so simple. Whoever won this battle would decide who had the qualifications to be recognized as one of Blue Brook Guild's Five Great Experts.

The result, the result was that this battle was never completed. At that moment, Blue Brook Guild's leader announced that Blue River would bring members to the pioneer in the tenth server.

Blue River temporarily left the Heavenly Domain and began busily in the new server. The not so happy part was that he was also temporarily put aside. The sudden appearance of Lord Grim made him think of Poplar Beach. His friends didn't know what to say in response.

Silence. Blue River suddenly received a message. He opened it and saw it was from Plantago Seed: "Ha ha ha. Why'd the expert suddenly leave after you beat the record?"

Blue River was startled and then immediately said angrily: "How shameless. You've put a spy into our guild?"

"Don't be like this. It's not like you haven't put in any spies either." Plantago Seed said.

"I still haven't." Blue River said justly and confidently. Mutual spies was indeed common. But because it was only the second day on the new server, Blue River hadn't done so yet!

"If you're proper, you'd better not put in any!" Plantago Seed messaged.

Blue River had a sudden strike of inspiration and replied: "Ha ha, if you've actively recruited our players in, then you can only blame your lame eyes."

Plantago Seed received the message and was startled: "What do you mean?"

Blue River didn't reply.

"Chie, I know you're just trying to scare me. Old Blue, don't use this sort of small trick, it's too childish." Plantago Seed remarked.

"I don't have time for you. I'm going to go level." Blue River replied.

Blue River went on to do his own business, while Plantago Seed was still standing there confused. When the spy reported to him that Lord Grim had already left Blue Brook Guild, he laughed out loud. While he was preparing to rope him in, he just had to message Blue River. But who would have thought that Blue River would have said such a peculiar line. It seemed as if Lord Grim had been intentionally let out for the other big guilds to recruit.

Plantago Seed felt that it was Blue River deliberately mystifying the situation, but he didn't dare to be absolutely confident.

With regards to spies, it wasn't easy to protect against them in this game. Being excessively confused about them would only add to his worries. But Lord Grim was different. This was a great expert. If he came into the guild, he would definitely be an important figure. He wasn't that type of casual character. If this type of person was a spy, then that would be a disaster.

Glory once had a guild that didn't lose to the Three Great Guilds in strength, but it was destroyed because of spies. At that time, all of the guild's highly-regarded experts were spies from other guilds. Finally, when the spies' influence matured, they unmasked themselves and exposed the truth. A bunch of players and goods left the guild, greatly injuring the guild's strength. But the even deadlier attack was that when the guild began recovering its power, the central core figures also exposed themselves as f*cking spies. In the end, at a crucial point of time, another batch of people left and they lost more power. Thus, the once powerful guild collapsed.

After this event, Glory's guilds were all extremely cautious about their top experts. The bigger the guild, the more cautious they were. Moreover, in the major spy event, the champions did so in the new server. Newly recruited players in the guild would start from the bottom and then slowly slaughtered their way to the Heavenly Domain. These people were tenacious and worthy of being called Glory's greatest spies.

And now this Lord Grim? He suddenly sprang up in the tenth server and became the focus of attention. This type of person would definitely be fought over by the famed guilds. But was this person a spy? Nowadays, would a spy really be so high-profile? Plantago Seed sighed with sorrow, but still decided to contact Lord Grim. As long as he took precautions on how much power to give him then it would be okay.

Lord Grim, who had left Frost Forest, now headed towards Bulls.

Frost Forest was located in the southwest border zone. Bulls was a nearby town. No matter what server a player was in, this place was the first place new players from beginner village would set foot in, so there was never any lack of liveliness. After Lord Grim left beginner village, he directly ran to Frost Forest and didn't have time to register Bulls as his resurrection location. At this location, after the character died, he would resurrect there. This was one of Glory's rules.

Bulls Town wasn't big, but it had all of the basic facilities. Ye Xiu let Lord Grim first go to a warehouse and put in his newly obtained Strong Spider Silk and other materials into there. Seeing that his storage chest had 88 Strong Spider Silk, Ye Xiu could only laugh and shake his head.

After leaving 48 Strong Spider Silk there, the rest of the items had all been taken by Ye Xiu to the equipment editor's Material Library. Right when he was about to go into the equipment editor, a message suddenly leaped up. He opened it and saw that it was from Seven Fields.

"Congratulations brother expert, before, when we were clearing the dungeon, we saw your Frost Forest clear record. How awesome!" Seven Fields messaged.

"Ha ha, it was nothing."

"Have you joined Blue Brook Guild?" Seven Fields asked.

“No, I just helped them beat the record, so I only temporarily joined. I’ve already left.” Ye Xiu said.

“Huh?” Seven Fields was astonished.

“How many times have you run the dungeon?” Ye Xiu suddenly asked.

“Two times.” Seven Fields said.

“Are you missing a person? I can still run it three more times.” Ye Xiu suddenly thought to first reach the entry limit.

“We do! Of course we do.” Seven Fields was first startled and then immediately recovered from the shock. Brother expert still unexpectedly wanted to dungeon with them. That really was too good.

“I’ll go over right away.” Ye Xiu immediately made Lord Grim leave the warehouse and hurried over to Frost Forest.

Seven Fields and the others were only normal gamers and didn’t have the skills like Blue Brook Guild’s experts did. Ye Xiu would have cleared faster with Blue Brook Guild’s people. But he preferred to go with Seven Fields and the others. He saw through the big guild’s intent to rope him in. He also knew that with Blue Brook Guild’s strength, they could easily provide for the Thousand Chance Umbrella’s materials. However, joining a guild meant that he would owe some kind of responsibility and commitment to the guild. The guild would provide a party to dungeon, level, and complete quests; But on the other hand, the guild also required that he would have to help others dungeon, level, or complete quests. Ye Xiu didn’t want to have his hands and feet tied like this.

As for peak experts like him, not joining a guild also meant that he had the chance to cooperate with any guild. Today, he helped Blue Brook Guild set a new clear record. Next time, he could help Herb Garden.

People with some ability to judge would realize his value. Every guild that wanted to set a new record would all look for him to help.

In this way, staying as a good that could be bought was better than joining a guild and hanging himself on a tree. How could this not be more beautiful?

Chapter 43 – Don’t Need A Cleric

Seven Fields and the others had also only just left the dungeon. Under that Endless Night’s lead, the second half of the dungeon went by smoothly. From this, it could be seen that this guy’s skill was higher than theirs and that he was an extremely experienced expert. But Seven Fields and the others didn’t worship him. In fact, they couldn’t see it. It wasn’t only Immersed Jade. They themselves had already been poisoned by Lord Grim. Endless Night was already considered extremely skilled among players, but they couldn’t see his skill at all.

After they left the dungeon, this guy just stood loftily on one side with a “come on, shower me with praise” look. In the end, he received a message: “You have been kicked out of the party.”

“F*ck, disgraceful! How could you kick me?” Endless Night was infuriated.

“Didn’t you have something to do? Hurry up and go do it!” Seven Fields said.

“Now I don’t.” Endless Night said.

“Oh so sorry, there’s no space anyways. We have a friend coming.” Seven Fields said.

Endless Night heard this and his eyes brightened. He immediately remarked: “Is it that Lord Grim?”

“What does that matter to you?” Seven Fields said.

In the end, Endless Night refused to leave and shamelessly circled around the four of them. Seven Fields felt vexed and had the heart to chop this guy to pieces. But he was an expert from Tyrannical Ambition, so Seven Fields didn’t dare pull off an evil scheme. If he didn’t want to leave, then what was his purpose? Seven Fields guessed and came to a conclusion. He couldn’t help but feel even more annoyed. To fight with this type of expert, they wouldn’t win! With their mediocre strength, they were already lucky to be able to dungeon with brother expert a few times. Right now, if a Tyrannical Ambition expert chose him, would brother expert still play with them? They had only known each other for a day and still weren’t really friends yet!

Right when his thoughts were in turmoil, Lord Grim’s figure had already gradually approached. Immersed Jade had already yelled: “God!!”

In the game, the louder the voice, the farther it would go. But the problem was that the sound volume depended on the real person to produce. They could imagine Immersed Jade at this moment, whether she was at her house or in an Internet Cafe, she was truly shouting.....This, if there were other people nearby, she’d look quite foolish.

Lord Grim put away his battle lance, which could be considered his greeting. Seven Fields and the others were ready to meet him, but Endless Night ran faster than a rabbit. With a whoosh, he had already rushed forward.

“You’re Lord Grim? It’s an honor to meet you. I am Endless Night, an expert from Tyrannical Ambition.” Endless Night introduced himself.

“Hi.” Ye Xiu responded and then turned around to ask Seven Fields: “You’re friend?”

“That’s right, Brother Seven Fields and I became good friends in this dungeon.” Endless Night said.

“F*ck, who are you!” Seven Fields had never seen such a shameless guy.

“Brother Seven Fields, don’t be like that!” Endless Night said.

Seven Fields wanted to kick this guy to death. He first gave brother expert a party invite while yelling at Endless Night: “We’re going. Go do your own business!”

“Bring me too, bring me too!” Endless Night repeatedly yelled. How was this an expert? When they carried newbies in the old server, even they weren’t as shameless as this. They at least typed it out.

“There’s no space.” Seven Fields said.

“Good sister, can you give your spot to brother?” Endless Night had even found the party’s weak spot and shamelessly bothered Immersed Jade.

Since Immersed Jade was a newbie and had never seen such a shameless guy, she was at a loss. Not knowing what to do, she looked as if she were going to compromise with that guy, when Ye Xiu suddenly interrupted.

“Are you a Cleric?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Yup, my skill is very good, expert.” While Endless Night said this, he brought out that bright silvery Cross. Seven Fields all didn’t recognize that item, but they could see that it was definitely a good item.

“Crystal Cross, an Orange weapon!” Ye Xiu said.

“Wow, you really are an expert. Good eye! Why don’t you bring me along?” Endless Night praised.

“We don’t need a Cleric.” Ye Xiu said.

Instant kill!

This was an instant kill!

A five word instant kill!

The previously lively Endless Night went speechless. Seven Fields and the others truly did worship brother expert.

We don’t need a cleric! Wow, how powerful. If he was switched with a normal player and the player stood outside Frost Forest and said “We don’t need a cleric”, even Seven Fields would call him out for boasting. But brother expert was different. If brother expert said they didn’t need a cleric, they obviously didn’t need a cleric. Cleric, go play somewhere else!

“Go in, go in, go in.” Seven Fields loudly said.

No one paid any more attention to Endless Night. Endless Night just stood there like a statue and saw the party go into the dungeon.

“Brother expert, how do we kill?” Seven Fields entered and then directly asked Lord Grim.

“I’ll pull and you guys just do your best to output damage.” Ye Xiu said.

Although One Wave Rush’s hardest part was on the MT’s ability to pull monsters, it also had high requirements for other players. With these guys, Ye Xiu didn’t have confidence in their damage.

With brother expert watching over, Seven Fields and the others felt that clearing this dungeon would be carefree and relaxed. Only the student Immersed Jade wasn’t sensible and unexpectedly asked brother expert: “God, can we set a new record?”

Wasn’t this question disgracing yourself? There was no way they could set a new record. The problem wasn’t brother expert, but rather on them. Seven Fields and the others all felt ashamed and helped brother expert answer this embarrassing answer.

They advanced through the dungeon smoothly. They gave all of the items dropped by the BOSS to Ye Xiu. Only, if there was equipment their classes were proficient in, Ye Xiu still gave them.

They breezed through the dungeon twice. The hidden BOSS never appeared and no amazing equipment dropped. Lord Grim could still run the dungeon once more, but Seven Fields and the others had already reached the entry limit. They could only regretfully leave. In the end, when they left the dungeon, they saw Endless Night standing outside. The first time they went through, this guy had already left.

Seeing these five, Endless Night immediately ran over.

“No more runs left?” The little punk happily said, which made Seven Fields have an exceptionally strong urge to beat him up. Endless Night had known that they could only run the dungeon twice more.

“I can still run it once.” Ye Xiu said honestly.

“What a coincidence! I can run it once more too!” Endless Night said.

“Is that so?” Ye Xiu laughed.

“There’s still something that’s an even bigger coincidence! See, I have three friends who can only run it once more too. Don’t you think that’s even more coincidental?” Endless Night said. Three people had already come over from the crowd. Their guild name Tyrannical Ambition displayed above their heads.

“That really is a coincidence.” Ye Xiu said.

“Since it’s such a coincidence. Why don’t we just all run it together?” Endless Night said.

“Why don’t we set a new record again?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Okay okay!” Endless Night was extremely excited.

“If we’re going to set a new record, then I have two conditions.” Ye Xiu said.

“You can say them.”

“One, I charge a fee.” Ye Xiu said.

“Oh, that’ll be easy.” Endless Night said, “And the other?”

“We don’t need a cleric.” Ye Xiu laughed.

Chapter 44 – Different Fees

“HA HA HA HA……” Seven Fields and the others laughed out loud. Now that was an act. Previously, Immersed Jade made them look a bit foolish to the bystanders when she yelled out “God”. But this time, their laughter had already made the bystanders think they were mentally ill.

The many players that heard this loud laughter all turned around to look. In the end, they saw a player called Endless Night furiously type out around twenty exploding cartoon faces in the common chat box.

“What happened?” The players all asked each other, but no one knew. As a result, everyone carefully shifted their characters over and tried to listen in.

Then, they heard Endless Night, who had just relentlessly raged in the chat box, grind his teeth and say: “Then what class do you need?”

“Three Fire Elementalists with magic attacks greater than 430. A Level 22 or up Doll Shururu Auto Leveled, and a Witch that can use Shadow Cloak. Their technique needs to be good and their hands need to be steady. They can’t make any mistakes.” Ye Xiu said.

Endless Night stared blankly. Bringing three elementalists, this was a party with the highest DPS. Elementalists had low defense and low health. Witches only wore leather armor, which was just a bit better. The entire party all had extremely high attack but low defence. One OT could spell utter destruction. It was sure enough, a zero-mistake party. Zero-mistake meant that they couldn’t afford to make a single mistake.

As for this type of harsh requirement, Endless Night didn’t have too many complaints because the current record was 20:24:11.

If they wanted to break this sort of record, they naturally needed to use extremely harsh methods. If a member made a mistake, then saving him would waste a lot of time. This would only destine their party for failure.

“I might not be able to gather such a party right now.” Endless Night said. Actually, it wasn’t just right now, they weren’t able to gather such members in such a short period of time. It wasn’t only Tyrannical Ambition, other guilds didn’t have three Fire Elementalists with 430 Magic Attack and above either.

430 Magic Attack signified that the weapon had to be a Level 20 Purple Staff. How could a Purple Staff be so easy to find? Not to mention, it had to be a Fire Element one too. Currently, Tyrannical Ambition had three Purple Elementalist Weapons and unfortunately, none of them were of the Fire Element.

“No problem. When they’ve been gathered, contact me again.” Ye Xiu said.

“Besides that, are there any other options?” Endless Night said.

“Level 25.” Ye Xiu said.

Level 25 was a completely different realm. New equipment, new skills, everyone’s strength increased. Like this sort of Level 20-25 Frost Forest dungeon, in the old servers, all of the records were made by a party of Level 25s.

“Fine, I’ll add you first as friend then!” Endless Night said.

“Okay.” Ye Xiu and Endless Night added each other as friends.

After Endless Night, who had pretended to be decent, friended him, he revealed his true colors : “Then, we don’t need to set a record right now. All of us can do one more run. Why don’t you come with us for a run?”

“F*ck!” Seven Fields and the others gasped in surprise. This person truly was an immortal, invincible, shameless, ultra, unequalled c*ckroach.

“Okay.” But Ye Xiu also replied, “I can lower the fee a bit then.”

“You need to charge a fee for this too? Don’t tell me you charged them a fee too?” Endless Night said.

"I didn't charge a fee, but all of the equipment was given to the party leader. I was the party leader." Ye Xiu said.

"That's fine, we can do the same." Endless Night said delightedly..

Seven Friends and the others listened to this and felt extremely uncomfortable! In their party, all of the equipment really did go to brother expert, but they knew brother expert was kind and honest. He never fought over items that suited them. When they were at the Spider Cave, he even gave the Purple Weapon to Sleeping Moon, a player who had been on bad terms with him!

"As you can see, I still haven't changed classes, so I want all of the equipment." Ye Xiu said.

"It's just a few equipment that's all. Go go, let's head out." Endless Night repeatedly sent party invites. They were all automatically declined by the system because he was still in a party. Finally, Ye Xiu left his party and had Lord Grim join Endless Night's party. This was a standard one MT, one healer, three DPSers party. Once Lord Grim joined, Endless Night gave the party leader position to him.

"Then let's go!" Ye Xiu directed Lord Grim into the dungeon.

"Go!" Endless Night led the three others and caught up. He was still very satisfied with this outcome. He wasn't worried about the record. He just wanted to see how good Lord Grim really was.

Ice and snow drifted in Frost Forest. Everywhere was silent. The five people stood there in a line. No one moved and no one talked.

A static screen stayed there for about half a minute.

"Hey hey!" Endless Night seemed as if he was testing his headphones.

"What are you heying for?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Did someone say something? I haven't heard anyone say anything." Endless Night said.

"I don't think anyone said anything, right?" Ye Xiu said.

"No one said anything." The other three agreed.

"Why aren't you talking?" Endless Night said.

"Who are you asking?"

"You!"

"Why do I need to speak?" Ye Xiu asked in response.

"To lead!" Endless Night said.

"I'm leading?"

"Yes."

"Leading fee."

Twenty exploding faces were typed.....The other three were all in chaos: "Brother, you're not going that far are you?"

"Ha ha." Ye Xiu laughed.

"What's the leading fee?" Endless Night discovered that he had met his match today. Sigh, no other way. Who told me to curry favor with this guy? Endless Night thought angrily.

"Ten White Wolf Bristles!" Ye Xiu said.

"Brother, how evil!!" The four all said in unison. The White Wolf's hair wasn't the Bristle. The Bristles had a chance to drop by Frost Forest's hidden BOSS White Wolf. It was considered an uncommon material.

"I don't have to lead!" Ye Xiu said.

Endless Night thought for a bit. In order to see an expert's inner qualities and skill, he had to see his leading for himself. As a result, he clenched his teeth and said: "Fine, but I can only give it after we exit the dungeon. I didn't bring any with me."

"Can I trust his word?" Ye Xiu asked the other three. Big guilds wouldn't go back on their word. For example, after he made the deal with Blue River, Ye Xiu trusted Blue River. But this Endless Night was so outrageously shameless, so he had to express his doubts.

"You can trust him." The other three said immediately.

"Okay then!" Ye Xiu replied.

"Hurry up and go!" Endless Night said.

"Okay. MT pull the monsters. DPSers go up. Healer support the MT." Ye Xiu directed.

The four stared blankly and their screens seemed to be frozen again for half a minute.

"That's it?" Endless Night asked.

"Of course."

"What type of leading is this!?" Endless Night crumbled.

"You're all experts. You guys should know what to do." Ye Xiu said.

Endless Night felt that he had been duped. If he used the standard routine, then their party didn't need any leading. Everyone could do it on their own and they'd be fine. No good. I have to make sure these ten White Bristles are worth their price!

"No no, this won't work." Endless Night called, "You have to lead us step by step."

"Okay....." Ye Xiu said, "Knight, pull the two Goblins at 10 o'clock. There are three possibilities. If the two are long-ranged, get close to them as fast as possible. If you're attacked while you're closing in, use Descending Phoenix Hammer. You'll be able to jump over their attacks and the shockwave will cause the two monsters to flip over. When you've gotten close, pull any one of their aggro steadily. If there is one melee and one long-ranged, use Falling Star Hammer to interrupt the long-ranged one's attack. When

the melee one comes close, use Repel. Pull the long-ranged one's aggro first. If there are two melee ones, use Descending Phoenix Hammer and then Repel one of them. Establish the remaining one's aggro. Do you understand?"

The Knight's cheeks streamed with tears: Giving me this sort of step by step leading. Do you think I'm stupid?

Chapter 45 – Original Strategy

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This was their clear time that Ye Xiu made with Endless Night and the others. This was a very normal time. All of the ordinary five man parties cleared Frost Forest in around 30 minutes.

There was nothing to say about the time, but Endless Night was fuming with rage and grinding his teeth the entire time.

They really did give away the leading fee for free! From the start to finish, Lord Grim never stopped to direct them. But instead instructed them like how he did to the Knight. He simply explained to them the ordinary strategy. If the four of them were newbies, then they would have benefited from this. But to Endless Night and the others, they ran that dungeon for nothing. In the entire course of the dungeon, they couldn't see anything especially remarkable about him.

In the end, he led the four of them especially oppressively. They were also considered experts, but this strategy was entirely ordinary. It really made them look like idiots.

Endless Night felt that Lord Grim intentionally faked it, so he made mistakes on purpose to arouse the great expert's inner qualities.

Instead, the great expert patiently explained what Endless Night's mistakes were. You should do this this and this.....

Hearing his three brothers sneakily laughing up their sleeves, Endless Night understood that he truly was being taken as an idiot.

In the end, the only remarkable point was that Lord Grim hadn't changed classes, but still did as much damage as the two DPSers on the team. His weapon wasn't bad at least. But what was this battle lance? Endless Night had never seen it before.

"Brother, you're trying to cheat us!" Endless Night said after exiting the dungeon.

"How can you say that. Did I lead wrong?" Ye Xiu said.

"....." Endless Night didn't know what to say. Although his leading was ordinary, there was nothing to pick at; he didn't miss any details. If it wasn't for Endless Night intentionally making mistakes, then nothing would have went wrong with his leading.

This at least said that this guy had solid basics. Endless Night tried his hardest to accept this and tried his hardest to believe that the last dungeon run wasn't a waste of time. I benefited from this. I benefited.

"Are you going to get the White Wolf Bristles?" Ye Xiu asked.

Endless Night's cheeks streamed with tears again! This guy was the one who benefited.

After receiving the White Wolf Bristles, Ye Xiu said goodbye and left. Endless Night's character didn't move. The player also sat in front of his computer baffled.

Suddenly, someone nearby poked him twice. Endless Night turned his head and saw that it was one of the party members who had just dungeoned with him.

On his screen wasn't the game, but instead a post on the Glory forums.

Endless Night walked over and then heard that person say: "When I heard him lead, I thought it felt familiar, look here....."

Endless Night only glanced at it and almost coughed up blood.

What f*cking basic skills, what f*cking nothing to pick at, that bastard's leading was straight up from a guide. Not a word different. Of course he wouldn't miss any details.

"We've been duped....." That brother said. Eight White Wolf Bristles! And in exchange they got 100% clear-rate guide with millions of views on the forums.

Endless Night felt even more helpless. He had been asking to be duped! The other side didn't ask to dungeon with him, yet he even shamelessly forced it onto him. The other side didn't say he would lead, yet he shamelessly demanded that he led. In the beginning, the other side didn't read from the guide, yet he insisted that the other side instructed them step by step.

Step by step? Even with their party of experts, they didn't need to be led step by step. Him putting forward this requirement made his balls hurt. Look, now it really did hurt!

"Beast!" Endless Night grinded his teeth. He went back to his seat and furiously typed to Lord Grim: "Brother, you're not kind! Did you trick us by using a guide?"

"I wouldn't. I wrote that guide." Ye Xiu said.

Really? Endless Night immediately turned his head and asked that brother: "Who wrote that guide?"

That brother clearly hadn't noticed this. He immediately went back to the first post and said: "One Autumn Leaf."

Endless Night was extremely angry. He turned back and continued pounding his keyboard: "What are you boasting for. That guide was written by the God Ye Qiu."

"Right, that's me!"

Shameless! Too f*cking shameless..... Endless Night was completely speechless.

"I have some stuff to do, so I need to go off. Let's get in touch later." Endless Night received this message from the other side.

Escape, this was escape! It's three in the morning, what stuff do you have to do? Endless Night thought.

In the Happy Internet Cafe, Ye Xiu was currently bringing a few bottles of Cola to the guests.

It was quiet the entire night.

At seven in the morning, the guests began shutting down their computers one by one and left. Ye Xiu's Lord Grim had leveled to 21. After leaving the beginner village, leveling wasn't as fast. First, the required experience increased by a substantial amount. Second, there was a dungeon entry limit. Although Level 20s could limitlessly run the Skeleton Graveyard in the beginner village, they would find that the experience gained from Skeleton Graveyard had already been substantially reduced as if they were more than five levels above the dungeon.

After Level 20, apart from dungeons, players had to rely on completing quests and killing wild monsters to level up.

At the very front of the tenth server Level Leaderboards, Ye Xiu saw Blue River, Endless Night, these names, all Level 24. Clearly, they all relied on playing in the new server all day and all night in order to attain this sort of achievement. There was a clear difference between these players who were nurtured by their guilds and normal players. Behind these top Level 24s, the Level 22 and Level 23s were almost empty. But Level 20, 21 were already the extremely hard-working players in the new server. For example, players like Lord Grim and Seven Fields. In this short of a time, they were already considered quite crazy.

Most of the players still hadn't left the beginner village!

"Morning, Brother Ye!" At this time, the little brothers with the morning shift and the little sister cashier all came to work on time and said hello to Ye Xiu.

"Morning." Ye Xiu logged out of the game and shut down the counter's computer.

"Everyone's busy. I'll be getting off work."

"Okay."

After saying hello to everyone, Ye Xiu stretched and returned to the second floor inner rooms. When he opened the door, he heard TV sounds from the living room.

"Boss, you wake up this early?" Ye Xiu said this and entered the room. In the end, he saw the TV on and Chen Guo sleeping on the sofa. She didn't have any blankets covering her and shrunk into a shrimp ball from the cold.

"Boss, you should go back to your room and sleep!" Ye Xiu went over and slapped her twice. Chen Guo flipped over and held a look of intense hate for disturbing her sleep.

Ye Xiu was helpless and saw that Chen Guo's room wasn't closed. He went inside to look for something to help cover Chen Guo. He subconsciously judged Chen Guo's room with a few glances. He discovered that the room's floor, walls, and ceiling were all quite new. But on the other hand, the decorations and bed all looked quite old-fashioned. Ye Xiu didn't think too much of it. He took the blanket on Chen Guo's messy bed and covered Chen Guo's body. He turned off the TV and turned around to go sleep in the pitiful storage room.

Chapter 46 – Easy Glory

Chen Guo didn't know how many times she had fell asleep on the sofa while watching TV. She'd usually wake up from the cold and then slowly crawl to bed. When she woke up today, she found that there was a blanket warmly wrapped around her. The blanket felt very familiar too. It had to be hers, so the half-awake Chen Guo thought she was sleeping on a bed. She comfortably wrapped the blanket around herself and flipped her body. With a bang, she fell off from the sofa.

Chen Guo still held onto the blanket. It took a long while for her to recover from the daze. Only then did she realize that she fell from the sofa. The sofa wasn't tall. Falling down wouldn't do anything, it was funny though. Chen Guo carried the blanket and climbed up. Seeing that the small storage room's door was closed, she knew that this was all done by the newcomer Ye Xiu.

After putting back the blanket, she rinsed her mouth and washed her face in the bathroom. Someone rang the doorbell. Holding a toothbrush in her mouth, Chen Guo went to open the door. She saw a girl, carrying all sorts of bags, smiling at her.

"Oh, Little Tang you've come back!" Chen Guo bit the toothbrush and said with a mouthful of foam.

"Yeah, how'd you just get up?" Tang Rou, who was carrying bags of all sizes, found it inconvenient to take the keys out, so she rang the doorbell. As a result, she found Chen Guo with this appearance.

"I slept late yesterday!" Chen Guo, with a mouthful of foam, still insisted on chatting.

"Why don't you first finish brushing your teeth?" After Tang Rou entered the room, she put her stuff down wherever it was convenient, while Chen Guo continued forward to the bathroom.

"I heard that you've found a new employee?" While Chen Guo brushed her teeth, Tang Rou reclined outside the door and asked with her head tilted, looking at the closed storage room.

"Yup! Did they tell you?"

"Yeah."

"There's no vacant spot for him to live, so I've let him sleep there temporarily." Chen Guo said.

"I heard he had only come for a day and had already made you terribly angry?" Tang Rou clearly heard quite a bit of news downstairs.

Chen Guo was speechless. It was terrible! Yesterday night, she wanted to strangle that guy to death. On one side, this person made her angry, but on the other side, he put a blanket over her. Good things bad things, he did them all.

"What's wrong?" Tang Rou saw that Chen Guo's mind was wandering and that she hadn't said a word.

"Nothing. He's really good at Glory." Chen Guo said.

"How good? Like you?" Tang Rou laughed.

"You're dead, girl....." Chen Guo rolled her eyes. Mentioning this made her very depressed. Originally, Tang Rou didn't play Glory. Chen Guo tried to teach the game to her so that they could play together. While PKing in the Arena with her Chasing Haze account, she explained all of Glory's charm to her.

Because Chen Guo was doing two things at once, she had been beaten quite miserably by her opponent. But Tang Rou immediately expressed a “let me try”, which made Chen Guo feel extremely gratified.

In the first round, Tang Rou was also beaten quite miserably. She then asked Chen Guo about a few particulars on how to perform a few actions.

In the second round, she still lost. As a result, Chen Guo took the initiative and explained to her a few tactics that the opponent might use.

Finally in the third round, Tang Rou reversed the situation and beat her opponent miserably.

“This is so easy!” Tang Rou turned her head and spoke towards Chen Guo. Her previous extremely interested look had already disappeared. Chen Guo looked dumbstruck. A completely new player used only two rounds to get familiar with the controls. After understanding a tactic, she could already beat others.

Chen Guo didn’t know how good the opponent’s skill was. She immediately borrowed an account, with the same class as the opponent that Tang Rou fought against from one of the Internet Cafe guests. Although Chen Guo played Launcher, she knew a little bit about the other classes. She was at least better than a person who had only touched Glory for three rounds, plus her skilled technique.....

In the end, she actually lost to Tang Rou.

Chen Guo didn’t want to believe it. Tang Rou, who didn’t want to keep playing, was forced to fight another round with her. Although Chen Guo sometimes barely won a few times, she lost more than she won. Clearly, Tang Rou was getting more and more skilled.

And now Chen Guo discovered why Tang Rou could, inconceivably, beat her.

Hand speed! This girl was born with astonishing hand speed. At that time, Chen Guo had played Glory for three years, and thought that she was just a bit off from being an expert. Yet Chen Guo could only be endlessly ashamed.

Talent! This was talent. If someone with talent didn’t play Glory, it would truly be a waste. Chen Guo began trying even harder to drag Tang Rou into playing Glory. But in the end, she failed. Chen Guo delightedly explained the charm of Glory’s mainland. Time and time again, all Chen Guo saw was Tang Rou incessantly yawning, as if she were about to fall asleep.

Chen Guo tried hard for a full two months without any results. Finally, an event happened that made her thoroughly despair. Heavenly Domain Challenge Quests. To enter the Heavenly Domain, players had to complete a series of quests. Among those were a few normal monster-slaying quests, a few BOSS-killing quests, a few “look for materials” quests, and a few Arena PK Victory quests. But the quest that made players’ heads hurt the most was still the Skill Challenge.

The Skill Challenge didn’t only require that the player beat the opponent. It also required that the player performed actions at a certain level set by the system. For example, a certain number of combos, total damage done by a back attack, the number of air juggling that had to be done, etc.

Many players were stuck here and couldn’t pass no matter what. Chen Guo was one of them. She was firmly stuck there in the Skill Challenge and couldn’t reach the requirements no matter what.

In the end, Tang Rou took her account card. After researching for a few days, she helped her finish the Heavenly Domain's Skill Challenge.

Chen Guo was thoroughly speechless. She finally understood why Tang Rou couldn't find any interest in the game no matter how hard she tried. This was because most players had to try hard to win. She could do things that needed hard work and practice with no difficulty at all.

Glory was named "Glory" because they hoped that players would consider equipment, skills, and every record as glory. And players approved because these things truly were difficult to get and required hard work to obtain.

But for Tang Rou? She cleared the Skill Challenge, which many players were firmly stuck on, in just a few days. How could that produce any feeling of glory? No one would consider the task of holding a glass of water and drinking it as glory.

Chen Guo despaired, but didn't want to give up. In these two years, whenever she met a powerful opponent, she would drag Tang Rou to try. In the end, Tang Rou again and again turned her head and asked: "It was that easy?"

If she kept doing this, then Chen Guo's face wouldn't be able to stay on anymore! The other side would just turn her head towards opponents that Chen Guo couldn't beat and say "that was easy." This made it difficult for her to endure. As a result, in the recent few months, Chen Guo no longer did this often. But this time, after mentioning Ye Xiu, Chen Guo's sealed thoughts once again reignited. She suddenly wiped her mouth and threw her towel down. With her messy hair, she was about to smash at Ye Xiu's door: "I'm going to call him for you to try out."

"Ai, it's fine!" Tang Rou immediately pulled at Chen Guo: "Didn't he just get off the night shift and go to sleep? Let's wait until he gets up, okay?"

"Oh, that's fine too." Chen Guo thought for a bit and temporarily dropped the matter. She grabbed her towel and was about to go wash, when she suddenly thought of something: Right, his hands were like yours, very pretty.

Chapter 47 – I'm Playing Unspecialized

"Help me fold the blanket. I brought you breakfast."

When Ye Xiu got up and washed his face, he saw this sticky note. After tidying the room, he went to the living room table and looked. He was speechless and choked with sobs. It was 3 o'clock, who on earth would drink soy milk and eat YouTiao at this time? They were cold too. (TLNote: YouTiao are like deep-fried strips of dough. The texture's like a donut, but they're usually salty rather than sweet.)

But saying it like this meant that the Boss specially left it there and deserved to be given face. Ye Xiu took a Youtiao and put it in his mouth. After holding it in his mouth, he left the room.

Glory's new server continued to bring popularity to the Internet Cafe. However, the Happy Cafe was big enough and there was rarely a time when all of the seats were filled. Ye Xiu turned around and looked for an open spot in the smoking area. But when he felt his pockets, he discovered that his cigarette box was empty. This was much more painful than eating cold Youtiao! The even more painful part was that he had no money either. How was he going to pass the day?

Ye Xiu felt that he should ask the Boss for his pay in advance. Although food and shelter were covered, he ate very little. Every day he only had two meals. Besides this, he didn't know if he saved enough money to smoke. However, thinking of Chen Guo's hate for smoking, Ye Xiu felt he'd have a hard time making this a reality.

While he let his imagination run wild, someone patted his back. He immediately turned his head.

Chen Guo was the one who patted Ye Xiu. With a turn of his head, the Youtiao in his mouth almost slapped Chen Guo's face. Chen Guo, with her temper, immediately began scolding: "You hold cigarettes in your mouth. You hold Youtiao in your mouth. What can't you hold in your mouth? Can you not use your hands?"

Thinking of hands, Chen Guo once again recalled how pretty Ye Xiu's hands were. For those hands to be blackened by smoke or oiled by the Youtiao, that'd be a pity. Could it be that holding cigarettes and Youtiao in the mouth is proper? F*ck, this is making my head hurt. Chen Guo shook her head and glared at Ye Xiu: "Come with me."

Ye Xiu followed Chen Guo to the reception desk. Tang Rou was currently sitting there. When she saw Chen Guo bringing Ye Xiu, she stood up and smiled.

"Tang Rou, Ye Xiu." Chen Guo introduced the two.

"Hi." Tang Rou extended out her hands. Chen Guo looked at these hands and felt envious of them. Ye Xiu's hands truly were pretty, but they were after all male hands. If those were a girl's hands, they'd be a bit too big. Tang Rou's hands were true girl hands. Any adjective used, fine jade, slender, soft, nimble, etc, anything that could describe Tang Rou's hands wouldn't be excessive.

"Hi, hi." When Ye Xiu said this, the Youtiao was stuffed into his mouth and he was chewing violently, so the pronunciation wasn't clear. Seeing Tang Rou extended her hands out, he immediately did the same.

The two shook hands. Tang Rou also payed attention to Ye Xiu's hands and did it while keeping proper manners. While they shook hands, she quickly glanced at it. Afterwards, her gaze continued to look politely towards Ye Xiu's eyes.

After a casual shake, they pulled back their hands. Ye Xiu didn't look any different on the outside, but he was pretty astonished on the inside. This was because he didn't think that this girl, Tang Rou, would be like this.

Her appearance and figure were all outstanding. But the part that made her feel out of the ordinary was the aura that she exuded. Form, appearance, clothes, there was no part of her that made people feel uncomfortable. No matter what angle she was looked at, she was an immortal beauty from the legends. The only different part was her short hair. At first, it looked a bit weird, but after seeing it a couple times, this type of short hair only made her look more fresh and pretty.

But Ye Xiu's astonishment wasn't about this. He was astonished because why would such an outstanding girl be willing to work part-time at an Internet Cafe for two years?

No matter how big Happy Internet Cafe was, the only one who would become rich was Chen Guo. As for regular employees, the salary here wasn't bad, but it wasn't any type of work with future prospects.

Network manager, cashier.....what youth would pursue this type of job all their life? These were only temporary jobs so that they could eat their fill. Normal people wouldn't want to work in these types of jobs for two years. To saying nothing of an outstanding girl like Tang Rou.

"Come come come. You guys fight a round." Chen Guo wouldn't let Ye Xiu continue to ponder. After introducing the two, she went straight for the main subject. She looked as if she had waited all day and had to restrain herself from dragging Ye Xiu out of bed.

"Fight?" Ye Xiu asked.

"Glory! Where else can you fight?" Chen Guo said.

"Oh, you can play Glory?" Ye Xiu asked Tang Rou.

"No, I don't know how." Tang Rou smiled.

Chen Guo heard this and was extremely unhappy: "If you can't play, then what am I?"

"You really can play. I'm just so-so that's all." Tang Rou said.

"How good is so-so?" Ye Xiu didn't understand.

"Don't listen to her modesty. She really can play." Chen Guo had already dragged the two to their stations.

"Little Tang, use my Chasing Haze!" Chen Guo said and asked Ye Xiu: "And you? You reached Level 20 yesterday night, right? What class did you change to?"

"I still haven't changed." Ye Xiu said.

"What, you're not going to change?"

"I'm playing unspecialized." Ye Xiu said.

"Unspecialized?" Chen Guo was astonished. Even in her five years, the era of unspecialized characters was already long gone. She had only heard a few veterans bring it up and using their words: it was just a legend.

"How do you play as an unspecialized character? How are you going to level after 50?" Chen Guo said.

"You couldn't before, but now you can." Ye Xiu said.

"How are you going to level?" Chen Guo asked.

"Heavenly Domain." Ye Xiu said.

"Are you joking?" Chen Guo said wide-eyed, "You want to complete the Heavenly Domain challenges at Level 50?"

"I'm awesome, right?"

"Awesome, my ass!" Chen Guo said, "A Level 50 challenging the Heavenly Domain....." Chen Guo tried to analyze how hard that would be. But after awhile she hadn't gotten anywhere because it really was too difficult. She didn't even know where to start.

“If you want to see it, then please don’t fire me.” Ye Xiu laughed.

“You’re mad.” Chen Guo concluded.

Ye Xiu laughed and logged into his account: “I’m only Level 21. I’ll play against your Level 70 in the Fixed Field.”

“You want to use that lousy account?” Chen Guo’s eyes widened.

“Then what do I use?” Ye Xiu didn’t understand.

“I’ll borrow whatever class you want!” This was also why Chen Guo asked what class Ye Xiu changed to. Chen Guo had many frequent customers, so she was certain she could borrow an account to temporarily use.

“Unspecialized.....”

“Get lost!”

Tang Rou looked at these two, quite interested. She discovered that he was just like how everyone described. This person was really good at making Chen Guo angry!

“We can just casually fight one round. There’s no need to be so serious!” Tang Rou said.

“Exactly.” Ye Xiu agreed.

“How are a Level 21 and a Level 70 going to fight.” Chen Guo said.

“Fixed Field!” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo was speechless. Fixed Field was for practice. Victory or defeat wouldn’t be recorded. In Fixed Field, the system would fix all attributes and equipment. After being fixed, it didn’t matter if it was a Level 21 and a Level 70 character, their attributes would be the same. But even if the attributes were fixed, the difference in the amount of skills they had couldn’t be amended. A Level 21 character definitely wouldn’t have skills that could be learned after Level 20. This couldn’t be fixed. Even if a Level 21 and a Level 70 fought in the Fixed Field, the Level 21 would still be at a disadvantage.

“You forgot. I’m unspecialized. Level 20 and Level 70 doesn’t matter.” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo finally understood. Right. If it was an unspecialized character, level didn’t matter, because unspecialized characters couldn’t learn Level 20 and above skills.

Chapter 48 – Countless Variations

“Okay, today I’ll open my eyes and see this so-called unspecialized character!” Chen Guo said. From when she started playing Glory, unspecialized characters had already become extinct.

“Make a room, okay, pick that map, right, the smallest one.” Chen Guo stood behind Tang Rou pointing. Glory’s Arena was a joint server. After joining the Arena, a player could duel others from different servers. The character would have the server number next to the name. This way, even the those with the same name could be differentiated by servers.

“Invite him. Lord Grim. Right, those two words.” Chen Guo said. Tang Rou sent the invite and the system prompted: the player you have invited is not in the Arena.

“What are you doing, hurry up!” Chen Guo yelled.

“Wait a bit, let me use my skill points.” Lord Grim had leveled up last night. Leveling, clearing dungeons, quests, he had accumulated quite a few skill points and hadn’t had the time to use them yet.

“So slow.” Chen Guo mumbled to herself.

Although she was worried, Tang Rou, on the other hand, was calm and unhurried. Looking at Chasing Haze’s equipment: “Have you recently gotten any good equipment?” Although she didn’t play, her knowledge of Chasing Haze wasn’t lower than Chen Guo’s. After all, Chen Guo loved to talk about it!

“No, how could it be so easy!” While Chen Guo replied, she impatiently looked towards Ye Xiu, but saw that guy sneakily waving his hands at her, hinting her to come over.

What are you doing? Chen Guo muttered to herself as she walked over.

“To specially want me and her to battle a round, you don’t have any particular reason, do you?” Ye Xiu asked in a low voice.

“What do you think?”

“I don’t know, that’s why I’m asking you! You don’t need me to let her win, right?” Ye Xiu said.

“Let? Say it after you’ve beaten her!” Chen Guo said.

“Okay okay.” Ye Xiu nodded his head and let Lord Grim enter the Arena: “Ready.”

Tang Rou invited and Ye Xiu accepted. Chen Guo ran back to behind Tang Rou. Ye Xiu, however, wasn’t in a rush. He stretched out his neck and asked: “Just fight like this? Do you want to do a little betting?”

“What betting?” Chen Guo didn’t understand.

“For example, a cigarette pack.” Ye Xiu suggested.

Chen Guo almost died from anger. Right when she was about to roar, Tang Rou said happily: “Okay! I can’t smoke and I don’t have any cigarettes either. Let’s bet a hundred yuan, what do you think?”

“Okay okay!” Ye Xiu gladly agreed.

“Then I’ll testify. Here’s a hundred yuan.” Tang Rou took out a hundred yuan and gave it to Chen Guo.

“Do you both agree?” Chen Guo was flabbergasted.

“It’s just for fun!” Tang Rou laughed.

“Okay.” Chen Guo delightedly took Tang Rou’s one hundred yuan: “And you?”

“I.....Oh, that’s nothing, I have here a rare cigarette box.....”

“You’ve gone mad from poverty, haven’t you?” Chen Guo really was happy and laughed. She took out a hundred yuan and waved it in front of him: “I’ll let you borrow this. I’ll deduct it from your salary.”

“Okay okay. I’ll return it right away.” Ye Xiu said.

“How confident. We’re starting!” Tang Rou said.

“Start start.”

The scene changed and the two entered the Arena. The map was the smallest stage. The opponents stood on opposite sides. Chen Go served as the coach outside of the stage: “He still hasn’t changed classes. This is called an unspecialized character. He’ll have many skill variations. By looking at his weapon, you can figure out which class’s skill he’s going to use.”

“Oh.” Tang Rou replied. Although she hadn’t officially played Glory, for over a year, she had played many rounds of PK for Chen Guo. She knew of all of the different classes.

“Then what is the weapon in his hand called?” Tang Rou pointed to the screen.

“This..... This.....” Chen Guo looked for a long time, but couldn’t recognize it. She directly asked: “What’s the weapon in your hand?”

“Shameless!” Ye Xiu, “You have to ask?”

“It looks like an umbrella?” Tang Rou let Chasing Haze walk forward a few steps and zoomed in.

“Umbrella? There’s no such weapon. It’s gotta be a broom, right?” Chen Guo also leaned forward to look.

“I’m coming!” While Ye Xiu said this, he let Lord Grim run forward in a straight line towards Chasing Haze.

Tang Rou really did react fast. When Lord Grim moved, she had already moved her mouse in an instant and shot accurately. But in a blur, Lord Grim flickered and avoided the shot. Chen Guo, who was watching on the side, knew that this move was called Z Shake. The principle was simple, but was extremely difficult to pull off in an actual battle.

After dodging the shot, Lord Grim closed the distance. He lowered his body and Slide Kicked towards Chasing Haze.

“How crafty!” Chen Guo was deeply moved. Although Slide Kick was a Gunner skill, it was a body skill, so the weapon didn’t matter. This attack still didn’t reveal what thing he was holding onto.

Sure enough, Tang Rou’s hand speed didn’t disappoint Chen Guo’s expectations. Before the Slide Kick hit, Chasing Haze had already rolled out of the way. She quickly got up and prepared to use a body skill to hit back. Her dodge, move, and attacks were all performed extremely quickly.

Who knew that the screen would suddenly flash with a shining white light. Lord Grim’s right hand took out a sharp sword from that unknown weapon in his left hand.

This shining light wasn’t merely as simple as pulling out a weapon. This was the Blade Master Skill: Sword Draw!

This attack surprised Chen Guo. Even if she wanted to switch actions, she was afraid that her reaction speed was too slow. Unlike her, Tang Rou's left hand had already tapped the keyboard twice. Her right hand pushed the mouse. Chasing Haze leaped backwards and prepared to fire another shot.

This move dodged the Sword Draw attack and returned fire. After the shot launched, using the recoil, she flew backwards to increase their distance. This was practically killing three birds with one stone. Right when Chen Guo wanted to yell out "good", she didn't think that after Lord Grim used Sword Draw, his sword had already returned to the sheath. He seized the opportunity to chain "Sword" "Belt" "Sheath" and chased after the mid-air Chasing Haze. At this moment, he had already closed in.

This change was even quicker. Chen Guo couldn't figure out which Blade Master attack used a sheath to smash. But she felt that there was still a bit of distance between Chasing Haze and Lord Grim. Then, the umbrella-like thing in Lord Grim's hands opened up. In an instant, the umbrella flipped and the umbrella bones turned upside down. They concentrated on the tip as if it were a lance and then stabbed towards Chasing Haze. Immediately following, Lord Grim flipped the handle. This lance drew a semicircle bringing Chasing Haze along with it and flipped her upside down, her head down and feet up.

Chen Guo was shocked because this wasn't any ordinary attack. This was a skill called "Circle Swing", a Battle Mage skill. This wasn't a rare skill among unspecialized characters, but the problem was that Lord Grim had used that thing to execute Sword Draw, so it should be a Swordsman class weapon. How could it suddenly turn into a Battle Mage lance in the blink of an eye?

Tang Rou was more stunned by his technique. After fighting for a bit, she was actually slower by a level. This was something she hadn't expected.

Due to Glory being a first person perspective game, this type of skill like Circle Swing was relatively strong. Having the sky and earth flipping upside down in an instant destroyed people's sense of direction, making the victim feel vexed. Chen Guo could be considered an experienced veteran, so she wouldn't go so far as to become confused. But Tang Rou only played occasionally. Although she had extremely high hand speed to carry her, this type of sudden viewpoint change was too much for her.

She hastily figured out the direction and twisted her body. But unexpectedly, Chasing Haze was unable to turn over her body. Her character raised her head to look. One of Lord Grim's feet had stepped on her, while the other was on the ground. That thing in his hand had returned back to its original shape. This time, it looked like a close-ranged pose. Chen Guo and Tang Rou finally saw that it really was an umbrella and that the umbrella's tip was aimed at Chasing Haze's head.

The two still hadn't recovered from the shock when the umbrella tip unleashed a tongue of flame. Peng Peng Peng, a string of gun sounds hit the downed Chasing Haze.

Gunner Class Sharpshooter Skill: Punisher.

Chapter 49 – You Really Don't Know How to Play

"D*mn, what is that thing?" Chen Guo was dumbstruck. The weapon in Lord Grim's hands was a trinity. Sword, lance, gun. A transforming weapon?

Compared to Chen Guo, Tang Rou, who didn't know much about Glory, wasn't too scared by it. Her fingers quickly jumped and Chasing Haze did a Roundhouse Kick.

After Lord Grim leaped to avoid it, Chasing Haze raised her hands and used an Anti-Tank Missile. Tang Rou acted quickly. The skill itself also launched quickly. The distance was close and Lord Grim took the explosion head on and turned into a cloud of smoke.

Tang Rou and Chen Guo were both startled. In the Fixed Field, players couldn't be killed like this in an instant. Even if they were, the dead player would leave a corpse. How could he just turn into a cloud of smoke?

Not good!

By the time Tang Rou realized it, it was already too late. With a peng, blood blossomed out from Chasing Haze's neck.

Assassin Skill: Cut Throat.

This skill had to be used from behind the target. Adding onto the armor-ignoring back attack, even though it was a low-leveled skill, it still did considerable damage.

As for that Lord Grim, who had been turned into smoke by the Anti-Tank Missile, the two both understood too late that it was the Ninja Skill Shadow Clone Technique. After dodging her Roundhouse Kick, he used the skill. He left the clone in front of her, while his real body split to behind her body, completing the Cut Throat.

Tang Rou, who had suffered from attacks multiple times, now had a look of extreme concentration on her. After a series of tapping sounds, Chasing Haze flew through the blood blossom like an arrow. She completed a 180 degree turn in midair not even half a meter above the ground, showing her exceptionally quick technique.

Her mouse quickly moved looking for a target to fire at. But when her character turned, she only saw a sword light chopping down towards her, bringing along a bloody mist.

Swordsman Class Berserker Skill: Collapsing Mountain.

Although the skills learned by unspecialized characters didn't have the damage bonuses given if they were done by the skill's original class, the original effects wouldn't change. Collapsing Mountain chopped down towards Chasing Haze. After hitting the ground, there was a short knock-up effect. Lord Grim quickly seized the opportunity and kneeed her, smashing Chasing Haze higher into the air. With a shake of the Thousand Chance Umbrella, the midair Chasing Haze was gunned down repeatedly. Chen Guo and Tang Rou were beyond familiar with this skill. This was a Launcher Skill: BBQ.

After Chasing Haze, who had just been barbecued by gunfire, fell to the ground, she immediately turned over to fight again. But when her character turned around a circle, she couldn't find Lord Grim's figure. Instead, she saw a Green Goblin swaying around throwing rocks at her. Tang Rou and Chen Guo both collapsed. This was a Mage Class Summoner's summoned pet.

Raising her hands, she bombarded the Goblin, when Lord Grim suddenly dropped from the sky stepping on top of Chasing Haze's head.

Fighter Class Striker Skill: Eagle Stamp.

Tang Rou no longer had that previous “just for fun” attitude. After being stepped on, Chasing Haze pointed her gun up towards the sky, ready to gun him down. But to her surprise, Lord Grim’s umbrella tip once again aimed at her. A flame tongue shot out and more blood blossomed out from Chasing Haze’s head. Lord Grim used the recoil of this gun and easily flew backwards with “Aerial Fire”.

Close combat was disadvantageous towards Launchers. Tang Rou had wanted to use “Aerial Fire” the entire time to pull apart the distance, but this time, the opponent unexpectedly took the initiative to distance himself. After being hit multiple times, Chasing Haze didn’t have much life left. Yet Lord Grim didn’t even seem like he had been touched. Tang Rou hadn’t given up hope and prepared to continue attacking him, when Ye Xiu said: “How about we stop fighting?”

“Why?” Tang Rou asked.

“It turns out you really don’t know how to play.” Ye Xiu said.

“.....” Tang Rou didn’t know what to say. Aside from Chen Guo enthusiastically explaining to her a few things, she really didn’t know much else. But even like this, just relying on her high hand speed, she helped Chen Guo defeat opponents Chen Guo couldn’t win against. She had even completed the Heavenly Domain Skill Challenge that was difficult for the majority of the players.

Tang Rou could say that she didn’t know Glory, but she was still extremely strong.

This was why Chen Guo wanted to bring her into the game by every means possible. But it was also why she wasn’t interested in the game.

A lot of people did things because they found it easy. Tang Rou was different. She couldn’t concentrate on things that she found easy.

The tormented Chen Guo also saw this. This was an extremely competitive girl. Once she found something difficult, without anyone’s encouragement, she wouldn’t stop until she overcame it.

For example, when she attacked at Chasing Haze’s Heavenly Domain Skill Challenge, Tang Rou also failed many times before succeeding. In that short amount of time, the amount of drive she had looked a hundred times greater than Chen Guo’s love for Glory.

Chen Guo thought that this time, Tang Rou was moved. But who knew that after the Skill Challenge, Tang Rou quickly lost interest in Glory. Clearing for equipment and so on, Tang Rou didn’t take this type of item hoarding seriously.

In the end, Tang Rou saw Glory as being “so it was that easy”. In order to arouse her interest, her impression of the game had to change. This was why Chen Guo kept on looking for opponents that Tang Rou couldn’t beat to make her realize the difficulty of the game. But this actually made it worse. Every time Tang Rou met a so-called expert in the Arena, she would quickly beat him.

That sort of celebrity names, those professional gamers, Chen Guo didn’t know how many times she explained them to Tang Rou. But Tang Rou only laughed, not believing her. No choice. Facts spoke louder than words. But where would Chen Guo find such an expert?

Up until Tang Rou returned, Chen Guo kept on thinking of letting Ye Xiu try her out.

Chen Guo didn't know exactly how strong Ye Xiu was. However, he had once been in the professional circle, so he had to be stronger than normal players. At worst, Tang Rou would just say "so it was that easy" again.

This was Chen Guo's original intention. But every time she came into contact with Ye Xiu, he would always make her mad. Angrily, Chen Guo forgot her original notion and stood behind Tang Rou, hoping for Tang Rou to tyrannically destroy Ye Xiu to vent her anger. But in the end, Tang Rou was beaten without a chance to retaliate. Only after Ye Xiu said "don't know how to play", did she finally remember.

"Don't know how to play?" Chen Guo felt this remark was a little too excessive. If that was considered as not knowing how to play, then what about all of those opponents Tang Rou had beaten? Furthermore, wasn't this guy too strong? He had completely suppressed Tang Rou from start to finish. A player from the professional circle really was on a different level. Ordinarily, when she watched recordings of competitions, it didn't feel like they were that OP! It seemed like it was still the problem of opponents. Pro-gamer versus pro-gamer were all evenly matched opponents so it didn't look any different from when normal players fought.

Ye Xiu, who sat nearby, had already stood up. He nodded his head and said: "Your technique is quite quick, but the coordination between your left and right hands is a complete mess. When your viewpoint suddenly changes, your adaptability and judgement pretty much turns to zero. Your understanding towards equipment and skills isn't nearly enough. Your real combat experience is too little and your tactics are too stiff, how could this be considered playing? If you want to beat me with this skill, then come back in a hundred years!"

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"Hey hey, you're going too far!" Chen Guo was a bit angry. Although she really had looked for someone to irritate Tang Rou, she didn't actually think Ye Xiu wouldn't say a single good point about her. Did he really need to go so far?

"Oh, I'm sorry." Ye Xiu said, "I was a little excessive. The one hundred years part is only an exaggeration. You don't actually need that long."

Hearing the first half, Chen Guo was astonished that this guy actually admitted his error. But after hearing the last half, she became so furious that her nose almost went crooked.

"You just can't say anything good." While Chen Guo said this, she glanced at Tang Rou. She had pushed it too far! She had always wanted to irritate this little sister once, but now that she had done it, she was afraid that she had gone too far.

"Hmm.....Her technique was quite quick. I said that!" Ye Xiu said.

"What else?" Chen Guo said.

"What else....." Ye Xiu thought hard. His sight shifted to a different place: "She's very pretty."

Chen Guo coughed blood. He's praising her, right? He's praising her, right? But the problem was that they were discussing the game. He said "she's very pretty", but didn't that still mean that there wasn't a single good point about her playing?

Tang Rou's going to be angry, she's going to be angry..... Chen Guo lowered her head and looked. Tang Rou was biting her lips. Her right hand was still tightly gripping the mouse. If she were Chen Guo, then she would have already grabbed the keyboard and started smashing him with it. But after all, Tang Rou wasn't her. She only coldly said: "Say it after we've finished fighting."

"There's no need. I was going leniently before. If not, then after the Eagle Stamp, I would have used Falling Light Blade, Sky Strike, swept the floor, Dragon Tooth, Falling Flower Palm, and then you'd be dead." Ye Xiu said.

"Then why didn't you continue?" Tang Rou asked.

"If I did that, then I'd have won and taken your 100 yuan. But you really don't know how to play, so that would be too unfair. I'd be too embarrassed to take your 100 yuan. Forget about it!" Ye Xiu said and then faced Chen Guo: "Boss, that 100 yuan is mine! You can deduct that from my salary. You already agreed."

"You you you....." Chen Guo was so angry, she almost died. Taking that 100 yuan, she crumpled it into a ball and threw it: "Take it."

"Thanks." Ye Xiu immediately caught it. He wasn't actually penniless. But cigarettes were like food and had to be consumed. From a long-term standpoint, he had to be prepared.

"If I lost, I lost. You don't need to pass on it. You take this 100 yuan." Tang Rou stood up. She took that 100 yuan she bet and handed it over.

"Forget about it. I'd really be too embarrassed to take it." Ye Xiu said.

"Take it!" Chen Guo glared at Ye Xiu. She knew of Tang Rou's temper. This girl was eager and serious. If Ye Xiu insisted on not accepting the money, then things wouldn't end well. She was now afraid that Ye Xiu was also a guy who would bash his head against a brick wall. If he didn't take the money no matter what, then what should she do?

But in the end, she heard Ye Xiu say: "Then give it to Boss. I owe her money."

B*stard! Kicking the ball to me! Chen Guo was furious, but Tang Rou had different intentions. Tang Rou didn't want to anger Chen Guo, so she took the money to her: "Then his debt is clear now!"

"Let's fight another round." Tang Rou threw this at him and sat down. Chen Guo could only feel as if her cheeks streamed with tears. This was Tang Rou. She wasn't like Chen Guo, and wouldn't start yelling and strangling the other person. She was a firm believer that facts spoke louder than words and would only use her strength to make you speechless.

Due to the practice nature of the Fixed Field, there was no victory or defeat counter. The player was also free to enter or exit whenever they wanted to. After Tang Rou sat down, she directly selected the again option. Without waiting for Ye Xiu to speak, she pulled out another 100 yuan and put it on the table: "It's still one round, one hundred. Although I don't really know how to play, I hope you'll treat this seriously."

Ye Xiu turned around towards Chen Guo. Chen Guo spread out her hands, meaning that she didn't care, you fix your own problems!

“Okay.....” Ye Xiu also didn’t say too much and silently sat down.

The new round started. Chen Guo still stood behind Tang Rou, but this time she only quietly watched without saying anything. She also wouldn’t fuss too much about nothing.

The situation was the same as the previous round. Chasing Haze still lost without even touching Lord Grim’s clothing. The only difference this time was Lord Grim didn’t show any more mercy. He directly depleted Chasing Haze’s life.

“Again!” Tang Rou without saying anything further. She pulled out another 100 yuan and slapped it down. She chose the again option.

Still lost.

“Again!”

Another loss.

“Again!”

Another loss.

Ye Xiu didn’t say another word. Chen Guo looked again at Ye Xiu’s expression. She only saw that Lord Grim truly didn’t show the slightest amount of mercy. Concentrated and cautious, he didn’t let a single opportunity go. Vicious and merciless.

Many Internet Cafe guests gradually noticed this competition. A few frequent customers had already left their stations and gathered to watch the scene.

Most of the frequent customers recognized Tang Rou. To many, this beauty was their dream girlfriend. As a result, many knew that Tang Rou didn’t play Glory, but her PK skill wasn’t low. Now that they saw her repeatedly slapping down one bill after another, all of them were dumbstruck.

As for her opponent? He had only arrived two days ago and did a night shift, so frequent customers didn’t immediately recognize him. Only after seeing the battle, people behind Tang Rou exclaimed in awe: “Lord Grim, that’s the tenth server’s Lord Grim.”

“Really? Where, where?” This short remark startled many people. Quite a few customers who heard this came over to join the crowd.

Tang Rou and Ye Xiu weren’t disturbed by this. They continued to meticulously battle. When Chen Guo saw these people’s reactions towards Lord Grim, she was astonished. She seized a person watching:

“Who’s Lord Grim?”

“The tenth server’s most popular character. Three first clears in beginner village. Frost Forest’s current clear record holder and has already joined Blue Brook Guild.”

“No! I know people from Blue Brook Guild. After Lord Grim helped them set a new record, he left the guild.”

“D*mn, he doesn’t even see Blue Brook Guild in his eyes. What does he want to do?”

“Hey, quiet down. He’s right there.”

“What, which one?”

This crowd that didn’t know the facts clearly hadn’t realized that the person Tang Rou was betting money with was sitting directly across from her.

“Wow, lost again.....”

“What round is this?”

“I don’t know. When I came, it had already started.”

“There’s five hundred on the table, right?”

“Yeah yeah.”

“Wow, another bill!”

“Sis Tang, go go.....”

Just like this, Tang Rou lost ten rounds in a row. In those ten rounds, it couldn’t be said that Lord Grim’s clothing hadn’t been touched once, but in the spectator’s eyes, they didn’t see a single chance of her winning. The previous cheering sounds had already turned to comforting. There were also a few people who started despising Lord Grim for not having tender, more protective feelings towards girls.

“Again!” Tang Rou remained unmoved. She yelled it again. But after she pulled out her purse, she could only stare blankly.

She couldn’t fight another round... because she had no money.