

Glory 51

Chapter 51 – The Weapon That Couldn't Be Hidden

When Ye Xiu heard Tang Rou yell “Again”, he didn't waver in the slightest. He only steadily gripped his mouse and was ready to kill and behead the girl again. However, after he heard the yell this time, he didn't enter the stage. Ye Xiu stood up and saw Tang Rou's shriveled-up empty purse.

“Finally no money?” Ye Xiu laughed.

This guy.....was waiting until I emptied my purse before stopping!? Tang Rou slowly stood up: “Wait for me to get more.”

“Sis Tang, forget about it.....” The surrounding people that knew her all tried to persuade her.

“Little Tang.....” Chen Guo also went over to block her. With this girl's competitiveness, Chen Guo didn't doubt that she would try until she went bankrupt. The most loathsome part was that Ye Xiu. After winning, he didn't even try to give her a way out of this embarrassing situation.

In the end, she heard Ye Xiu say: “Forget about it! This type of recklessness isn't fun.....”

Still mocking her! Chen Guo was furious. She turned around and right when she was about to say something, she heard Ye Xiu follow: “You should learn it properly first. You should at least figure out how large the gap between me and you is. You can't win in Glory with just hand speed. If you want to fight with me, there will be plenty of chances later.”

Chen Guo was startled. This was actually sensible and reasonable. This guy finally said some real people talk. But at this moment, how could the ignited Tang Rou pay attention to this?

Tang Rou's footsteps had already stopped and she stood there lost in thought. The surrounding crowd went silent. All of them seemed like they were waiting for some great conclusion. Chen Guo suddenly saw something move from the corner of her eye. She turned her head to look. It was Ye Xiu giving her a meaningful look and gesturing at her. This shameful guy actually wanted her to hand him the money!

Chen Guo was angry! But she knew that with Tang Rou's temperament she definitely wouldn't let him return the money. Now at this moment, she ignored Ye Xiu and waved her hands at the spectating crowd: “What are you looking at? It's already over. Go, go.”

The spectating crowd saw that Tang Rou didn't move, so they didn't either. Instead, they surrounded Ye Xiu and asked: “Brother, what weapon is that?”

Only players that didn't play Glory wouldn't care. When this question was asked, even Chen Guo pricked her ears up. On one hand, she wanted to hear the answer, but on the other hand, she wanted to comfort Tang Rou. She was just too d*mned busy.

“Ha ha, it's nothing. It's just a thing I made myself.” Ye Xiu said.

“Self-made weapon??” Someone reacted quickly. He immediately understood what the four words “I made it myself” meant and blurted it out in surprise.

The crowd immediately went into an uproar. Self-made equipment, that was high-end content that normal players couldn't even dream of touching. Glory had operated for ten years. The methods to self-making equipment that were published online were at best Orange-level equipment. The truly legendary Silver equipment that surpassed Orange equipment could only be seen in the professional leagues. Why would these professional clubs give away methods to making these sort of Silver equipment to the public?

"Brother, can we take a look at it?" Someone asked Ye Xiu.

"Sure!" Ye Xiu laughed and let everyone look at the Thousand Chance Umbrella.

While Chen Guo put her hands on Tang Rou's shoulder, she said "Go go go, let's go up and rest a bit." At the same time, she couldn't help but stretch out her neck to see what exactly Ye Xiu's Lord Grim held in his hands. Seeing this appearance, Tang Rou also couldn't help but laugh: "If you want to go look, then go look!"

Chen Guo heard this and turned her head to look. Tang Rou wasn't depressed like she expected, so she immediately felt relieved. But she still brought Tang Rou upstairs and said with authority: "Humph. I'll go look later. If he dares to not let me look, then I'll fire him."

The surrounding crowd that looked at the Thousand Chance Umbrella's attributes were all in awe. In addition, most of these players were playing in the new server, so they were very familiar with low-leveled weapons. With just a look, they could tell that this was a genuine Silver weapon! The legendary Orange-weapon-surpassing Silver Weapon.

"Amazing! How did you make it?" Someone blurted it out.

Ye Xiu smiled but didn't speak, so no one continued to question him. Even the previous person who blurted it out felt a little bad. Which self-made equipment wasn't made with blood, sweat, and tears? Who would ask for him to just casually give out his blood?

"What a pity! It's only Level 5....."

(TLNote: Only the Lance Form is Level 15. The other forms are still Level 5)

"The server just started, that's all! If you start collecting materials now, can't you get it to Level 70?"

"Really? I heard that self-made equipment only looked at materials and not the materials' levels!"

"F*ck, you understand huh? If you understand, go make one."

"I heard, that's just what I heard....."

The players commented one after another. Ye Xiu only smiled at what he heard, but didn't join the discussion. Normal players only had a smattering of knowledge on this sort of high-end content and couldn't really get anywhere with it. But a legendary self-made Silver weapon really did appear. This was already something everyone could talk about. However, all of the players didn't forget to add: it's a pity it's only Level 5.

Level 5 Equipment. No matter how OP it was, it still wouldn't have any value. Everyone understood the reasoning. Although most players knew that self-made equipment could be upgraded in the editor,

upgrading was just as difficult as making. A small mistake could ruin the weapon. Level 5..... the starting point was so low. The amount of upgrades it needed was too big. Everyone all subconsciously thought that instead of upgrading it, it'd be better to just directly make a high-levelled one.

"Brother, are you going to make any other professional-level Silver weapons?" Someone knew how to ask the important questions. Compared to this Silver weapon, the talent that could make such a Silver weapon was of much more value.

"No more. This was something I just randomly threw together." Ye Xiu said.

"Brother, if you're ever going to make anything. I'll give you the materials, just name a price." There was still someone who wouldn't give up on self-made equipment! Ordinarily, they all felt that it was something too out of reach. But today, someone who had one appeared.

"I really can't. If I could, would I be sitting here?" Ye Xiu said.

The person, who had been unwilling to give it up, went silent. That was true. Someone who could make self-made equipment was definitely a more valuable talent than normal experts. They could close their door and get rich. They could also join a professional club's tech team.

"Brother, do you want to dungeon? Let's go together!" At this moment, there were even people who invited Ye Xiu to play. They were clearly also from the tenth server.

"I've already reached the entry limit." Ye Xiu laughed.

"Let's play together when there's a chance!"

"Okay."

After paying their respects and saying kind words to try and make friends with him, the crowd gradually dispersed. Ye Xiu let out a sigh. Truthfully, self-made weapons were too precious. They were supposed to be hidden from the outside. In Glory, players couldn't use the system to check on other people's equipment, so it was relatively good for hiding them.

But the problem was that the Thousand Chance Umbrella was too unusual. What game had this sort of transforming weapon? Players with a bit of common sense could figure out that it was self-made. And in an actual battle, the weapon's greatest value and features had to be displayed, so it wasn't possible to hide such a weapon.

Ye Xiu sighed. Right when he closed the equipment interface, he saw Chen Guo rush at him like lightning from the second floor. After running behind Ye Xiu, she asked: "What weapon? What weapon?"

"Self-made weapon, see for yourself....." Ye Xiu helplessly opened it again.

"Wow....." Chen Guo admired it. She was like every other player, with a hundred thousand questions to ask, but she also knew that it wasn't appropriate to ask these sorts of things.

"You're playing as an unspecialized character because of this weapon?" Chen Guo asked.

"Smart." Ye Xiu commended.

“You’re too secretive.” Chen Guo discovered that she needed to re-evaluate Ye Xiu. This sort of person that had been kicked out of the professional circle was more profound than she had originally thought! Although she herself didn’t know exactly how skilled the pros were.....

“When have I ever hid secrets from you?” Ye Xiu asked in reply.

Chapter 52 – Picking a Class

By the time Chen Guo finished looking at the Thousand Chance Umbrella, Tang Rou had already returned downstairs. Ye Xiu and Chen Guo both looked at her without saying anything.

“How can you just leave your money there like that?” Tang Rou walked to her original spot. She neatly folded the money on the table and handed it over to Ye Xiu.

Chen Guo sighed. This girl really did take things seriously. She wouldn’t back out on her word. Chen Guo now hoped Ye Xiu would hurry up and take the money and not let side issues keep popping up.

Ye Xiu didn’t let her down. He stood up to take the money. Although this was clearly what Chen Guo wanted, after seeing Ye Xiu get ready to take the money, Chen Guo immediately became angry.

“You have the nerve to take it?” Chen Guo said.

“What’s wrong?” Ye Xiu and Tang Rou both said.

Chen Guo lost. After all, in the end, she wasn’t a part of the bet.

“I’ll win that money back sooner or later.” Tang Rou said when she handed over the money to Ye Xiu.

“I’ll be take responsibility and tell you. That’s much harder than you think.” Ye Xiu laughed. After putting the money in his pocket, he logged out of the game. He said goodbye and then left.

“Doesn’t this guy just make you angry?” Chen Guo grinded her teeth towards Tang Rou.

“Relax, relax.” Tang Rou, who was looked down upon, said pleasantly.

“Hurry up and practice. Afterwards, ruthlessly sort out this guy and put him in his place.” Chen Guo said.

“How big of a difference do you think there is between me and him?” Tang Rou asked Chen Guo.

“This.....” Chen Guo reddened a bit. Even if Tang Rou didn’t know how to play, only Ye Xiu dared to say this. In Chen Guo’s eyes, Tang Rou was already considered an expert. Tang Rou was better than her. Ye Xiu even more so. Both of these players were better than her, so how could she see how skilled they were? To say nothing of the difference in their skill levels. If she could tell the difference in their skills, then she wouldn’t have needed to randomly test for Ye Xiu and Tang Rou to PK.

“I really can’t tell.” Chen Guo could only admit this.

Tang Rou lowered her head to look at Chasing Haze, who hadn’t yet logged out. After a while, she said: “It looks like he’s right. I can’t even tell how far apart we are. I have to take a comprehensive course.”

Chen Guo was secretly delighted in her heart. This Tang Rou was finally interested in playing Glory. But she didn’t show it in her face and said with a deadpan look: “Luckily, the new server opened yesterday. I’ll go and get you an account card.”

“Okay.” Tang Rou obediently let Chen Guo be bursting with joy. When she opened the Internet Cafe, she obviously had Glory account cards ready. She promptly took a card and helped her create a character.

After choosing a name, she entered the game. The beginner village quests couldn’t be any easier. If this was an ordinary day, Tang Rou would have already thrown aside this sort of easy task after half a minute at best . But today, she was unexpectedly serious. She even read parts of the beginner guidebook that even Chen Guo felt unnecessary. This girl finally used her seriousness for Glory. Chen Guo felt a type of good feeling after obtaining a such a positive outcome after so much effort. She was itching to start discussing a very important issue with Tang Rou .

“What class do you want to play?”

“I still haven’t thought about it!” Tang Rou said.

“There’s no need to be in a hurry. Before Level 20, you can learn any skill from any class. You can try them all and see which class you find the most suitable.” Chen Guo said.

“If you keep leveling and simply don’t change classes, then you’ll be an unspecialized character like Ye Xiu, right?” Tang Rou asked.

“He’s recklessly playing. Don’t learn from him.” Chen Guo jumped in fright.

“Reckless playing?” Tang Rou didn’t understand.

“After a character reaches Level 50, they need to complete a class awakening quest in order to continue gaining experience and leveling up. But unspecialized characters don’t have a class awakening quest, so when they get to Level 50, they have no way of leveling. This was the reason why the unspecialized playing style disappeared.” Chen Guo explained.

“Didn’t Ye Xiu say a moment ago that he could continue leveling when he got into the Heavenly Domain at Level 50?” Tang Rou said.

“Please! It’s the Heavenly Domain! That dueling quest that you did for me was so difficult. How could a Level 50 do it?” Chen Guo said.

“Then Ye Xiu, he’s.....”

“He’s crazy.” Chen Guo interrupted Tang Rou.

“If he can do it and I can’t, won’t that mean he’s better than me?” Tang Rou said.

Chen Guo was startled for a second and then immediately said: “If he can do it, you can also try it! Anyone can start the Heavenly Domain skill challenges at Level 50. There’s no restriction for this.”

“And more!” Chen Guo followed, “Do you remember Ye Xiu’s weapon? That’s the reason he chose to play as an unspecialized. That guy actually has a self-made weapon. The server just opened for two days! I don’t know he got it.” The more Chen Guo said, the more she doubted herself. This was one of the many questions she had, but she was too embarrassed to directly ask him.

“Self-made weapon? The extremely strong equipment that you said only professional players had?” Tang Rou asked. These questions thoroughly exposed that she was a true newbie in Glory.

“Right. Moreover, it’s extremely powerful. Although it’s only Level 5, it’s a Silver Equipment that surpasses Orange Equipment. It looks to me that this guy has the means to continue upgrading this Silver weapon. Otherwise, there’s no way he’d play unspecialized just for this Level 5 Silver weapon.” Chen Guo said.

“How do you make a Silver weapon?” Tang Rou asked.

“Sister, your questions are too high-end. That’s what I want to know!” Chen Guo said.

“It would be better if you just became a Launcher like me! You’ve also played my account card many times. You’re most familiar with this class, so you’ll definitely learn it quickly.” Chen Guo didn’t want to talk about self-made equipment with Tang Rou for too long. She was afraid that after describing the difficulty of self-making, she would excite Tang Rou into this direction instead of the game. That would be bad. Self-made equipment were truly too complicated. So many people had challenged it, but in the end, they all died doing so. Chen Guo didn’t want Tang Rou to waste her energy doing this sort of task.

Launcher.....Tang Rou refused to comment. Although she didn’t have much interest in Glory before, she did play it ever so often. In her heart, she really wasn’t too interested in the Launcher class. She was more interested in those close combat classes. She felt that these classes required more skill. But Chen Guo was very fond of the Launcher class. Tang Rou didn’t want to just splash cold water on her. Right when she was thinking, she suddenly remembered the other class Chen Guo often talked about: “Right, that one you often talked about. The one you said was the strongest. That something god? What class was that?”

“Battle God One Autumn Leaf!” Chen Guo blurted out. After saying this, her expression dimmed.

Chapter 53 – Battle Mage

“Right, right. That one. What class is that Battle God?” Although Tang Rou couldn’t even remember the famed name “Battle God One Autumn Leaf”, Chen Guo’s constant reminders left an imprint in her heart. Besides this, the only other one that left an even bigger imprint was the Launcher “Dancing Rain”, directly because Chen Guo also played Launcher. She was Chen Guo’s number one idol and the character Chen Guo talked the most about.

While Tang Rou said this, she looked towards Chen Guo and immediately saw Chen Guo’s face dim.

“What’s wrong?” Tang Rou jumped in fright. She knew Chen Guo for two years. Angry Chen Guo was a common occurrence, but sad Chen Guo was a first.

“Ye Qiu..... retired.” Chen Guo said.

“Ye Qiu? You mean One Autumn Leaf’s owner?” Tang Rou said.

“Yeah.”

“Then One Autumn Leaf?”

“One Autumn Leaf is still there, but.....”

Chen Guo couldn’t clearly describe her concerns. In the ice-cold Professional Alliance, characters and athletes were divided into two categories. For players that liked Glory, some people admired those

powerful characters, while others admired the athlete's excellent technique. As a result, for titles like Battle God, there were some that believed the title should be given to the character One Autumn Leaf, while some believed that it should be given to Ye Qiu, the athlete operating One Autumn Leaf. And in the middle, there were those in dispute. But gradually, similar disputes all gradually gave the title to the character.

This was because the character was the iron army camp, while the athlete was just one of the numerous soldiers.

Athletes would transfer clubs. Athletes would deteriorate and go past their prime. Athletes would eventually retire. But the character never would. As long as the club wanted to, the character could firmly stay in their hands and continue to be upgraded. The older it was, the more skill points it could have and the better the equipment. Currently, most of the world-shaking characters in Glory were all created in the first server and had already existed for nearly ten years.

Their operators had already changed who knew how many times, but their fame never fell.

A flower may blossom again, but a person can never turn young again.

As long as a strong character had a strong athlete controlling it, then its strength would be revealed. But the athlete? By natural law, no one could defeat the merciless killer that was time.

Ye Qiu and One Autumn Leaf were a rare exception. Both the character and the operator had been together for ten years, which was rarely seen in the Alliance. Other characters experienced changes in their operators. Each and every one of those athletes disappeared behind the scenes, leaving behind their famed characters. But the title Battle God had been shared with Ye Qiu and One Autumn Leaf the entire time. From when this title was given, Battle God had always belonged to the both of them.

Unfortunately, One Autumn Leaf was also a character, while Ye Qiu was merely an athlete. Athletes were destined to be the first to leave, while the character's fame would continue to be carried on.

While other characters had already been handed over multiple times, it was only the first time for the Battle God. As a result, a large handful of players bitterly wept and like Chen Guo, would sadden at the mention of the Battle God One Autumn Leaf. As for her, once Ye Qiu left, the Battle God title was no longer intact. A lot of hopeful feelings that she had were suddenly ripped apart just like this.

Tang Rou didn't understand Chen Guo's grief. She could only quietly sit there accompanying her and hold her hand without saying a word.

But all in all, Chen Guo was Chen Guo. She had already grieved yesterday. Being distressed over and over wasn't her style. After a while, her spirit had already lifted and she spoke towards Tang Rou: "The Battle God's class was Battle Mage. What, do you want to play that?"

"Okay! I might one day become that One Autumn Leaf's owner. When that time comes, wouldn't I be the new Battle God?" Tang Rou said.

"Ah! This goal is a thousand times better than beating that whatever Ye Xiu! Little Tang, you have to try hard and reach this goal!" Chen Guo smiled.

"Okay!" Tang Rou also smiled and then nodded her head.

“Then do you want me to teach you about the Battle Mage right now?” Chen Guo said.

“Yeah.” Tang Rou nodded her head.

“The Battle Mage belongs to the Mage Class. They use magic to strengthen themselves and battle in close combat. They are proficient in two weapons, Poles and Battle Lances. Poles usually have an Attack Speed of 8, extremely quick. Battle Lances usually have an Attack Speed of 2, fairly slow, but their damage and range are high. I personally like Battle Lance because they’re more tyrannical. If it wasn’t tyrannical, how could it be called Battle God? See, One Autumn Leaf also uses a Battle Lance. One time.....”

“Guo Guo.....” Tang Rou reminded Chen Guo that she was going off topic.

“Oh.....” Chen Guo coughed and continued explaining, “The Battle Mage’s main features is that they can buff their own attributes using magic; after awakening, they also have Battle Spirit. Battle Spirit is a passive skill that completely relies on the operator’s skill. If you see that the Battle Mage gets stronger as he fights, don’t be surprised. One Autumn Leaf was considered a Battle God because Ye Qiu’s skill could.....”

“Guo Guo!” Tang Rou was already helpless.

“Okay, okay. Let’s look at a video. While you look, I’ll explain, okay?” Chen Guo said.

“Okay, okay.” Tang Rou nodded her head. Chen Guo didn’t even need to look up videos on the Internet. How could she be short of Battle God videos? She didn’t know how many she had collected. After choosing one, she delightedly gave it to Tang Rou and explained it. After explaining it for a bit, the only words she said were gasps of surprise.

“Wow, look look. This time....”

“Woah woah woah. An 88 Combo! Do you know how much Battle Spirit will buff his attributes?”

“Ha ha ha, this stupid guy. He walked into the knock-up.”

“Guo Guo.....” Tang Rou helplessly said for the third time.

“Don’t you feel that I should look at more beginner-leveled videos? You want me to just start by learning from the greatest expert among Battle Mages?” Tang Rou powerlessly said.

“Oh, so it’s like this! Then let me look for a bit!”

The two girls immersed themselves in learning about the Battle Mage in this way, until an employee ran over to tell them that it was time to eat. The employee was impatiently driven away by Chen Guo.

Only until a voice, which had irritated Chen Guo every time she heard it, came: “Oh? You’re learning about the Battle Mage?”

Ye Xiu!

Chen Guo immediately turned her head: “What do you want? Do you mind?”

“Little Tang wants to play as a Battle Mage?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Yeah.” Tang Rou nodded her head.

“I can teach you then!” Ye Xiu said.

“Humph! No need.” Chen Guo expressed her disdain.

“Boss, do you know what you just refused?” Ye Xiu said seriously.

“Tch.” Chen Guo completely ignored him and turned her head to Tang Rou: “These are all Battle Mage guides written by Ye Qiu. Look, I’ve already ordered them for you. From shallow to deep, from attributes to skills to equipment, real combat skills, experience, technique, practice methods, and even a few collection of the best videos.

“Okay okay.” Tang Rou nodded her head.

“Really! You don’t want the actual person to teach. Do you really want to teach yourself?” Ye Xiu mumbled.

“You go somewhere else. Can your teaching even compare to 0.1% of these guides?” Chen Guo said.

“Sigh..... you’d better not regret it!” Ye Xiu sighed.

“So noisy!” Chen Guo’s head didn’t even turn. But Tang Rou turned and smiled towards Ye Xiu: “If I have any questions, I’ll come ask you.”

“Ha ha, you’ll come across one soon. That guide you’re looking at is from nine years ago. There have been many changes in the game within those nine years. Although you can still look at this guide, there are four places you have to pay attention to. The things mentioned there aren’t suitable at all for the current Battle Mage.” Ye Xiu said.

Chapter 54 – Show Me

Tang Rou was still a newbie in this area, so she obviously didn’t understand the situation. And Chen Guo? She played Launcher! Although she had watched many wonderful videos on Battle Mages, she never truly researched the class. She had browsed the Internet and clicked on guides just this afternoon. Chen Guo was recklessly relying on a hopelessly optimistic gamble. Her search words were Battle Mage and the author, Ye Qiu or One Autumn Leaf. Seeing a match, she picked the guide without thinking too much about it and arranged them for Tang Rou in volumes. But they had only started on the first page and Ye Xiu already criticized it saying that this guide was out of date in some places.

Now that he mentioned it, it really had been nine years! Who knew how many times Glory had been tweaked, which class hadn’t experienced changes? If there hadn’t been a single change in nine years, wouldn’t that mean the players hadn’t improved in that time? If it really was like this, then the game Glory wouldn’t be so popular. The game also had time to grow!

“Are you saying the truth?” Chen Guo asked Ye Xiu.

“Yup.”

“Then which four places?” Tang Rou asked.

“Why don’t you two go eat dinner? I’ll revise the guide for you.” Ye Xiu said.

Of these two people, one of them was engrossed in the game, while the other made a firm resolution to get engrossed in the game. They had researched the Battle Mage together and didn't think to eat. Once they heard Ye Xiu say this, they both felt a little hungry.

"Then we'll head to dinner first?" Chen Guo asked for Tang Rou's opinion.

"Okay, sorry to trouble you." The latter half of Tang Rou's response was directed towards Ye Xiu.

"Go, go!" Ye Xiu drove away the two of them. Not long after sitting down, he heard Chen Guo's cry of surprise: "Why is today's dinner so luxurious? Who ordered it?"

Once she heard everyone say that it was Brother Ye, Chen Guo disdained him even more and said to Tang Rou: "He really knows how to take advantage of other people."

"Ha ha." Tang Rou laughed.

"You too. After losing so many times, you don't feel bad?" Chen Guo saw that Tang Rou didn't take the 1100 Yuan she lost seriously at all. Although she had worked two years as a long-time employee at the Internet Cafe, Chen Guo had deliberately raised her salary. But Tang Rou really didn't do anything too different from other employees. In the Internet Cafe, how many things could a sister do? She could really only keep watch at the reception desk. As a result, her salary couldn't actually be raised by that much. 1100 Yuan couldn't be a small amount for Tang Rou, but Tang Rou didn't seem to mind. Her temper was the complete opposite of this Boss Chen Guo's.

With the popularity of Chen Guo's Internet Cafe, at worst, she could guarantee a net income of one to two hundred thousand a month. A thousand Yuan wasn't much for her. But it also hadn't been easy for Chen Guo to have the Internet Cafe develop to its current level. In addition, with a steady flow of customers, she didn't really have any habit of wastefully spending money. Even for Chen Guo, losing a thousand Yuan in a few casual bouts of PK made her heart ache for Tang Rou.

"Of course!" Tang Rou said.

"You've lost all your money. What are you going to eat this month." Chen Guo said.

"Aren't you in charge of food?" Tang Rou smiled.

Chen Guo was helpless. Her guarantee that the Internet Cafe took care of food and shelter raised a bunch of people who spent their income before they earned their next salary.

"Hurry up and eat. After eating, let's see what new trick that guy's come up with." Chen Guo said.

Meanwhile, Ye Xiu quickly revised the outdated parts. Afterwards, he looked at the materials Chen Guo arranged for Tang Rou. He saw that Miss High and Mighty Chen Guo's trademark awareness was extremely strong. She had picked everything that had Ye Qiu or One Autumn Leaf on it. Seeing this, Ye Xiu really didn't know whether to laugh or cry. He cleaned up anything unnecessary, repeated, and outdated. He added in anything missing, deleted anything that could be deleted, fixed anything that could be fixed, and elaborated on anything that could be elaborated on. While busily working in this abyss of suffering, Chen Guo and Tang Rou finished eating and returned. Chen Guo glanced and saw that Ye Xiu only glimpsed at the guide she had looked hard for, and then threw it in the trash. She immediately rushed up to ask: "What are you doing?"

“There’s a bunch of useless repeated things in that messy pile of yours. I’m helping you tidy it up.” Ye Xiu said.

“Really?” Chen Guo was skeptical. Although Ye Xiu always made her pissed, Chen Guo recognized his skill in Glory. This Ye Xiu really was better than her by a lot.

“Are you sure? These are all posts written by the God Ye Qiu.” Chen Guo.

“I’m sure. How could I not be? If he knew, he would also be very thankful for having the opportunity to let me tidy it up.” Ye Xiu said.

“No good. Let me check that guide you threw into the trash.” Chen Guo said.

“If you can understand it, then go ahead!” Ye Xiu laughed.

Chen Guo turned gloomy! Truthfully, she had never played Battle Mage. She only had a bit of knowledge on the mid-game and late-game content in those guides. When she reached this content, Tang Rou had to figure it out on her own. But seeing Ye Xiu’s very professional look, Chen Guo couldn’t help but say: “Can you really teach?”

“I can.”

“You know everything about Battle Mages?”

“I do.”

“You’re not afraid that little Tang’s going to beat you after teaching her?”

“Ha ha ha ha.” Ye Xiu laughed, “How could it be that easy. The master leads the way, but it depends on you yourself to learn. Have you heard of this before? The theories are all the same, but whether or not you can learn it depends on you yourself. Even if I don’t teach, the guides are public. If you spend the time, you can definitely learn it. My teaching will only save you some time.”

“What you say is clear and logical. Then let me ask you, if you want to increase hand speed, what should you do?” Chen Guo asked.

“Absolute hand speed or effective hand speed?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Obviously effective hand speed.” Chen Guo said. Absolute hand speed was just how fast you could hit the keyboard and click the mouse with your eyes closed. If you couldn’t use it in an actual battle, then it doesn’t matter how fast you were. As a result, effective hand speed was more important. It was the APM after getting rid of all of the useless actions.

Ye Xiu groped around his pockets. He took out something and gave it to Chen Guo: “Take it and play.”

“What is it?” Chen Guo took it and looked. It was a palm-sized plastic board. On top were three rows with a total of ten mouse heads. It was a mini-whack-a-mole.

Chen Guo turned so furious, her nose almost went crooked. What type of trick was this? In the end, she heard Ye Xiu turn his head and say: “Try it!”

“Try what?”

“The power switch is on the bottom. You can change the level. Turn it to the lowest level and try! I’ve modified it. I promise you’ll love it.” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo was skeptical. She turned on the toy and the ten mouse heads flashed. An electronic beep sounded out, which let Chen Guo set the levels using the mouse heads. Chen Guo pressed on the first head. After a small electronic tune played, the mouse heads began to flash.

Chen Guo had played this type of mini whack-a-mole games before. She had to press whichever mouse head lit up. But the toy Ye Xiu gave her was much faster than what Chen Guo had expected. She hurriedly chased after the flashing lights and wildly pressed. Not even ten seconds had passed, when the mouse heads all flashed. They made a few sounds as if laughing at her, and then announced the end of the game.

“120 APM!” Ye Xiu laughed.

Chen Guo was baffled..

“People with an APM of 120 can barely go over 5 seconds. Go play with it. It’ll help your reaction speed.” Ye Xiu said, “If your playing speed won’t increase, then it’s mainly because you can’t react in time.”

Chapter 55 – Surpassing the Guide

“Little Tang, do you want to try?” Chen Guo handed the mini Whack-a-Mole to Tang Rou.

“She doesn’t need it. This won’t help her much. Her effective hand speed is probably around two hundred, but she’s not familiar with the game. Without experience, her ability to judge is lacking, restricting her reaction speed. She still has space to improve, but she can only slowly grind it out in the game.” Ye Xiu said.

“Then, what about you? How fast is your playing hand speed?” Chen Guo said.

“Me? I’ve already passed the increasing my hand speed stage. My 60 APM is more than enough to beat you.” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo suddenly thought of her first time seeing Ye Xiu’s disabled level hand speed. Yet he was able to solo the Midnight Phantom Cat only relying on this hand speed. At the time, Chen Guo felt quite mystified. Now hearing that Ye Xiu could destroy her with 60 APM, Chen Guo wasn’t mad at all. She had already felt that Ye Xiu wasn’t as simple as he seemed. Freely switching hand speeds. This was the biggest difference between professional and normal players.

“How much longer do you need for this?” Chen Guo asked Ye Xiu about tidying up the guides.

“Still a bit longer. The guides Ye Xiu made didn’t cover everything. There are guides by others that are quite good too. In a bit, I’ll help add them in. Actually, looking at the guides first without touching the game yet isn’t good. It’s best to experience the game first and have a certain amount of basics before looking at a guide.” Ye Xiu said.

“Why? Wouldn’t following a guide help you do less wrong things?” Chen Guo said.

“The guide is only a summary of the author’s experiences. The content inside only represents the person’s experiences at that time. After a year or two has passed or even a few months, someone will

discover a better way than what the guide says. This isn't only because of game changes, but also because the players' skill levels are constantly increasing. Clear records only exist to be broken. The peak will always lie in the future. Guides are only references and shouldn't be blindly consulted. Otherwise, you'll never break through to the next step."

Hearing this, Chen Guo could only stare blankly. She didn't want to believe that this reasoning had just come from that damned sloppy mouth. This reasoning ignored the God Ye Qiu that Chen Guo worshipped. If they were on an even level, then Chen Guo would definitely strangle the guy. But at this moment, she felt as if she didn't have any energy.

"Then, I'll play first!" In the end, Tang Rou replied. She sat at the computer station next to Ye Xiu and inserted her account card.

Ye Xiu nodded his head and turned his head towards Chen Guo.

"I.....I'm going to play Whack-a-Mole?" In this instant, Chen Guo couldn't help but feel a little skeptical on whether she was being toyed with.

"Playing Whack-a-Mole will only help improve your reaction speed. To actually increase your effective hand speed, you have to practice in-game." Ye Xiu said.

"Okay." Chen Guo nodded her head.

"Okay, see you later!" Ye Xiu said.

"Yeah." Chen Guo agreed. She turned around and left. After walking a few steps, she finally reacted. What's with this guy's attitude! Who was the boss?

Thinking of this, she turned her head to look. However, she saw that Ye Xiu looked so serious working on the guides. He didn't have any of that half-dead look. Chen Guo froze, stumped for words. She unexpectedly felt too embarrassed to disturb him. Looking again at Tang Rou, she saw that Tang Rou was concentrated on the game. After looking at the Whack-a-Mole in her hands for a while, she silently walked away.

Little Tang had talent. Ye Xiu was already extremely strong. But her? Chen Guo sat at the reception desk in a daze. She herself really liked this game and also hoped to get good at the game, but..... Chen Guo knew that it wasn't possible for her to break through to the next step. 27 years old. In terms of e-sports, this was already a time to recall memories of the past, instead of looking towards the future.

Tang Rou smugly entered the game, but after a short while, she had already suffered from setbacks. Her 200 APM couldn't solve this problem. Ye Xiu had also encountered the problem. And Chen Guo did too the other night playing on her low-leveled account. The problem of too many people in the beginner area.

She received quests with great difficulty and took forever to kill a monster. With so many people in the beginner village, no matter how fast your reaction or hand speed was, you would always fail to kill a monster. Tang Rou was tossed from side to side and beaten black and blue, but persevered on. After half an hour, she finally leveled up from Level 1 to Level 2.

Tang Rou let out a sigh and looked towards Ye Xiu. He was still tidying up the guides and was still focused as before. His concentration made even Tang Rou feel amazed.

Right when she was looking, she saw the focused Ye Xiu put his left hand into his pocket and take out a cigarette box. He shook twice and the cigarette jumped into his mouth. Throughout the entire process, his eyes hadn't shifted away from the screen at all. His right hand moved the mouse back and forth without ever stopping either.

Just when he was about to light up the cigarette, he was suddenly poked. He turned around and saw Tang Rou.

"You can't smoke here. Guo Guo will get angry." Tang Rou warned Ye Xiu.

"Oh....." Ye Xiu's smoking was a subconscious movement; he didn't need to think about it. After Tang Rou's warning, he discovered that he somehow had a cigarette in his mouth. Their seating was in the corner, however, and was fairly far from the reception desk. Besides Tang Rou and him, there was no one else there.

"She can't see it! So I'll smoke one cigarette. Don't tell her." Ye Xiu still sneakily lit up his cigarette. In the end, he even turned around and politely asked: "Do you want one?"

"No thanks."

"Have you smoked before?"

"I've tried, but I didn't like it." Tang Rou said.

"Oh." Ye Xiu nodded his head. He extended his head out and looked at Tang Rou's screen: "What level?"

"Level 2." Tang Rou said.

"Go go Tang Rou!"

"This Lord Grim is you, right?" Tang Rou suddenly asked.

Ye Xiu looked towards the tenth server's dungeon records on Tang Rou's screen. Lord Grim's great name hung on four of the lists.

"You're already planning on breaking my record?" Ye Xiu grinned.

"I can't for first clears, right?" Tang Rou said.

"Yeah." Ye Xiu nodded his head.

As a result, Tang Rou's gaze fell on Frost Forest's clear record.

"This record can't be broken on your own." Ye Xiu said.

"I saw. I still need four others to cooperate, right?" Tang Rou said.

"Later on, there will even be ten player ones, twenty player ones, and even more." Ye Xiu said.

Tang Rou was silent. He didn't know what she was thinking.

“I’ve finished this guide. Where should I put it?” With the help of the cigarette, Ye Xiu finished tidying the guide.

“The desktop is fine, but you can do it this way....” Tang Rou went over to show him. Internet Cafe computers all automatically rebooted, but employees could use an admin account to avoid this.

Even in these few simple movements, Tang Rou’s nimbleness could be seen.

“How did you practice your hand speed?” Ye Xiu suddenly asked.

Hearing this, Tang Rou’s movements stopped for a bit. Ye Xiu’s keen eye saw this minute change.

“I never practiced it. I was just born like this.” Tang Rou said.

“Really?” Ye Xiu smiled and didn’t say anything more. He stood up from his seat and gave it to Tang Rou: “You continue here! If you have any questions on the game or the guide, just come ask me.” Ye Xiu said.

“Thanks. And you?” Tang Rou saw that Ye Xiu was about to leave.

“I’m going to the smoking area. That place is a bit safer.” Ye Xiu said.

Chapter 56 – Leveling Isn’t Easy

When Ye Xiu passed by the reception desk, he saw Chen Guo sitting there with the mini Whack-a-Mole in her hands. She had a bitter look on her, so he didn’t say hello to her and ran to the smoking area to find a computer.

Nowaday, Ye Xiu’s Lord Grim wasn’t well-known only in the game. Ye Xiu himself was well-known in the Internet Cafe. Almost all the Glory players there knew that Lord Grim was this Internet Cafe’s network manager. He also had a self-made Silver weapon. Nearly all of the players in the smoking area knew Lord Grim. Many of them came in the afternoon after work and played until now without leaving. Seeing Ye Xiu come, they all called out to say hello to him.

Ye Xiu also casually waved at the people who greeted him. After putting the cigarette in his mouth and lighting it, he entered the game. He immediately suffered from a bombardment of messages. After going online for five seconds, the message prompt kept on flashing, flashing, flashing.

After looking at them, he saw that they were all the usual greetings. Seven Fields and the others said “Brother expert, you’re here.” Immersed Jade “I pay respects to God”. Blue Brook Guild’s representative Blue River invited him to level with them. Tyrannical Ambition’s representative Endless Night reserved him for some midnight dungeon runs.....

Ye Xiu replied to each of them. Seven Fields, Immersed Jade, and the others each replied with a smiley face. Blue River’s leveling invitation and Endless Night’s dungeon reservation were both tactfully refused.

Each of these players worded their messages to Ye Xiu very carefully. After Ye Xiu replied to all of them, they temporarily went quiet. But more messages quickly popped up. Piles upon piles of friend requests filled the screen.

I'm that famous already? Ye Xiu scratched his head. He had only helped set a new clear record and nothing more. The big guilds might have recognized that he was an expert, but they shouldn't have went so far as to kneel down and worship him, right?

Ye Xiu ignored all of these notifications. In the end, someone to the side bumped into him: "Brother, why don't we be friends?"

"Huh?" Ye Xiu turned his head. He discovered that quite a few Internet Cafe guests had walked towards him and waved their hands to greet him: "Brother, let's be friends!"

These friend requests should all be from this Internet Cafe! Ye Xiu started sweating. Due to the opening of the new server, the amount of tenth server players in the Internet Cafe was relatively large. Most of them were just playing for fun and didn't take the game too seriously. But some of them liked to make friends with experts. If they could become friends now, then their relationship would be more solid. As a result, there were quite a few people who wanted to add Ye Xiu as their friend.

"Oh? What are your names?" In front of them, he felt too embarrassed to directly turn down everyone. Ye Xiu asked everyone their game IDs and added each and every one of them as friends. After a short while, Lord Grim's friends list had already reached 37 people. In addition, none of them were offline. Besides the players he had met in the past two days like Seven Fields, the rest were all Happy Internet Cafe guests. Although most of them were from the smoking area, there were also a few people who ran over especially to make friends with him.

With such a long list, Ye Xiu couldn't match the real person and their ingame character. Riding on wave of momentum, one player joked: "We're all from the same Internet Cafe. We should all form a guild together."

This call didn't receive many responses. So far, Glory only had ten servers in total. Adding in the communal Heavenly Domain, it wasn't rare to meet with someone from the same server. Besides Ye Xiu's expert status as a dungeon record holder, everyone lined up to make friends with him because they all knew something Blue Rivers and the others didn't: Lord Grim had a Silver weapon.

This thing was more eye-catching than a dungeon record. If Blue River and the others knew that Lord Grim was hiding this, they would have tried to rope him in even more crazily.

The proposal to establish a guild only received a few cold, hollow laughs. The brother that suggested it felt extremely embarrassed, so he shut his mouth, playing on his own. Everyone wore headphones and once again immersed themselves into the game world. On the other hand, Ye Xiu actively sent a friend request to someone else.

Soft Mist.

This was Tang Rou's in-game name. Ye Xiu didn't know what it was supposed to mean. He reckoned that she took the "Mist" from "Chasing Haze", took Soft from her name Tang Rou and just randomly put them together. (TLNote: Haze is made up of two words in Chinese. Mist is one of those words. Rou from Tang Rou means soft)

After sending the request, he didn't see a response. Ye Xiu supposed it was because this little sister was too unfamiliar with the game and couldn't even notice this type of system message. Sending more

wouldn't work. Sending one would flash in the same way that sending eight would. As a result, he just left it for now. After organizing the items in his inventory, Ye Xiu prepared to kill monsters and level.

The biggest problem with the beginner village was that there were too many people. But after leaving the beginner village, in the Level 20 stage, the biggest problem at the moment was still too many people.

There were multiple beginner villages to share the server traffic, but after the beginner village, everyone came together onto a single piece of land. Although this land was larger than the beginner village by several times, every Level 20 flocked here after leaving the beginner village. In the end, the situation was basically the same as beginner village. The area surrounding Bulls also had vast crowds of people.

Last night, Ye Xiu took advantage of the very early hours in the morning, when there were less people online, to grab and complete a few quests. But now was just at the peak of Internet activity, so doing quests would only make leveling slower. Receiving quests and completing quests both required lining up. Killing monsters had to be scrambled over. Just thinking of all this made him shiver in terror. Rather than quests, it'd be better to look for a firm location to clear monsters and level.

At this stage, what leveling area had fewer people? Of course it was the higher leveled areas. Players would lose experience when they died in Glory, so most players wouldn't rashly take risks. They preferred to line up for quests, line up for monsters, and level up steadily. If they weren't experts, they wouldn't even think of going to high leveled areas to level.

In Glory, dungeons were the fastest way to level. The next fastest was completing quest lines. And the slowest was clearing monsters. But in the current circumstances, he no longer had any dungeon entries left and he'd have to wait in line to do quests, so clearing monsters were the most optimal choice.

Difficulties and so on, those weren't in Ye Xiu's considerations. With his peak level of skill, as long as the NPC's level wasn't too high above his, then there wouldn't be any problem.

The experience gained by killing monsters depended on the level difference. This difference still used five as a standard. If the monsters were five levels above or below the player's level, then the player would only receive minimal experience. Within that range, the higher the level, the greater the experience. As a result, monsters that were five levels higher than the player gave the most experience.

Five levels didn't sound like a lot, but in Glory, each level higher had the problem of Level Suppression.

In Glory, levels weren't only used to define players. Physical attack, magic attack, Bleed, Stun, Root, and other status effects had levels too.

When the system didn't display the difference in levels, then these levels would all be the same as the player's level.

In other words, the current Lord Grim's level was 21. If he used Double Stab to cause a hidden BOSS to Bleed, then the Bleed's level would be 21.

Level 21 damage or a Level 21 Bleed would have a reduced effect on Level 22 and up monsters. The higher the level gap, the more obvious the reduction. This type of situation was called Level Suppression.

The difference between being high-leveled and low-leveled wasn't just the difference in attributes and equipment. The concealed calculations of Level Suppression added to the difficulties of challenging those at a higher level.

Chapter 57 – Boneyard

Lord Grim was now Level 21. Killing Level 26 monsters would give him the most experience. But it wouldn't give much more. With each higher level, the experience would increase by 2%, so a five level difference would give an extra 10%. However, with these five levels, the difficulty increase wasn't as simple as just 10%. In addition, if players went to level alone, without even talking about the dangers, the 10% benefit couldn't be seen due to the increased time needed to gain the experience. It might even be less efficient than killing monsters at the same level.

But the current situation was special. Ye Xiu didn't care about this small amount of extra experience when killing higher leveled monsters. Rather, he did it to avoid the vast crowds of people and to look for a quiet place to level. After sorting his equipment, Ye Xiu moved Lord Grim to the Level 23-26 Area: Boneyard.

Boneyard wasn't only the name of a leveling area. It was also the name of the dungeon. It was the same as Frost Forest. The areas outside Frost Forest were Level 20-23 leveling areas and had a large amount of wild monsters. Deeper into the forest were entrances to the Frost Forest dungeon. Similarly, Boneyard had a Level 23-27 Boneyard dungeon.

Players like Blue Brook Guild's Blue River, these sorts of high-leveled players, had already conquered the Boneyard dungeon. The records showed that the Boneyard first clear party was done by Tyrannical Ambition. Ye Xiu saw that Endless Night's name was there. As for the other three members in yesterday's party, they weren't on there. It looked like they weren't Tyrannical Ambition's first-string characters. The Boneyard clear record had already been broken four times. The newest record was currently held by Herb Garden.

As for Boneyard's three hidden BOSSes, Blue Brook Guild first cleared two of them. It looked like these dungeon records spun in these Three Great Guild's palms.

Ye Xiu didn't pay too much attention to all that. Lord Grim quickly reached Boneyard and sure enough, there weren't many players here. Currently, most players were Level 21 and most of them stayed at Frost Forest to scramble for monsters. There were already Level 22, 23 monsters suppressing them there. And the monsters in Boneyard would be even more so.

After picking a good place to clear monsters, Lord Grim shook the Thousand Chance Umbrella. It transformed into the battle lance form and slaughtered its way over. Eight Midnight Cat Fingernails adorned the Thousand Chance Umbrella, which was equivalent to giving the battle lance a new tip. Adding on the replaced linking axle, these changes upgraded the battle lance form to Level 15. Besides this, the original form and other class's weapon forms were still Level 5 and naturally, couldn't be compared to the upgraded battle lance form.

The Boneyard's monsters were the same as the Skeleton Graveyard's. They were undead monsters. Zombies, skeletons, skeleton archers, skeleton mages, etc. They were Levels 23-26. Their main feature was that they had high damage and high defense, but moved relatively slowly.

With Ye Xiu's skill, these sort of NPCs weren't any threat. After controlling Lord Grim to rush forward, he chose an area and began killing monsters there.

Ye Xiu killed very casually. He didn't overly pursue crucial hits, combos, juggling, back attacks, and those effect-inducing attacks. In order to fully execute these technical move, he would need to concentrate more, move faster, micro faster, and all of these things drained his energy. He was only leveling, that's all. Ye Xiu wasn't planning on fighting like he had been in the Professional Alliance finals.

Fighting and resting, Lord Grim may not have killed monsters that quickly, but he was extremely stable. Compared to attacks, Ye Xiu payed more attention to carefully dodging, which made it so that he never needed to run away and rest because he was low on life. He only rested after he ran out of mana.

In Glory, food and potions were recovery items. Food had no cooldown, but couldn't be used in combat. It restored a lot and recovered it quickly too. Potions weren't as effective as food, but they could be used while in combat. At a crucial point, they could be used as a last resort. But the better the potion's effects, the longer the cooldown. Moreover, potions of the same type shared a cooldown, so it wasn't possible to drink multiple health potions of different levels.

NPCs sold food and potions, but they were of the lowest level and were costly. Besides obtaining them from killing monsters, of the secondary professions, the cooks could cook food and alchemists could make potions. Each player could learn two secondary professions, but only one of them could undergo job advancement. That's right, secondary professions had job advancements. Once a player reached Level 50, the secondary profession could only be leveled further after completing the job advancement.

At the moment, the new server had only been played on for two days. Aside from the big guilds, no one else had begun learning secondary skills. The alchemists and cooks of every big guilds still weren't able to supply enough for their own respective guilds, so they didn't sell their products at the market. Players could only swallow their anger and buy high from the NPCs. The small amount of money they earned from killing monsters and completing quests were all spent on potions.

Ye Xiu was no exception. This sort of investment in the early stages of the game was absolutely necessary. But by relying on his outstanding skill, he was able to save quite a bit by not having to spend much on health potions and food. His money was mostly used on the mana recovery items. He was already quite frugal compared to normal players.

After clearing monsters for around an hour, Lord Grim escaped from battle again and drank to recover mana. Ye Xiu also lit a cigarette to rest a little. Right when he did so, a message appeared. Opening it he saw it was system prompt: Soft Mist has accepted your friend request.

After an hour, Tang Rou finally found Ye Xiu's friend request. Another message was sent: "Sorry, I just saw it."

Tang Rou and Chen Guo really were different.

She wasn't like Chen Guo who actively looked to make friends with others. She wouldn't treat people too warmly, but she didn't make you feel cold. When you spoke, you would feel that she listened very attentively; when she spoke, you would feel that she was speaking to you. If the way Chen Guo talked with others was very wild and street-like, then Tang Rou was scholarly, reserved, proper, and polite.

Besides the time when she lost a bit of control saying “Again” ten times in a row, he couldn’t find any faults on her.

Ye Xiu believed that this girl definitely had some sort of background. This sort of self-restraint and temperament reflected a good education. Moreover, she had that fast hand speed.

When Ye Xiu asked about how she practiced her hand speed, she hesitated. This made Ye Xiu convinced that her hand speed wasn’t some sort of innate talent, but rather a result from practicing. This could also be seen from her hands. She was the same as Ye Xiu. She was extremely careful with her hands and took good care of them.

Ye Xiu was certain that these weren’t hands trained through playing games. Pro players’ left and right hands weren’t completely the same because most pro-players used their left hands for the keyboard and the right hand for the mouse. The two moved completely differently. But Tang Rou’s left and right hands moved exceptionally balanced and steady. This unexpectedly made her left and right hands uncoordinated when she played the game.

If his guess was correct, Ye Xiu believed that these quick hands were trained through playing an instrument.

“It doesn’t matter. If you have any questions just message me.” Ye Xiu saw that Tang Rou wasn’t ordinary, but he wasn’t too interested in looking into her background. Truthfully, he himself still had to figure out what exactly his future path was!

Closing Tang Rou’s chat box, Ye Xiu was about to control Lord Grim to kill monsters again when suddenly, he heard a fit of fast footsteps from his headphones. Someone swiftly flew past Lord Grim. With a swing of a pole, the monster, which Lord Grim was about to attack, was knocked into the air.

Chapter 58 – Kill Stealing

Senseless!

Ye Xiu could only give this evaluation towards this sort of kill stealer.

Boneyard didn’t have many people. There were plenty of monsters for players to kill, but this guy just unexpectedly stole his target. This type of evil kill stealing was mostly done to show off their own skill.

This player held a pole in his hands. Magic fluctuated under his foot. He was a genuine Battle Mage. The magic fluctuations under his feet were a buff from the Battle Mage’s signature skill, Chaser.

Chasers could be triggered through several different Battle Mage skills for a total of five. After triggering a Chaser, they would circle around the Battle Mage’s body for 30 seconds. Within those 30 seconds, the Chaser could fly out and attack the target. After injuring or killing the target, the character would be buffed for 20 seconds.

At Level 20, Battle Mages could learn one Chaser: Neutral Chaser. It was triggered through Dragon Tooth and did the lowest damage among the five Chasers. The buff it gave increased the character’s movement speed. A Level 1 Neutral Chaser increased movement speed by 1% and the max Level 20 increased movement speed by 20%.

Chasers were the Battle Mage's most distinguishable feature, which was why it is said that they used magic to increase their fighting strength. Although Lord Grim was already Level 20, he didn't have the option to learn this skill.

This Battle Mage used this skill very proficiently. After knocking the monster into the air, he quickly moved behind the monster and then stabbed with Dragon Tooth, completing an aerial and back attack. A Neutral Chaser condensed onto the pole tip and flashed to his side. Depending on how the attacks were executed, there were differences between the triggered Chasers: small, medium, large. Although the size didn't affect the buff given, it did affect the Chaser's damage. In Glory, Battle Masters were easy to learn, but difficult to master. The usage of Chasers as well as the technical requirements for Battle Spirit all made it difficult to play proficiently.

This guy turned around and just happened to face Lord Grim. Even after kill stealing, this guy still continued to show off in front of him.

Ye Xiu look and felt that this guy wasn't ordinary. Not talking about his flaunting, he could tell just by looking at the character's mocking face. What a disharmonious face! Neither the game's appearance editor nor a random creation could make such a conflicting result.

Ye xiu shook his head. He didn't think that he would be tangled with such a show-off king over a small monster. Who would have thought that after the show-off king turned around and flaunted in front of Lord Grim twice, he would suddenly make a mistake. The monster, which had originally been in the air, fell to the ground.

Ye Xiu couldn't help but laugh. Right when he was going to leave, he heard this person say his name: "Lord Grim?"

"Yeah?" Ye Xiu heard this and turned Lord Grim around. That person walked towards Lord Grim while the monster chased after.

"So it was you." The other side said.

"You are?" Ye Xiu looked at this guy's ID. Thousand Creations, no idea. Was it someone from the Internet Cafe who he just friended? Ye Xiu opened up his friends and list was about to look, when the person said: "I heard you're quite good? Come, let's compare notes."

"Who are you?" There were thirty or so people on his friends list. Ye Xiu quickly glanced at it, but didn't see the name Thousand Creations.

"That's not important. The important point is that I want to duel you." Thousand Creations said.

Ye Xiu didn't say anything else and made Lord Grim turn around to leave.

"Hey, don't leave!!" Thousand Creations immediately said, but the half-fought monster was still attacking him. Thousand Creations used a Sky Strike to knock up the monster and then used Falling Flower Palm. The monster he fought was blown away and just happened to smash into Lord Grim.

After leaving beginner village, the system no longer protected players, so players could now PK each other. Right when this monster looked as if it smashed into Lord Grim, Lord Grim suddenly turned his body. Taking out his battle lance, the monster was stabbed in midair. With a wave of his arm, the

monster fell to the ground. He then used a "Circle Swing" to finish the combo, killing off the monster that Thousand Creations had blown towards him.

"You really do have some skills. But I still advise that you go to the Arena with me, so you don't lose any experience." Thousand Creations said this, but the other side didn't reply back. The other side did the same as him. He used a Sky Strike at a monster and then used Falling Flower Palm to knock the monster to him. But this time, the Falling Flower Palm was done quicker and the monster flew out towards him.

"Humph." Thousand Creations snorted in disdain. He stabbed it with his pole and was about to do what Lord Grim had done. He also used a Circle Swing to finish off the blown away monster.

The pole easily executed it. Thousand Creations was already praising himself, thinking that his previous action was quite cool. But who would have thought that the monster that was flying towards him suddenly fell to the ground. The pole unexpectedly stabbed at air.

Thousand Creations was stunned.

If this wasn't a coincidence, then this guy had actually used Falling Flower Palm with just the right strength and also calculated that he'd use Circle Swing to receive it. As a result, the monster was blown away to just outside of the Circle Swing's range, making his pole miss. What type of terrifying microing was this?

"You still have a ways to go!"

When Thousand Creations heard this, he immediately moved his camera over. Lord Grim was already walking away minding his own business, while he himself was being attacked by the monster he missed.

"You'd better not leave!" People who loved to show off, naturally, were most afraid of losing face. Now that he was being played with and looked down upon, Thousand Creations wouldn't forgive him. He once again blasted the monster over and chased after him, at the same time.

Lord Grim showed his skills once again. He lifted his hand and used Dragon Tooth. The monster that was flying over was staved off in mid-air. Following up with a Sky Strike, he hit the monster high up into the air and then used Double Stab. The monster opened up its arms and hugged towards Thousand Creations.

"F*ck!" Thousand Creations, who had rushed forward too fast, didn't have time to react. He didn't think that Lord Grim would play around with this monster for so long, before hitting it back. The flying monster hit his face. From a first person view, the entire screen was filled with a repulsive, rotting zombie corpse, utterly disgusting. Thousand Creations was hit down onto the ground by the zombie.

After pushing away the zombie, he immediately got up. But he discovered that the zombie had latched onto his thigh and opened his rotting mouth about to bite down. Thousand Creations beat it with his pole. After killing off this zombie with great difficulty, he heard creaking bone sounds from his headphones. He didn't know when, but a skeleton had aggroed onto him. The skeleton raised its machete and charged at him.

"Don't you like kill stealing? Take your time." Lord Grim called out. Thousand Creations immediately looked towards him. This guy had already gathered four monsters in that short amount of time. At this

moment, a Falling Flower Palm exploded out and the four monsters were smashed towards Thousand Creations.

Chapter 59 – Are You Playing With A Child?

Four monsters. Four directions. Adding on the skeleton holding a machete, Thousand Creations couldn't run away this time. The Chasers and what not had already disappeared far away along with the zombie that he had thrown down onto the ground. The camera circled round and round. And all around him were these undead monster's bones and rotting flesh.

Undead monsters moved relatively sluggishly, so they got up quite slowly. Thousand Creations was the first one among them to stand up. His camera angle turned. This time, Lord Grim didn't leave. Carrying his battle lance, Lord Grim ran over in large strides.

Surprised, Thousand Creations couldn't help but jump backwards. After jumping, he felt extremely regretful again. Why did he hide? Wasn't he the one who wanted to teach him a lesson?

At this moment, the sluggish monsters all climbed back up. Although these four monsters had smashed into Thousand Creations, their aggro was still on Lord Grim. The machete-wielding skeleton's target was originally on Thousand Creations, but it had just been smashed by the four monsters, which could be considered as Lord Grim's attack. Its aggro was also on Lord Grim now. After the five monsters got up, they rushed towards Lord Grim.

Thousand Creations had planned to first clear the monsters and then properly fight a round with Lord Grim. But in the end, Lord Grim's battle lance had already stabbed towards the monsters, engaging in an intense battle. His viewpoint never turned towards him either.

Could it be that this guy only wants to fight the monsters and not me? Are these five undead monsters more valuable than me?

"HEY." Thousand Creations yelled.

"Oh, you want a monster? Here's one. Have fun!" Lord Grim uppercutted and thrust. A monster was hit over to him and steadily fell in front of Thousand Creation's feet.

Thousand Creations was baffled.

He had never felt this sort of feeling before.

In the past, every time he KSeD to show off, the guys who had their kills stolen were all utterly infuriated. Some even immediately attacked him. But in the end, they were beaten down. That sort of feeling felt so good.

But this time, the other side's response made him feel extremely childish. He had gathered five monsters and hit over one towards him whenever convenient. This move seemed as if it were saying: "Little child, don't be noisy. Uncle's got candy for you."

Thousand Creation stared blankly, not moving. The monster that fell in front of him was still aggroed onto Lord Grim. After crawling back up, it rushed back.

"What? You don't want it?" Lord Grim actually asked him.

Thousand Creations felt an extremely strong urge to gang up with the skeletons and zombies and beat this guy up.

“I’ll wait until you finish killing the monsters before we properly fight a round.” Thousand Creation’s tone suddenly became serious. He wasn’t as sloppy as before when he was trying to provoke him.

“No need.” Lord Grim replied to him.

“Why!” Thousand Creations blurted it out and then immediately regretted it. The other side had already said “You still have a ways to go” once. Why did he need to give him another chance to say it again.

“No time.” In the end, Lord Grim said this.

Thousand Creation’s cheeks streamed with tears. Child! He really was a child. A child that annoyed the adult to play with him. In response, the adult would say to the child: “Uncle’s busy. Be obedient. Play by yourself!”

He was being treated like this! Thousand Creations didn’t know what to say. He might as well just wait until he finishes killing off the monsters!

Thousand Creations came up with this plan. As a result, he quietly waited on the side. But at the same time, those five monsters wouldn’t be so quick to finish off. Should he try and help him? But he immediately felt that he wasn’t in a position to do so. As a result, he felt that he might as well just kill a monster to pass the time. But when he finished killing the monster and turned his camera angle back to Lord Grim, there were still five monsters. Kill another one then! After killing one, why were there still five monsters there? That guy’s skill wasn’t bad. It didn’t make sense for him to take so long! Thousand Creations was at a loss. But after looking more carefully, were these five monsters the same as the previous five?

Right when he was unsure, a skeleton was stabbed and then collapsed into a pile of bones. Soon after, he saw Lord Grim, bringing the other monsters, pull a new one and continue fighting with five monsters.

Thousand Creations threw up blood. He was waiting for this guy to finish off the monsters and duel with him, but this guy didn’t take him seriously at all. That guy was concentrated on leveling!

Thousand Creations grew angry. He decided to help him. Wrong, he wasn’t helping him, he was disturbing him. He was going to continue kill stealing until this guy’s patience ran out.

Thus, Thousand Creations rushed forward and began stabbing at the five monsters that Lord Grim had gathered.

Lord Grim seemed to shoot a glance at him. Immediately following, Thousand Creations received a party invite.

F*ck, who wants to form a party with you? I’m here to kill steal! Thousand Creations angrily declined the invite and continued to kill kill kill.

The five monsters were killed faster now, but after looking at the experience distribution, the expert KSer Thousand Creations was thoroughly defeated this time.

Because the two didn't form a party, if they attacked the same monster, then the monster's experience would be shared. The first blow and last blow made up for $\frac{2}{3}$ of the experience gained. The other $\frac{1}{3}$ was determined by how much damage they did.

Thousand Creations obviously didn't make the first hit and he had originally planned to steal the last hit. But in the end, he was unable to take the last hit either. Adding on to total damage done, he was also below Lord Grim, so he was only able to get a pitiful amount of experience. And in this situation, all of the items dropped belonged to Lord Grim.

But the even more irritating part was that before the five monsters fell down, Lord Grim had already pulled new monsters and continued to fight non-stop. Thousand Creations tried to steal again, but met a tragic end just like the last time. In the end, all he did was help Lord Grim kill monsters faster. Moreover, most of the experience went to the other side, while he ate the small leftovers. Seeing it like this, Lord Grim hadn't suffered any losses, while he himself had been squeezed for labor.

Thousand Creations was so angry he almost lost consciousness. After this wave, he would actively pull monsters and bring them back.

But this time, Lord Grim brought the monsters away from him, leaving Thousand Creations with the monsters he pulled.

Thousand Creation's cheeks streamed with tears. What was he doing?

He quickly cleared away the monsters in front of him and rushed forward: "Hey, I'm going join these monsters and attack you!"

"Stop being so noisy. Go level up!" The other side said indifferently.

Thousand Creations clenched his teeth and brandished the battle pole. He was about to hit Lord Grim when he suddenly heard: "Huh? Why are you guys leveling together?"

Thousand Creations immediately turned his head. A party of Blue Brook Guild members was walking towards them. The person talking was the tenth server Blue Brook Guild's guild leader, Blue River.

Thousand Creations put away the pole and was about to run.

"Where are you going Thousand Creations?" Blue River yelled.

Thousand Creation's cheeks streamed with tears. Guild leader, you have no brains! I don't have the guild name on top of my head, so why are you trying to expose my identity? So he ran, but sent a message to the guild: "Pretend you mistook me for someone else!"

"What are you doing?" Blue River didn't understand the situation.

"I've offended Lord Grim." Thousand Creations said.

"What.....What have you done? Did you kill steal his monsters?" Blue River understood his subordinate's faults.

"I.....I was about to kill steal." Thousand Creations cried. Even though he came to offend Lord Grim, he was the one who felt bad. How wrong was that?

Chapter 60 – Wild Boss

Thousand Creations was a member of Blue Brook Guild. Even though Ye Xiu made his head and face filthy with dirt, he was considered a rare expert among players. His individual strength might not be weaker than the so-called Five Great Experts.

In order to have a name like the Five Great Experts, a player first had to have incredible strength. Next, they also had to have incredible popularity. Once there were many supporters, the Five Great were made. But Thousand Creations? He had a bit of popularity, but he had an incredibly bad fault: he liked to kill steal.

Blue Brook Guild was one of the Three Great Guilds. But because of this, they had high expectations for their guild members. Although they didn't go as far as requiring that members lay low, but kill stealing, that sort of nasty behavior, was forbidden by the guild. No one could complain about this kind of rule.

The sort of powerful but arrogant and despotic guild that formed parties to kill steal were destined to fail. Their guild member's inner qualities were too poor.

But unfortunately, Thousand Creations had this kind of hobby. Moreover, he was also an expert, a relatively rare expert too. The guild didn't want him because of his inner quality, but they were also unwilling to part with such an expert. In the end, they could only turn a blind eye to his actions. Fortunately, Thousand Creations could be considered tactful. Whenever he did a misdeed, he never showed the guild's name, so a good deal of bullied players didn't put the debt on Blue Brook Guild.

This time, when the tenth server opened, no one knew why this guy just signed up to participate on a whim. Although this guy hadn't caused any problems for their guild yet, he made them feel as if he were a ticking time bomb. Seeing that he actively signed up to go the new server, the guild leader immediately approved and increased his rewards. In the end, he kicked the time bomb to Blue River, making Blue River pray that the time bomb wouldn't explode.

Blue River's cheeks streamed with tears! The opening of the new server was a time when players often killed monsters to level up. It was as if this time bomb was baking on a stove!

Fortunately, the new server was packed with people in the beginning, so everyone kill stole. Thousand Creations took pleasure in showing off his strength and didn't stand out all. As for later, Blue River planned on putting this guy in his party when leveling. Watching over him, he could lessen the probability of him going out and kill stealing.

But in the end, the second day since the new server's opening hadn't yet finished, and the time bomb had already exploded. Not only that, it didn't explode at any other time. It unfortunately exploded on their most important talent, Lord Grim.

Blue River was somewhat angry. The guild had clearly warned him many times that this talent had to be won over. If anyone saw him, they had to try and deepen their relationship and make friends with him. Thousand Creations should have seen this message. But this punk's method of making friends was f*cking kill stealing?

Blue River knew that this wasn't the time to be confused. Because Lord Grim was someone he was determined to pull into the guild, then he couldn't hide from him that Thousand Creations was also from Blue Brook Guild. If he pretended to not know him, then what about later? That idiot.

Blue River cursed and then ran up to Lord Grim. He laughed out loud and greeted: "What a coincidence! Why are you here too?"

"Leveling!" Ye Xiu said.

"Ha ha. Don't mind that punk! In these two days, everyone in the guild has been talking about and praising you. That punk probably didn't feel too good, so he deliberately looked for you to make trouble." Blue River said.

How could Blue River have handled the matter more brilliantly? First, he covered up Thousand Creation's intent to kill steal. He said Thousand Creations was jealous of Lord Grim's fame and power, which was why he deliberately searched for him, looking for trouble. This was easy to understand. In addition, he had unintentionally showed his guild's admiration for Lord Grim. He had flattered him without batting an eyelid.

Unfortunately, Ye Xiu knew that Thousand Creations kill stole first. After seeing who he had kill stolen from, he had jealously challenged him. But that was all after he kill stole. Fortunately, Ye Xiu didn't feel like getting involved with all this, so he casually laughed: "The child's pretty naughty!"

"Yeah, yeah! Look, he even ran, afraid that I'd scold him." Blue River said. If Thousand Creations had been switched with someone else, then he would have yelled for that person to come over and apologize. But as for Thousand Creations, he excused him. If this was someone who listened to others, then they would have fixed his terrible fault of kill stealing long ago.

"Um, do you want to level with us?" Blue River asked.

"No need. Leveling by myself is fine." Ye Xiu said.

"Actually, we didn't come over to level." Blue River said.

"Oh?" Ye Xiu thought. The day was going to end soon. It wasn't possible that Blue River and the others hadn't reached the entry limit for the Boneyard dungeon. If they weren't there for dungeon clearing or leveling, then could it be.....

"Blood Gunner Yagg." Blue River said.

Sure enough! Ye Xiu confirmed his guess.

Blood Gunner Yagg was Boneyard's wild BOSS.

Although wild BOSSes respawned, they were even more valuable than hidden BOSSes because this BOSS would only respawn three times every week.

Wild BOSSes also had their own leaderboards. There were first clears and also the kill number. The first clear could only be given to one party. The kill number was the same as clear records. The leaderboards would show the first three ranks.

Currently, there hadn't been any wild BOSS kills in the tenth server. Currently, there were only two in their level range. One was Boneyard's Blood Gunner Yagg and the other was Frost Forest's Goblin Merchant Lorraine. The beginner village didn't have any wild BOSSes.

Ye Xiu also had requirements for wild BOSSes, but these things could only be discovered and not sought. Ye Xiu wouldn't vainly attempt it alone. He had originally planned on getting the items from wild BOSSes from the markets. But if he happened to come across one, then he might as well try.

But the most important part for killing wild BOSSes was never to kill it, it was to steal it. The players who came to kill wild BOSSes were the more dangerous enemies. Although wild BOSSes were difficult, in the end, they were only system monsters. Experienced players had the ability to kill it without dying. But every time a wild BOSS was killed, there would always be dead players. This was all from the chaos between everyone fighting to kill it.

Although Ye Xiu had the ability to fight it, there was no way he could single-handedly steal the BOSS from an entire guild. Item drops from BOSSes were calculated differently from small monsters. Wild BOSSes had the most terrifying amount of health among BOSSes of the same level, and needed a long duration of heavy damage output. If the first hit and last hit counted for $\frac{2}{3}$ of the experience and items, then no one would want to bitterly do all of the work in the middle.

Thus, wild BOSSes completely relied on total damage to determine the share. No matter how strong a player was, there was no way he could do more damage than an entire party.

"Brother, are you interested in taking a look?" Blue River continued.

"Okay!" Ye Xiu gladly accepted.

Blue River laughed brightly and sent a party invite over. After Lord Grim joined their party, he said regretfully: "If I knew earlier, then it would have been better if you hadn't left the guild."

In Glory, after leaving a guild, a player couldn't join a new guild until five days later.