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Chapter 361: Progress of Health Task

“Poirot is actually getting his own series!”

“I saw this coming from the first two stories. Chu Kuang used Poirot as the main character. In the past, when people read detective novels, they focused on the case and reasoning, not the characters. Chu Kuang’s detective novels have got me interested in more than just the case, it feels like a breath of fresh air.”

“Chu Kuang’s detective stories are character-focused.”

“After all, Chu Kuang started out writing fantasy novels, his way of thinking is obviously different from traditional detective writers, focusing on character development and exploring human nature is a pretty normal thing. The ending of ‘Murder on the Orient Express’ is proof of that. Only Chu Kuang would allow the protagonist to let the murderer go!”

“I hope they don’t let the murderer go in the future.”

“I guess Chu Kuang wouldn’t dare to do similar stuff too often, after all, fighting violence with violence is not a positive thing, it’s just that when the law cannot protect us, we have no choice but to take up arms.”

“Sure, I like Poirot!”

“Another fascinating Poirot detective show, Chu Kuang is trying to build Poirot into the top detective in the industry. There aren’t many mystery writers on Blue Star who keep writing about the same protagonist. Perhaps this is a good attempt!”

“...”

With Chu Kuang writing two successive novels with Poirot as the main character, Poirot blew up in popularity. Many people have remembered this character, so when Silver Blue officially announced a Poirot series, the readers were generally receptive.

The fans of crime fiction were also invested in ‘Styles Manor Case’.

If anybody wasn’t too thrilled, it would probably be Chu Kuang’s fans who aren’t interested in detective fiction.

Chu Kuang has written a lot of novels and has accumulated many fans.

However, not all of Chu Kuang’s fans followed him in his constant genre-switching.

A regular reader, even if they really like an author, might not read the author’s new book if it’s in a genre they are not interested in.

It’s only human.

So while Chu Kuang is gaining more fans, some fans of certain genres are actually “dropping off” at the same time.

Like fans of his fantasy novels.

The truly loyal fans who follow him no matter what genre he writes, are still a minority after all.

However, the thing about Chu Kuang is...

His readers aren’t actually “lost”, it’s more accurate to say they are “dormant”.

As long as Chu Kuang continues to write the genre they are interested in, these fans would instantly be awakened.

Also, the number of readers willing to follow Chu Kuang in different genres is constantly increasing. Perhaps due to the genius displayed by Chu Kuang, more and more people are starting to admire him.

There are always some idols who are charming enough that no matter what they write, the fans are willing to pay for it.

It's a bit like chasing celebrities.

Diehard fans, no matter how bad their favorite artist performs or how poorly they sing, can accept it all.

Of course.

Chu Kuang doesn't belong to that group of terrible ones, on the contrary, he's so excellent that many people call him "abnormal".

After all, it's Xian Yu in the south and Chu Kuang in the north.

It's worth mentioning that while the response to 'Styles Manor Case' has been pretty good, the overall evaluation was definitely not as good as the previous two mysteries.

This was within everyone's expectations, and no one will criticize Chu Kuang for being over the hill.

After all, 'The Murder of Roger Ackroyd' pioneered the narrative trickery mode.

As for 'Murder on the Orient Express', it's a work that completely blew up the entire detective circle.

If 'Styles Manor Case' was of that caliber, it would be too exaggerated, even the abnormal should have a limit.

Not to mention, this story is commendable.

Like all outstanding serial stories.

The upper limit of the Poirot series is very high, but the lower limit is certainly not low!

As long as the quality of this series stays within a range that keeps the readers engaged, it'd be a successful series.

The well-known 'Sherlock Holmes' series operates on the same principle: the stories vary in quality.

The important thing is to maintain the minimum standard.

And as this series continues, Poirot will inevitably ascend to the pantheon of detective fiction one day, Lin Yuan can see this coming.

Ultimately, this Silver Treasure Chest is too good!

It directly elicited the Poirot Series for me!

Does this mean I won't have to plan too much for long novels for a year or two?

Lin Yuan worked it out, there are a total of 38 novels in the Poirot series.

There are 33 medium-length novels.

Excluding 'Styles Manor Case' and other already published stories, there are still 30 medium-length stories left.

These 30 books, following a pace of one book per month, can last more than two years.

Even if Lin Yuan wanted to shorten this timeframe, it would still take at least a year to complete the serialization of the entire Poirot series.

Considering the system's requirements for him, Lin Yuan thought he might need to shorten this time somewhat.

If that doesn't work out, he could intermix some other genres in between?

Plans cannot keep up with changes, so Lin Yuan didn't make any strict plans.

After the release of 'Styles Manor Case', Lin Yuan asked the system to display his data.

[Name: Lin Yuan]

[Music Prestige Value: 800,000]

[Literature Prestige Value: 830,000]

[Painting Prestige Value: 270,000]

[Film and Television Prestige Value: 220,000]

[Calligraphy Prestige Value: 33,300]

Lin Yuan didn't pay much attention to the data at the back, he mainly looked at the prestige value for literature and music.

Because he has a long-term task, many of the things Lin Yuan does are for this task.

[Task name: Health is the Prerequisite for Revolution]

[Task content: Prestige for both literature and music categories each breaking one million]

[Task reward: The host can live to thirty years old healthily without illness or disaster]

[Task note: The standard for 'health' refers to a physique carefully maintained by the system, far surpassing ordinary people. Additionally, this task will remain effective until the host reaches twenty-seven years old.]

This is the task that Lin Yuan took when he was a sophomore.

He checked the content of this task again today mainly because he realized that this task is almost completed.

Although the prestige of literature and music has not reached the task requirement of breaking one million, they have both reached around 800,000.

He only needs another 200,000.

If Lin Yuan steps it up, he will succeed!

At that time, Lin Yuan will have a healthy body.

A healthy body means more time and energy.

Although Lin Yuan has the system's energy potion now, which often gives him the effect of a healthy body, it is not as thorough a solution as this task.

After all, it's a comprehensive solution!

Including problems like damaging his vocal cords, you know, without the energy potion, Lin Yuan wouldn't even dare to stay up late—

Now, Lin Yuan is considered wealthy.

For wealthy people, health is the greatest wealth.

Chapter 362: Movie Star Dog

With the passage of time, Starlight's long-planned New Movie "Hachiko" finally saw its launch day.

This day happened to be the first day of July.

A fortunate day for begging for children, weddings, engagements, and the start of construction. An inauspicious day for funerals, travel, praying for blessings, and planting.

A perfect day to start filming.

Yi Chenggong was still the director, and Mr. Shen, the big housekeeper, was still Shen Qing.

Unless there were special reasons, Lin Yuan was not planning to change the core crew of the production team.

He remained as unassuming as ever in his role as the principal scriptwriter on set.

Without making any perfunctory speech at the launch, he left that to the director and the producer. Instead, he played a guessing game with Antarctica, who he hadn't seen in ages.

The so-called guessing game was simple:

He took out three medium-sized opaque cups, one of which covered a coin. He then quickly shuffled the order of the cups and finally let Antarctica guess which cup the coin was under.

Lin Yuan's professional piano skills came into play; his hand speed was incredibly fast, almost dazzling, and yet his movements were graceful.

Soon, Gu Dong, the assistant who was guessing with Antarctica, got dizzy from watching Lin's moving hands.

This wasn't really an issue; after all, Mr. Lin was known for his quick hands.

The issue was that even though Gu Dong was always guessing wrong, Antarctica was always guessing right. The dog's paw could easily find the cup hiding the coin.

This upset Gu Dong.

She felt like she was dumber than a dog.

What Gu Dong didn't notice was that Zhang Xiuming, the male lead of "Hachiko" who had been quietly watching Lin Yuan, coughed lightly to himself. His gaze, filled with bewilderment, rested on Antarctica.

Clearly, he had also tried his hand at guessing and had failed miserably.

"You won, here's your treat."

Lin Yuan opened a box of dog treats for Antarctica.

Antarctica wagged its tail, happily eating away.

Lin Yuan said to Antarctica, "Take your time eating, while I tell you about the script."

Lin Yuan began to slowly explain the script to Antarctica.

Gu Dong: "..."

Zhang Xiuming: "..."

Is Mr. Lin serious?

Does such a thing as explaining a script to a dog actually happen?

If they didn't know any better, they might think Antarctica was a human in a dog costume!

Well, okay.

There are people who communicate with animals this way. It doesn't matter whether the animal understands or not, as long as they themselves feel that the animal understands.

In daily life, don't we often see pet owners seriously chatting with their cats or dogs?

Mr. Lin is probably like that.

They figured as much, and didn't think too much of it at the time.

However, during the actual filming that afternoon, a startling event left them, and the entire crew, dumbstruck—

Antarctica began to display its acting skills!

As strange as that sounds, to be more precise, Antarctica was performing exactly according to the script!

Whatever Lin Yuan asked Antarctica to do, Antarctica did!

Even when the action wasn't perfect, Lin Yuan would intentionally correct Antarctica.

For example, at this moment, Mr. Lin was seriously telling Antarctica: "You're running too fast. The camera movement isn't nice. You need to slow down, follow this path, and if you deviate, you will be out of shot."

"..."

The older members of the crew who had worked with Lin Yuan during "Flirting Scholar," for some reason suddenly remembered how Lin Yuan had trained the male lead, He Sheng.

It was the same back then.

He Sheng, who couldn't act well no matter what, suddenly possessed sky-high acting skills after being coached by Mr. Lin.

Scenes that were previously impossible to get through, as soon as Mr. Lin taught him, he seemed to understand it all, as if Mr. Lin had unblocked his governor and conception vessels!

Back then, the entire crew found it miraculous. They still marvel at it whenever they talk about that incident.

But they didn't expect to see something even more incredible today...

Mr. Lin was teaching a dog to act!

Normal people teaching a dog to act would be like playing the lute before a cow.

But when Mr. Lin teaches a dog to act, the dog actually understands everything!

Lying down, jumping, seemingly upset, or merry, barking loudly, or humming under its breath...

Good grief!

The dog is actually acting!

Unbelievable!

Even if this is Mr. Lin's own dog, this is a bit too much!

The dog does whatever Mr. Lin asks of it, as though it's attained enlightenment or something!

"After all, it is Mr. Lin's dog."

Someone muttered, "Mr. Lin probably spends a lot of time with the dog and deliberately trained it, so they have developed a mutual understanding."

Everyone grudgingly accepted this explanation.

Antarctica is, after all, Mr. Lin's own dog.

Unfortunately, this explanation soon became untenable because the next day, the team brought in a puppy.

To explain:

When people watch a movie, they see the entire life of the dog on the screen, but in fact, this is just the crew's Blindfolded Method.

They need to find three dogs to portray the puppy, the adult dog, and the old dog separately.

Antarctica is playing the adult dog in "Hachiko."

As for the puppy's role, it had to be played by this newly brought in puppy. No matter how good Antarctica's acting skills are, it can't shrink in size.

It's not a Transformer, after all.

This puppy was clearly less cooperative than Antarctica when it came to acting, and the crew finally got a taste of the real challenges of shooting with a dog.

Compared to this puppy, Antarctica was more like a human being.

In some respects, it even acted better than humans!

When there was a scene where the puppy refused to cooperate, Lin Yuan stepped in.

He squatted in front of the dog, held the script, and seriously explained the scene to it.

The whole crew was in disarray...

Did he think this dog was Antarctica from his house?

This dog certainly wasn't Antarctica. Although Antarctica could cooperate with the film crew without taking medication, the puppy needed to.

The Emperor's Charm Potion.

This puppy, which had taken the Emperor's Charm Potion, still wasn't as smart as Antarctica, but it evidently gained some acting talent and could more or less understand Lin Yuan's commands.

Thus, when Lin Yuan finished explaining the scene to the puppy, and the crew restarted shooting in a peculiar atmosphere, everyone was utterly stunned!

This puppy... actually knew how to act now!

This puppy... had been trained by Mr. Lin!

"In all my years in the industry, this is the first time I've seen someone improve a dog's acting skills. If Mr. Lin can do this with a dog, wouldn't training human actors be a breeze for him?"

"Did Mr. Lin learn dog training before?"

"Your family's dog training skills can teach a dog to act? I think Mr. Lin must be psychic..."

"I'd rather believe that Mr. Lin can talk to dogs."

"Mr. Lin may not be able to talk to dogs, but he can definitely communicate with them in some form."

"No matter how you put it, this is just too amazing!"

"Compared to those big directors who only know how to train fresh-faced actors, Mr. Lin can even train dogs!"

"If you put it that way, I think, after being trained by Mr. Lin, the dog's acting skills surpass many actors."

“What, are you hoping for the dog to win the best actor award?”

“Why not best actress?”

“Because the best-acting dog, Antarctica, is a male.”

“...”

What these people didn’t know was that the puppy was obedient because of the power of the Emperor’s Charm Potion.

When the crew brought in the old dog later, Lin Yuan also used the Emperor’s Charm Potion to communicate with it.

Only Antarctica can truly understand, so Lin Yuan doesn’t need to spend money on it.

Some people tried to mimic Lin Yuan and communicate with the dogs.

But clearly, these three dogs basically only listened to Lin Yuan, especially when acting.

After these few days, the way the crew looked at Lin Yuan had become somewhat strange.

Gu Dong remembered the way his father gazed at the golden Buddha statue when he dragged him up the mountain to pray during New Year. It was exactly the same look.

Chapter 363: Shadow’s Industry Status

Although the filming of the movie had just begun, the entire crew was unanimous in one belief: the dogs in “Hachiko” could very possibly be the most talented ones that Blue Star has ever had in its films. If there were to be an award for the best actor among dogs, Antarctica would undoubtedly win it!

You can imagine.

No matter how this movie performs in the box office and receptions, audiences will surely be amazed by these dogs' remarkable performances. Any future production requiring dogs might even consider the ones featured in "Hachiko".

The acting of these dogs is absolutely brilliant!

Of course, the lead actor Zhang Xiuming is also incredibly skilled, yet because he is already known for his award-winning talent, his excellent performance was considered normal, which wasn't nearly as astonishing as the dogs'.

During a filming break.

The comic "Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma" serialized under the name Shadow by Lin Yuan finally came to its end. Its last episode was published amidst countless comments and expressions of reluctance from countless fans.

"The end of an era."

Shadow posted this status after getting permission from Lin Yuan. Luo Wei, who actually wrote the post, also took the opportunity to reveal the news of their new comic: "Working on a new original comics. Publication details to be announced separately."

"Time to celebrate the conclusion!"

"With 'Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma' concluding, it's probably less likely we'll see another culinary comic. No idea what type of comic Shadow's new one will be, but we all know you're not purely a comic artist!"

"Not merely a comic artist."

"New readers might not know this. Many people thought Shadow was just an illustrator before 'Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma' was launched, so this comic was not expected to perform well at first. It ended up becoming a huge success!"

"Xian Yu: Shadow's a hit?"

“Chu Kuang: Shadow’s a hit?”

“Haha everyone, don’t be too hard on Xian Yu and Chu Kuang by constantly comparing them with Shadow. Are ‘Southern Fish and Northern Madman’ even comparable for ordinary people? Shadow is also famous in the comics industry!”

“...”

The readers are not wrong.

Considering the overall record and impact it has made during its publication period, there’s no doubt that “Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma” is splendid and glorious. Red to the point of being purple seems an apt way to describe it, especially when it quickly became one of the three pillars of the Tribe Comics.

Unfortunately.

Due to the constant emphasis on the “Food Wars” theme and resulting aesthetic fatigue from monotony of content, together with the entrance of Chu Continent, a major reshuffle happened in the comics industry. This led to the downfall of the comic from the pillar status, showing an obvious decline in performance.

But overall, it’s not bad.

This comic is a very commercially successful mainstream comic, and it will soon be adapted into an animation. The production is already underway, and many viewers and fans have high expectations for the animated adaptation of “Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma”.

Is Shadow famous or not?

To the public, the reason why Shadow seems unpopular is merely because he is always compared to Xian Yu and Chu Kuang. Judging by the influence of his individual work in the comic industry, he has already become a successful veteran comic artist. Shadow’s fans even made a special post to explain:

“Shadow is indeed popular.”

“Let’s look at the data. Just as ‘Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma’ is concluding, let’s make a summary. In terms of online subscriptions to this comic, the initial success of this work ranked among the top five on the entire Tribe Comics website. Considering that Tribe Comics is the largest comic website in the industry, the impact of this work by Teacher Shadow is certainly among the top ten in the same period. The reason for the mediocre performance later on was largely due to the incorporation of Chu Continent, which has a massive comic and animation industry with many talents.”

“Not to mention Chu Continent.”

“Let’s take a look at ‘King of the Net’. As Teacher Shadow’s debut as an illustrator, the comic was serialized for free, but as you can see in many popularity rankings of comic characters, the fame of Long Ma and other members of Youth Academy is at the top level!”

“Then let’s talk about the achievements of the animated adaptation.”

“The popularity of the animated version of ‘King of the Net’ has exploded. The voice actor of the main character Long Ma is a rookie who became famous overnight because of this role. Being invited to voice many mainstream animes is sufficient proof.”

“In conclusion.”

“If it had not been for the entry of Chu Continent, Teacher Shadow would have solidly placed among the top ten influential figures in the comic circle. But even with the entrance of Chu Continent, I believe Teacher Shadow is still a big figure not to be ignored in our comic circle. His works can easily rank among the top twenty in terms of sales. Let’s not compare Xian Yu and Chu Kuang to Shadow for fairness. Even though they seem to be good friends, they are not in the same field.”

This post is pretty objective.

Shadow is indeed a top figure in the comic industry. Two of his comic series have achieved success, especially “King of the Net” which became popular due to its animated adaptation; it didn’t lose to Chu Continent’s animated cartoons in any respect.

But it cannot be denied.

After the merger with Chu Continent, significant changes took place in the animation market. A lot of new talents emerged in both the animation production industry and the comic industry. In this context, the weakening of Shadow's position is a fact, just like Xian Yu and Chu Kuang constantly facing challenges from new continents.

The difference is...

Whether Xian Yu or Chu Kuang, whenever they encounter talents from newly joined continents, they often sweep through them like a crushing force. These talents usually end up being their fans, whereas Shadow hasn't yet displayed such a sweeping prowess.

The merger will continue.

The merger with Yan Continent will happen after the New Year.

Luo Wei analyzed: "The best-developed industry in Yan Continent is sports, with their athletes being the top level in Blue Star. Aside from the sports industry, their competitiveness in every other industry isn't bad either, mainly because they excel in competition, which can stimulate industrial progress. Even their literary world likes using literary duels. They are recognized by Blue Star as battle enthusiasts, and this culture has also extended to the comic circle. They too like using battle as a form of expression, so when Yan Continent joins, we might face some combat challenges. Thankfully, 'Death Note' is not afraid of challenges."

"honey badger?"

Lin Yuan thought of an animal.

Luo Wei was confused: "What badger?"

Lin Yuan roughly explained what a honey badger is, which made Luo Wei burst out laughing: "The people of Yan aren't stupid. Although they like to fight, they usually only choose opponents who are similar in level to them. They wouldn't dare to challenge those who are exceptionally strong. Not many people in Yan Continent would dare to challenge Xian Yu and Chu Kuang, unless they are top-tier figures of the same level in Yan Continent."

Lin Yuan: "..."

He had a literary duel with Leng Guang under Chu Kuang's alias and had a general understanding of the format. Literary duels indeed have the ability to draw attention. What Lin Yuan did not expect was that not only the literary world of Yan is fond of fighting, they all are, in every industry.

No matter.

When 'Death Note' is officially released, even though there will still be a gap between Shadow and Xian Yu as well as Chu Kuang, no one will dare to say that Shadow is insignificant. Lin Yuan is quite confident in this respect.

Chapter 364: Change to a Different Cover Than

Luo Wei laughed, "Almost a year."

Lin Yuan was taken aback, "A year of what?"

Luo Wei continued smiling, "Have you forgotten the agreement we made? I lost to you in the traditional painting contest that day and agreed to be your manga assistant for two years. It's almost a year since then, I've even graduated from university!"

"Still a year left?"

Lin Yuan realized, "I'm in my fifth year!"

It was July. Lin Yuan had just begun his summer vacation after his fourth year. Although he hadn't officially started his fifth year, he would be a true fifth-year student once September came. However, Lin Yuan had taken so many leaves that he hardly noticed this.

"Huh?"

Luo Wei blinked her eyes, "You can't even remember your academic days, let alone our other agreement. You promised that if I did a good job as your assistant, you'd teach me traditional painting. I suppose I've done pretty well, haven't I?"

Lin Yuan: "..."

He really had forgotten about that.

However, Luo Wei did remind Lin Yuan that he had said all those things.

The main reason Lin Yuan agreed to teach Luo Wei traditional painting was because he received a task from the system.

The task required him to raise his painting prestige to over 300,000 in a year!

The task reward was a Gold Treasure Chest containing Master Level painting techniques!

Now, the deadline for the task was looming very close!

Thinking of this, Lin Yuan said to Luo Wei, "After the release of 'Death Note', I'll make time to teach you traditional painting."

"Okay!"

Luo Wei nodded excitedly.

She certainly loved manga, but her love for traditional painting never faded.

Lin Yuan didn't continue chatting with Luo Wei, but silently thought:

"System, could you give me some hints about the time limits on tasks in the future?"

Many of the system's tasks have time restrictions.

Last time, he went overtime on the apprentice task.

Although the system eventually gave in, Lin Yuan felt that the system may not always be so accommodating. What a pity it would be to miss the task deadline due to timing issues.

The system's mechanical voice replied, "Okay."

Lin Yuan made a face, then said to Luo Wei who was getting up to pack and go home, "Let's start drawing 'Death Note' officially tomorrow."

Luo Wei was surprised, "Why the rush?"

Lin Yuan said, "You don't need to know the specific reason. The earlier it is released, the sooner you can learn traditional painting."

Luo Wei put on her backpack, "Well in that case, I'm pumped up!"

Lin Yuan nodded, "Let's start tomorrow then."

With a little more than two months left for the task of raising his painting prestige to over 300,000 within a year, Lin Yuan plans to release 'Death Note' before the deadline.

Lin Yuan's current painting prestige sits at 270,000.

In other words, Lin Yuan is still lacking 30,000 prestige points to complete the task.

If 'Death Note' is successfully released, wouldn't those two or three ten thousand points of prestige be easy to gain?

This is why Lin Yuan is suddenly eager to release 'Death Note'.

Tasks are difficult and become null and void if they expire.

Considering the rich returns this task could bring, it was a Master Level painting technique!

According to the system's determination, Master Level is the peak of any industry.

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Driven by the task, the studio was buzzing with activity from the second day onwards, and a number of drafts for 'Death Note' were successfully completed.

Lin Yuan was also hard at work at the studio.

He was placing more and more trust in Yi Chenggong and Shen Qing, so the number of times he had to supervise the set was reducing. He only needed to go over when the dogs were required for the shots.

"Instead of calling myself a screenwriter, I would rather say I am a dog trainer."

Anyway, Lin Yuan believed so. The film crew didn't need him most of the time.

While creating 'Death Note', Lin Yuan let Jin Mu and Tribe Comics discuss the distribution of royalties in the manga contract.

After the success of 'Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma', Lin Yuan had the capital to increase the price.

"It's okay to raise the price, but I guess it won't be too much."

Jin Mu said bitterly, "Mainly, the comic artists from Chu Continent are so powerful that it has impacted our later results."

Why did 'Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma' lose its steam in the later period and lose its position as the pillar of the platform?

The first reason was that the manga caused aesthetic fatigue.

The second reason was that the people of Chu entered the scene!

The Chu people are best at animation.

When Chu joined the merger, Tribe Comics attracted dozens of manga GOATs.

These GOATs from Chu land released new works one after another, with several of them making a big impact, directly suppressing the Qin and Qi people.

All they could do was sigh that the Chu people were born invincible in the field of animation.

Just like the Qin people were good at music, it was unbeatable.

Lin Yuan wasn't necessarily aiming for a high price either: "You do what you think is best."

"Okay."

Jin Mu breathed a sigh of relief, then asked, "So, is our manga scheduled to be released in August?"

"How about August?"

"Alright, August is not bad."

Lin Yuan was puzzled, "What's good about August?"

Jin Mu explained, "August is the summer vacation and there are many students around. The majority of the manga audience are students. If we release the manga at this time, the level of attention will be higher."

"Oh."

"But while August is a good time, it also means that competition will be intense in August. I just checked, and some quite powerful Tribe Comics artists have already announced that they'll be

releasing new works in August. Among them are two heavyweights who are famous comic artists from Chu land.”

“I see.”

Of course, Lin Yuan knew what Jin Mu meant by intense competition. The website generally promotes new manga releases, but these promotional resources are limited. The top resources of the same period are generally assigned to the hottest comic artist-

It’s a mechanism to compete for a recommended position.

If there are no more popular comic artists during the same period than Lin Yuan, the best resources of course would be assigned to Lin Yuan. But if there are two more comic artists who are not inferior to Lin Yuan, then those resources would be competed for by Lin Yuan and the other two.

Of course, the best resources would be given to whoever’s new work is hotter. After all, Shadow really isn’t worse off compared to the two comic artists from Chu land.

“Hmm.”

Lin Yuan was not worried at all.

Of course, Jin Mu didn’t know about Lin Yuan’s calmness. He was still a bit worried.

But he was good at comforting himself:

“Boss, don’t worry too much. After all, you are quite formidable in the field of manga. If we can win this new publication period, we can restore some face for our Qin people’s manga. The people of Chu have been very smug about suppressing our manga.”

Lin Yuan: “...”

This kind of regional rivalry certainly wouldn’t easily disappear just because the states were merged. People always subconsciously compared with each other.

Speaking of which.

This was not the first time he had been compared with Chu people. It was just a different alias this time.

Chapter 365: The Great Yin Yang Master

Truth be told, Lin Yuan had no interest in these territorial disputes. However, it was often a matter that was not driven by his will alone.

If Jin Mu held such views, it was even less surprising for the Chu people, who were famously proud in the anime world.

The next day.

The news that Shadow would be releasing a new work in August appeared in the website's information bar, attracting quite a lot of attention from readers and fans alike:

"Shadow has a new work? He just finished 'Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma' and is already working on something new?"

"That's pretty fast. Seems like this is another original comic?"

"Shadow obviously isn't content with just being an artist. After all, the success of 'Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma' has already proven his originality."

"Although I'm not a fan of 'Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma,' I do hope that Teacher Shadow's new work will be a success because I am a fan of Chu Kuang!"

"I started following Shadow because of Xian Yu out of curiosity, but I ended up liking this comic artist because of 'Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma.' Although people have always joked that Shadow is invisible, I hope he can shed this title soon."

"Hahaha, it seems that quite a few people discovered Shadow through Chu Kuang and Xian Yu."

"You could say he's practically invisible."

“...”

Even though die-hard fans continued to emphasize Shadow’s status in the comics world, it seemed that his “invisible” label was not easily shaken off.

A few days later, Tribe Comics released a live interview.

Website interviews were a common occurrence ahead of releases by well-known comic artists.

However, this particular interview had nothing to do with Shadow.

Shadow’s interview hadn’t begun yet.

This one was about Sea of Blood and Pacific Saury—

Sea of Blood and Pacific Saury were the two famous Chu land comic artists who would be releasing new works in August.

As both of them were Chu people and were releasing new works in August, they accepted a joint interview with the website to hype up their new works.

Lin Yuan had also done this type of interview before the release of ‘Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma.’

There was nothing unusual about this.

However, some of the remarks made by the two during the interview seemed to annoy Luo Wei.

Like this comment from Pacific Saury:

“I didn’t expect that Teacher Sea of Blood would also be releasing a new book in August. If I had known, maybe I would have considered changing the date.”

And this one from Sea of Blood:

“Boss Pacific Saury is very strong. In August, I won’t be lonely with him.”

At first glance, the two didn’t seem to be saying anything too unreasonable. It just seemed like they were casually promoting each other’s work.

But where’s Shadow?

In August three GOATs were supposed to compete, but you two were already trying to steal the show. Are you pretending Shadow doesn’t exist?

Or do you think Shadow doesn’t deserve to be your competition?

Clearly, these two were intentionally leaving Shadow out.

They both declared cheerfully, “This August will be a comic derby for Chu people.”

The term “derby” generally refers to a competition between two teams from the same place.

This was why Luo Wei was feeling frustrated—

Shadow was being ignored!

The last few lines of the interview took Luo Wei’s irritation to another level.

This started when the host pressed the two guests on their opinion of Shadow, who would be releasing his new work around the same time—presumably because the host felt they should mention Shadow—and forced the topic into the conversation:

“What do you two think about Teacher Shadow releasing a new work at the same time?”

“Shadow?”

Pacific Saury looked at his own shadow: “I can’t see clearly.”

Sea of Blood made a pun: “Isn’t Shadow invisible?”

Anyone who knew the memes would know that Shadow had often been joked about as being “invisible.”

Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood were clearly making fun of Shadow.

Then, Pacific Saury said casually, “I’m just joking. Shadow is a quite powerful comic artist. I believe his music talents must be great, since he is a Qin person.”

Sea of Blood followed, “Just like we Chu people are naturally gifted in making comics.”

The two were quite witty, joking back and forth like comedians delivering punchlines.

But their intention was clear.

Chu people’s comics were the strongest.

This was why Luo Wei was rolling her eyes.

Surprisingly,

The interview drew a considerable response on Tribe Comics, with numerous comments underneath and even a bit of a controversy brewing.

“Was it really a joke?”

“Hahahaha, the two teachers are hilarious! Did they arrange this roasting of Shadow in advance?”

“I feel like the joke went too far and was disrespectful to Teacher Shadow.”

“They actually considered it a Chu competition, not even taking Shadow into consideration.”

“These two Chu people are such masters of sarcasm!”

“Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood are showing off. You could say they are joking because their words seem to be mocking Shadow, but if you said they are mocking Shadow because they seem to be joking, it doesn’t seem like they said anything too excessive, considering that Shadow being invisible is something netizens joke about.”

“As a fan of Shadow, I feel slightly nauseous from hearing them say all this. These two have really lost my respect.”

“Are Shadow’s fans so fragile? It was just a joke.”

“Here we go again. Fans are considered sensitive if they retort a bit, and fans are considered rude if they criticize a bit. It seems like you are the ones who are the most open-minded.”

“Honestly, these two do have skills, stronger than Shadow.”

“I’m neither of their fans, just a passerby speaking fairly: it doesn’t seem like mocking, just some frivolous bragging. However, it definitely seems like these two don’t hold Shadow in high regard.”

“...”

People were analyzing this interview.

Some speculated about how Shadow would react.

The next day, the routine interview before the release of Shadow’s new work took place.

But to everyone’s surprise, Shadow didn’t seem affected by the interview with Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood.

He didn't discuss much else, just promoted 'Death Note' dutifully.

"Well, look at that."

"Hahaha, Shadow just straight up ignored Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood."

"Nice, I like Shadow's attitude!"

"What grace! Teacher Shadow is truly graceful!"

"I feel like Shadow has already responded. His response is: I just want to focus on drawing comics."

"Cheers to Teacher Shadow! Go!"

"Let them do their petty squabbles. Let's just focus on what we do best!"

"I thought Shadow would retaliate. But this is better, why should he stoop to their level?"

"..."

Of course, there were some fans of Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood who accused Shadow of chickening out.

A user named Liangliang commented, "This is because he doesn't have confidence in his own work."

However, this kind of comment was soon overwhelmed by criticism.

"Not responding is chickening out?"

"So he should just start cursing like a shrew?"

“Regardless of whether they were being sarcastic, let’s just assume they were joking.”

“I think Shadow handled it perfectly.”

“As expected of the man stuck between Xian Yu and Chu Kuang!”

“Although I also admit that comics from Chu are amazing, as a casual reader, I enjoy Shadow more.”

“Shadow is the real genius, pretending to ignore Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood while actually completely ignoring them.”

“...”

Chapter 366: Master Level Painting Skills

“Aren’t you angry?”

Luo Wei said, puffing up her cheeks, somewhat surprised at Lin Yuan’s composure. This guy really knew how to keep his cool.

Lin Yuan was baffled. “Angry about what?”

Luo Wei facepalmed, and even Jin Mu couldn’t help but smirk.

Jin Mu could understand both Luo Wei’s frustration and Lin Yuan’s calm.

The reason for Luo Wei’s frustration was quite simple.

She just felt that Shadow was being made fun of, by Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood, with malicious intent.

However, Lin Yuan’s calm stemmed from his own strength!

In the eyes of Luo Wei and many others who do not know the truth, Shadow is just Shadow.

But for Lin Yuan, Shadow could be Xian Yu or Chu Kuang.

They were all equals.

Who said Shadow was insignificant?

Who would dare say Xian Yu or Chu Kuang were insignificant?

That's why Lin Yuan didn't respond to Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood.

Only those who have their sore spots poked will fly into a rage. If the other party talks nonsense, why should the person involved be angry?

You should know.

Outside the realm of comics, Lin Yuan had long been a dazzling big-shot!

Many Chu people wouldn't even know that they've already been knocked down in the music field by this "Shadow".

However, just because Lin Yuan wasn't angry didn't mean Shadow's fans weren't angry.

At Tribe Comics, many people shared Luo Wei's discontent!

They directly criticized the antics of Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood in the comment section of their interview.

The fans of Sea of Blood and Pacific Saury fought back fiercely.

A war of words broke out between the two sides.

Even some Qin and Qi comic artists felt quite unhappy!

“The Chu people are too arrogant!”

“There are many comic artists releasing new works in August, but Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood regard it as a competition. It’s not just about dismissing Shadow, it’s about overlooking all the Qin and Qi comic artists!”

“I really hope someone can teach them a lesson.”

“Easier said than done. The Chu people’s animation and comic skills have always been leading in Blue Star.”

“We have to admit that comics are indeed the Chu people’s forte.”

“Shadow didn’t respond because he didn’t want to get involved, and also probably because he was helpless.”

“Before the unification, Shadow was also a top comic artist, but among the most powerful Chu artists, Shadow doesn’t really have any advantages.”

“...”

Everyone was just frustrated, just as the Chu people would be displeased about the Qin’s dominance in Blue Star’s music industry.

If you can’t beat them, you just can’t. There’s nothing to it.

There were indeed comic artists within Qin Qi who could compete with Chu, but they were few and far between.

At least if Shadow faced Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood, he wouldn’t have much chance of winning.

Even though the comment section of Pacific Saury's and Sea of Blood's interview was chaotic, everyone understood that the Chu people indeed had reasons to be arrogant in the field of comics.

Even so, both sides still wouldn't give up their verbal clashes.

August hadn't arrived yet, but the air in Tribe Comics was filled with tension, a storm was brewing.

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In Lin Yuan's studio.

Luo Wei was utterly engrossed in drawing "Death Note," trying to channel her frustration into productivity. She was even more focused than usual.

Lin Yuan, as always, was leisurely working on his drafts.

On the 15th of August, Lin Yuan suddenly received a notification that the animated version of "Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma" had been completed. The first episode would premiere at six pm that day.

"It's done already?"

Lin Yuan was a bit surprised.

Jin Mu laughed, "This production company has chosen to broadcast while still in production. 'Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma' will air its first episode today because they've already completed half of the first season of the anime, and the rest is in production."

"I see."

Lin Yuan remembered "King of the Net" was not broadcast in this manner.

Jin Mu seemed to sense Lin Yuan's confusion and explained, "They've learned this method of production from the Chu people. You have to admit, the Chu people have a lot of experience in this area. They can start airing the anime when it's half finished and complete the rest with guaranteed quality."

That's right. The rights to animate "Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma" were bought by a company in Chu.

Jin Mu continued, "I have watched it already, and it's very faithful to the original."

As the author of "Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma," Lin Yuan could have gone to the production company to preview the first episode of the animated version, but he didn't. Therefore, his agent, Jin Mu, had gone to watch the finished product instead.

"It's now 5:30. Boss, do you want to watch?" Jin Mu glanced at his watch.

"Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma" would start at six o'clock.

"Sure."

Lin Yuan settled into the sofa.

He could watch the premiere on his studio computer.

Sure enough, it was six o'clock and Lin Yuan watched the first episode of the official "Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma".

The storyline was basically unchanged.

How the manga was drawn was how the animated storyline was presented.

Only some shots and transitions were artistically crafted by the director to make it more visually pleasing.

With the addition of quality voice acting, the whole effect of the anime was much better than the manga!

It's worth mentioning.

The voice actors in Blue Star were incredible, unlike the Celestial Dynasty in his previous life, where the quality of voice acting was inconsistent.

Furthermore, the quality of animation in Blue Star was even higher than that of Neon!

Lin Yuan even turned on the comments.

The comments for this anime were interesting.

“Ah, am I watching an adult anime?”

“Mom, let me explain!”

“Would you believe if I told you she's just eating a dish?”

“Hahaha, “Aphrodisiac no Soma” truly lives up to its reputation!”

“Hard work pays off, voice actors! Let's give them a chicken leg emoji!”

“Are current comics this sexy? I like.”

“Clothes explode, clothes explode, clothes explode! Ahhh, such blinding divine light!”

“...”

This animation has been produced to a level of embarrassingly explicit fanservice. Lin Yuan felt somewhat awkward watching it.

He should be more mindful in creating new works in the future.

Some fanservice is okay, but too much will affect his image.

As he was thinking about this, a system prompt suddenly popped up in his mind:

[Ding Dong! Congratulations, Host, for completing a task to boost your painting reputation to 300,000 points within a year, rewarding a gold treasure chest (Note: The gold treasure chest contains master-level painting techniques)!]

Lin Yuan was taken aback.

Previously, wasn't he still short of twenty or thirty thousand reputation points? This was why he was in such a hurry to release "Death Note", but the new comic hadn't been officially published yet. How did he suddenly complete the task?

Could it be...

Lin Yuan suddenly understood something as he lifted his head to glance at the animated version of "Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma". It probably had something to do with this animation.

The influence of animation was much greater than that of comics indeed!

Many gentlemen contributed their power to enhance his reputation as well.

Without hesitation, and with a bit of excitement:

"Open the treasure chest."

System prompt: [Congratulations, Host, for obtaining master-level painting techniques!!]

Whoosh!

At this moment, Lin Yuan felt his brain teeming with countless top-tier painting knowledge, like streams of golden light coursing through his mind!

It was a very peculiar feeling!

At the same time, Lin Yuan could clearly perceive that his understanding of painting had levelled up again.

As he lowered his head to look at a few drafts of “Death Note” on the table, he suddenly frowned.

He frowned hard!

Lin Yuan initially thought that these drafts were not bad. At least this is what he thought before he opened the gold treasure chest.

But now, Lin Yuan somehow found these drawings too crude.

The lines were not handled smoothly enough...

The characters’ gazes were somewhat stiff...

This storyboard was not impactful enough...

The hands were drawn poorly, the angle was completely unnatural!

This person didn’t know a single thing about painting!

Oh, it seemed these drafts were drawn by himself...

Upon inspection, his flaws were countless!

So many mistakes that Lin Yuan couldn’t spot before, were now glaringly obvious in retrospect!

At this moment, Lin Yuan realized it was not that his previous painting skills were too poor, but his present painting skills were...

Too powerful!

Before this, Lin Yuan was only at a professional level.

At a professional level, one could make a living from painting, become a comic artist, or perhaps they could gain some fame as a painter.

But now, Lin Yuan had reached a master level!

Master level equated to standing at the apex in a specific field!

Although the system had a perfect level in its evaluation, considering that humans were after all, mortals bound by flesh, it was difficult to reach perfection, so Master Level painting had already reached the extreme limit!

That is to say,

In the entire comic field, no one's painting skills could surpass that of Lin Yuan. The most talented comic artist's painting skills were on par with Lin Yuan at best!

Moreover...

Lin Yuan doubted if anyone with such skills even existed.

However, in the traditional Chinese painting circle, there might be some super experts whose painting skills were on par with Lin Yuan's skill level now, but he was not sure since he hadn't conducted any research on it.

"In the art of painting, I am invincible."

Such a thought crossed Lin Yuan's mind.

As Luo Wei was planning to get off work, she was suddenly caught up in the excitement of watching “Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma” on her computer:

“Is it airing already?”

“No time to watch the animation now.”

Lin Yuan, with a stern tone, interrupted Luo Wei: “Bring me the drafts you have completed in recent days to check. I want to inspect their quality.”

Luo Wei, without taking her eyes off the computer, muttered: “Didn’t you check it already?”

Lin Yuan seriously stated: “Check it one more time.”

“Okay.”

Reluctantly, Luo Wei went next door, returning with a bunch of drafts. “Here you go...”

While talking, Luo Wei smacked her forehead: “There are digitized versions on the computer. Why do you need to look at the originals? They are not even colored yet.”

“Coloring will not make any difference.”

Lin Yuan stared at the drafts that Luo Wei had brought over and shook his head. It was as he expected.

A golden light seemed to sparkle in his eyes. “None of these can be used, each and every one is poorly drawn.”

“Huh?”

Luo Wei seemed a little stunned.

They were poorly drawn?

Most of these drafts were completed by Luo Wei and the assistant, half of which were even drawn by Lin Yuan himself. Yet Lin Yuan said that each and every draft was not up to par?

It's one thing to criticize my drawings.

But you're not even sparing your own work?

Are you being too strict about the job?

“Redraw everything.”

Lin Yuan said in a resolute manner!

Actually, it was not that Luo Wei's drawings were not good enough, but rather, his current level was too high, and as superior artists tend to have higher standards and requirements!

In fact,

Even if the original version of “Death Note” were now in front of Lin Yuan, he would still not use it.

Because he could! Draw! Even! Better!

But Luo Wei didn't understand.

So Luo Wei was left dumbfounded.

Chapter 367: Avici Hell

“Redraw all of it?”

After a moment of stagnation, Luo Wei couldn't help but raise her voice, the pitch slightly sharp, her mood very puzzled:

“You're not satisfied with this quality!?”

She knew that the first few chapters of “Death Note” had already been finalized.

As early as the late serialization of “Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma”, the studio had been preparing for the new work.

So the entire preparation time for “Death Note”, including everything, was close to two months!

But now, with Lin Yuan's sentence “Redraw all of it,” it means that the preparation everyone has done for nearly two months was all in vain!

Anyone finding out that two months of their hard work was in vain, would not be able to remain calm.

“But these drafts really don't work.”

Lin Yuan tells it like it is.

In his current view, these drafts are simply filled with flaws.

“Look.”

Luo Wei rubs her temple: “The content from the first to the fourth chapter, excluding the background part, was all personally drawn by you. The parts that we completed later were also approved by you. How could you suddenly think that these drafts are no good?”

It's too sudden.

If it weren't for the fact that they had worked and got along with each other for a year, understanding Lin Yuan's character and integrity well, Luo Wei would almost suspect that Lin Yuan was deliberately stalling because he didn't want to teach her traditional Chinese painting.

"This level..."

Lin Yuan tries to find an accurate description: "It's just at the level of an ordinary professional."

Luo Wei: "???"

Every word Lin Yuan says, Luo Wei can understand, but when put together, Luo Wei doesn't understand.

It's just at a professional level?

Only?

Luo Wei helplessly says: "This is already the limit of our abilities."

What Luo Wei says represents "us," and Lin Yuan is included in this too.

Lin Yuan's painting skills are not much better than Luo Wei's. After nearly a year of collaboration, Luo Wei is very clear about Lin Yuan's painting skill level.

"Here's what we'll do."

Lin Yuan says: "I'll redraw it first, you assist me, let's work overtime tonight. Uncle Jin will settle your overtime pay later."

"Then you draw."

Luo Wei crosses her arms over her chest.

She wants to see how Lin Yuan will draw it better.

The finalized drawings have clearly reached the limit of their abilities. Can redrawing it make it better?

Lin Yuan doesn't explain, he directly enters the office area, and starts to remake the first chapter.

The office area of a manga artist is often a bit messy.

The table has professional painting tools such as pencils of different models, dip pens, ballpoint pens, rulers, and correction fluid.

He picks up the pen skillfully.

Lin Yuan begins to draw the initial content of the first chapter of "Death Note".

The beginning of the original story starts from the realm of death,

Ryuk, the death god, loses his notebook and decides to go to the human world to find it.

In Lin Yuan's original painting, he drew the image of the death god according to the original "Death Note", but with master-level painting skills, Lin Yuan has even greater ambition!

What realm of the death god?

Just draw Hell directly.

The scene of the original realm of the death god, is not shocking enough.

Lin Yuan is going to challenge the real Hell, Avici Hell!

What real Hell should look like, everyone should have imagined it.

A lot of games and films also involve scenes of Hell.

In Lin Yuan's painting, Hell is ominous and eerie, consistent with the established impression of the majority of people.

The sky seems to be covered with a layer of haze, all sorts of ghosts aimlessly floating, unknown hair shuttling through the corners, nameless soft creatures like minced meat squirming in dark corners, unidentified flames burning...

This scene is really grand!

Lin Yuan has drawn several ghoulish images in succession, even some plants in Hell, but his speed isn't slow, it seems that the master-level painting technique has also increased his painting speed.

Some ghosts, their heads are bigger than their bodies.

Some ghosts, their bodies are covered in spikes.

Some ghosts, their whole body is rotting and oozing pus.

Some ghosts, only have eyes and mouth.

The images of these ghosts, Lin Yuan all drew according to the descriptions of ghosts in the myths and legends in his memory, while also adding in artistic modifications and considerations, letting the cruelty and unimaginable impact of Hell leap onto the page, like the ghost that Lin Yuan is currently drawing, opening its big mouth to swallow unknown severed limbs and arms, because the image is too vivid it seems like the ghost really exists!

Luo Wei's eyes gradually changed ...

Written expressions have limitations, images are more intuitive.

This is also why some people prefer to watch movies and animations over reading novels.

The Hell depicted by Lin Yuan right now, gives people a feeling as if this Hell really exists!

Every ghost inside it, even the rustling in the corners, is thoroughly taken care of.

Under the glamorous style, the impact is extremely strong, making people unable to avert their eyes at first glance!

And when the image of Ryuk, the death god, appears on the drawing paper, Luo Wei, who has her hands crossed over her chest, feels that her arms are knotting.

Luo Wei is a bit stunned.

Her eyes are wide open, even her originally prominent double eyelids have disappeared, only her pupils are contracting constantly.

It is obvious that it has not been colored yet, and even the linework is not fully complete, but this picture of Hell in front of her eyes is already making Luo Wei feel a sense of horror from the bottom of her heart!

“Hiss...”

She couldn't help leaning in closer, her breath turning cold, her body trembling, not knowing whether it was because the picture of Hell was too horrifying, or Lin Yuan's drawing skill was too terrifying.

A certain incredible idea, suddenly appeared in Luo Wei's mind:

The things that Lin Yuan drew before, might just have been for fun!

If you take this picture of Hell right now and compare it with the drafts Lin Yuan completed more than a month ago, the latter was straight-up annihilated to the point where not even dust remains!

But the problem is, both paintings came from Lin Yuan's hands!

If Lin Yuan was not hoodwinking before, it simply can't be explained!

Luo Wei absolutely did not believe that Lin Yuan's painting skills had improved so much in these days. No ordinary human being could make such a drastic improvement in such a short time!

So there was only one explanation that made sense:

When Lin Yuan was painting comics before, he must have been hiding his true skills; or in other words, he was just messing around, just painting for fun!

The terrifying part lies exactly here...

Compared to the current version, Lin Yuan's previous version did indeed seem like he was just joking around.

But this did not mean that the version Lin Yuan painted before was inferior.

Even if Lin Yuan's previous version were to be shown to top-class comic artists, those artists would only raise their thumbs in approval!

As for this current version, it might even make those top-class comic artists kneel in admiration!

Right now, Luo Wei felt as if her knees were somewhat buckling.

This is a professional artist, instinctively submitting in the face of someone like Lin Yuan who was a master.

In terms of skill, the gap between her and Lin Yuan was like a chasm!

"Give me a glass of water."

Lin Yuan continued to draw, without even lifting his head.

“Okay... okay...”

Luo Wei’s voice, filled with reverence, poured Lin Yuan a glass of warm water with the utmost sincerity.

“Gulp gulp gulp.”

Lin Yuan took a few sips of water and continued painting, paying no attention to Luo Wei’s odd behavior.

After acquiring the master-level painting technique, this was also Lin Yuan’s first time testing its effects.

And the result of the test was pleasing – this depiction of hell was absolutely at a level that Lin Yuan could not have achieved before!

Let’s put it this way.

Now, Lin Yuan could surpass the original version if asked to draw any manga from his previous life!

You must know, the original “Death Note” manga was drawn by Takeshi Obata, a top-class chiaroscuro artist in Neon. His level is already very high.

Yet Lin Yuan, having master-level painting technique, could draw even better!

Moreover, as Lin Yuan continued to perfect his painting, it was becoming even better!

He hardly took any breaks.

For nearly an hour, Lin Yuan’s wrist was constantly moving at a fast pace, with lines, either sharp or gentle, continuously appearing on the paper.

Next to Lin Yuan.

Subconsciously, Luo Wei held her breath, staring intently at the painting.

Only when she felt almost suffocated, did Luo Wei remember to exhale deeply.

At this moment, Luo Wei finally understood why Lin Yuan said that the previous version only had the skill level of a “professional artist”.

Lin Yuan has the right to say that!

Compared to Lin Yuan, she herself was as amateurish as a “professional purist artist”.

Luo Wei suddenly remembered Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood’s taunts at the “Shadow”.

Before, Luo Wei was furious and felt that the two of them were going too far.

But now, not only did Luo Wei not feel angry, she even felt a bit of sympathy for the two.

Of all people to provoke, why did you guys provoke Shadow?

You guys are now making Shadow so angry that he disregards the studio’s nearly two months’ worth of work, and unleashes all his strength...

You two probably can’t handle Shadow’s fury!

This round, you two may very well be sent straight to Avici Hell.

If we don’t talk about the plot, speaking only about the painting skill, could anyone in Chu land be nominated as a competitor against this Shadow?

At any rate, Luo Wei couldn’t think of anyone who could compare with the current Lin Yuan!

That’s right.

Although Luo Wei didn't understand why Lin Yuan didn't draw in this way before, she firmly believed that Shadow suddenly stopped hiding his incompetence because Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood had angered him!

The two of them will probably be left with shadows in the future, right?

Who would have thought that a serious painting by Shadow would be so monstrous!?

Even though Luo Wei was not on the opposite side of Lin Yuan, she felt a little shaky.

“Done.”

After almost two hours of tweaking, Lin Yuan finally stopped.

By this time it was completely dark outside, and only Lin Yuan and Luo Wei were left in the studio.

But Luo Wei didn't have the slightest resentment for having to work overtime. Instead, she had a sense of honor for having witnessed a master's great work!

“You can handle the coloring.”

Lin Yuan rubbed his sore wrist.

Normal painting wouldn't take this long.

It was simply because Lin Yuan wanted the first few chapters of “Death Note” to truly “shock” the readers, which is why he went to such great lengths to present the scene of hell.

This painting, in terms of being artistic, was not at all that.

There were only two words that the entire painting was exuding:

Show off!

Crazy show off!

It was an exquisite kind of show off that one could not take their eyes off!

“Coloring? Me?”

Looking at the completed work by Lin Yuan, Luo Wei felt a sense of unworthiness.

She even wanted to say: “I’m not worthy.”

But soon, a tremendous sense of honor drove her to nod heavily:

“Got it!”

Luo Wei felt as if she was experiencing the happiness of being singled out by the master.

Chapter 368: Are You Ready?

Lin Yuan’s decision to redraw Death Note rendered all the hard work of the studio in the past two months a complete waste. However, as Lin Yuan’s depiction of Hell laid before Luo Wei in all its vibrancy and lifelike detail, she no longer had any doubt about Shadow, or rather, Lin Yuan himself.

She spent the whole night coloring.

She put more effort into it than she did when she was drawing Phoenix’s Pride.

Not only this evening, but also for the remaining few days before the arrival of August, she devoted herself into an unprecedented creative passion, willingly acting as Lin Yuan’s manga assistant—

Even Lin Yuan, who was usually slow to notice such things, could feel Luo Wei’s change in attitude.

Previously, Luo Wei had some respect for Lin Yuan, but they were after all the same age, and Luo Wei was even a year or two older than Lin Yuan, hence their interactions were mostly among peers.

However, since Lin Yuan started redrawing Death Note, when Luo Wei faced Lin Yuan, she acted more like a student facing their teacher.

Total respect and extreme caution.

This carefulness extended to various degrees, even when she spoke, “I thought you were not upset about the Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood incident.”

Luo Wei seldom used such a polite form of address as “you” when talking to Lin Yuan before.

Although he sensed something, Lin Yuan didn’t mind this change in address. He casually explained:

“I wasn’t angry.”

It was just that he acquired master-level painting skills, and therefore, he had higher expectations for the quality of the manga. It had nothing to do with Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood. These two just happened to cross his path at the wrong time.

After acquiring the master-level painting skills, Lin Yuan certainly wanted to test them out.

Luo Wei gave a smile.

If you weren’t angry, why would you need to redraw Death Note, and go to such extremes?

Last time when Luo Wei asked Lin Yuan why he wasn’t angry, he gave a similar response, and Luo Wei really thought that Lin Yuan had a great talent for concealing his anger.

Now it seems, it wasn’t about concealing his anger at all, Teacher Shadow had actually decided to explode!

But she also has to thank Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood.

If it wasn't for these two guys stirring things up, perhaps Teacher Shadow wouldn't even have bothered to show off his full abilities.

She truly doesn't understand why Teacher Shadow, who obviously possesses such a terrifying talent, deliberately pretended to be at the same level as her previously.

Did he think it was interesting to be equal with an amateur like me?

"Maybe this is what makes a big shot."

So pondered Luo Wei, noting that the minds of the big shots are the hardest to understand.

Perhaps it's simply that Teacher Shadow found it interesting to be able to enchant the readers by just doodling?

Of course, Lin Yuan had no idea how vivid Luo Wei's imagination could be.

He never slackened off.

Although he had successfully obtained the treasure box and possessed the master-level drawing technique, since he announced that Death Note would start to be serialized in August, it naturally required him to prepare a few drafts ahead of time.

Meanwhile.

On Tribe Comics' website.

The controversy between Pacific Saury, Sea of Blood, and Shadow showed no signs of subsiding, and even involved disputes between different provinces.

On a certain manga forum.

A netizen from Chu land teased in the forum: “When it comes to Music, we can’t compete; when it comes to Manga, you can’t.”

Your guys.

“Your guys” here referred to the manga creators from both Qin and Qi provinces.

The Qin and Qi people were furious, but they couldn’t do anything about the arrogant Chu people, after all, Chu region’s animation really was popular throughout the Blue Star.

Anyway, the netizens from the Chu region were quite pleased with themselves for this reason.

Because earlier this year, Chu’s music was severely defeated by the Qin people, so some Chu people were quite frustrated.

Now that they were able to make a comeback in the manga field, they naturally had a reason to celebrate.

Even a media source from the Chu region specially launched a manga special, listing the influence of Chu’s manga to the Blue Star over the years.

Obviously.

The Chu region media also wanted to seize this opportunity to avenge their music personnel’s tragic defeat.

So, the subtext of these news was: “Although we lost to the Qin people in music, we will win back on the manga field.”

It’s just like a home away battle.

Music was Qin’s home ground advantage, and now it’s Chu’s turn to play their home ground advantage in manga.

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Nevertheless, the outside world would not distract Lin Yuan. Even though he devoted most of his energy to the manga, he still squeezed some time to visit the company.

There are two main purposes for his company visit.

First, to give his third disciple Li Lizhi some lessons on composition.

Li Lizhi's class timing was basically waiting for Lin Yuan's notification. When Lin Yuan had time, she would come for class, and when Lin Yuan didn't have time, she wouldn't have to come.

Although these classes were intermittent, under the teaching of Lin Yuan's upgraded Teacher's Halo, Li Lizhi was making rapid progress, even though she was of average talent.

This could have something to do with Li Lizhi's diligence.

Anyway, at this time, Li Lizhi's composition ability was commendable. It was just a matter of time before she could graduate from being an apprentice.

Second, to review Xue Liang and Feng Shuo's works.

In April this year, Xue Liang and Feng Shuo each wrote a song for Sun Yaohuo and Jiang Kui, and as a result, both Sun Yaohuo and Jiang Kui made it to that month's new song list.

This even sparked discussions about "The Yu Dynasty" from the public.

In the following months, Xue Liang and Feng Shuo maintained the rhythm of writing one song for Sun Yaohuo and Jiang Kui each month.

All these songs were guided by Lin Yuan using Yang Zhongming character card, and hence, the quality was good. The two singers who were responsible for the singing even made it to the top ten several times.

Of course, there were also times when they messed up.

For instance, in June, the previous month, the song that Xue Liang wrote for Sun Yaohuo was met with lukewarm responses, and it finally ranked twenty-third on the new song list.

For instance, in July, this month, the song Feng Shuo wrote for Jiang Kui also failed, ending up in the nineteenth place on the new song chart.

Fortunately, the overall situation is not bad.

With the help of two apprentices and Lin Yuan's character card, the performances of Sun Yaohuo and Jiang Kui in the past few months have been unproblematic.

August is just around the corner.

Lin Yuan plans to continue letting Xue Liang and Feng Shuo handle the songs for Sun Yaohuo and Jiang Kui, while he himself will use the Yang Zhongming character card to assist them.

That's the plan.

After finishing the lessons for the third disciple, and providing some suggestions for the works of the eldest and second disciples, Lin Yuan prepares to leave the company.

Before he can leave the office, Lin Yuan is stopped by someone.

"You're just leaving like this..."

The person stopping Lin Yuan is the deputy director of the ninth floor, Wu Yong.

Lin Yuan pauses: "Something up?"

Wu Yong gives a bitter smile: "You must be aware that August is almost here, and the company has tasked us with promoting two top-tier singers."

Lin Yuan says: “Aren’t we doing just that?”

These past few months, Xue Liang and Feng Shuo have been working on this, and Lin Yuan has often been using character cards to guide them, specifically for this company goal.

“My point exactly.”

Wu Yong reluctantly says: “Your disciples, of course, are doing a brilliant job, but the problem is that the progress is a bit slow. Sun Yaohuo and Jiang Kui do not have a strong foundation, plus we only have a few months until the New Year.”

In simple terms, Xue Liang and Feng Shuo’s efficiency in promoting talent is not high enough.

Sun Yaohuo and Jiang Kui are average in terms of foundation, especially Sun Yaohuo, it wouldn’t be easy to elevate his status.

By the progress they are making, by the time New Year comes around, it’s doubtful either of them will be top-tier singers.

Lin Yuan is deep in thought.

Wu Yong sighs: “You have promised before that you would personally step in. August is almost here. If you don’t take action now, it might be too late.”

“Got it.”

Lin Yuan nods confidently.

In September, he considers stepping in to aid Sun Yaohuo and Jiang Kui, but the customized songs must have some weight, as the goal is to make the pair top-tier singers.

Lin Yuan plans to consider what songs to use when he gets back.

Besides going to the company, Lin Yuan also visits the set of “Hachiko”.

The progress of the filming seems to be going well, probably because the main scenes are filmed in Antarctica, so there hasn't been much delay.

Whenever there are problems with the dog's cooperation, the film crew knows to call Lin Yuan over to train it.

The crew hasn't called Lin Yuan over lately, so it appears they are finally getting into the swing of things.

Lin Yuan simply takes a stroll around and then returns to the studio.

After Lin Yuan has made his rounds, time finally comes to the end of July.

To be precise, it is the thirty-first of July.

The Tribe Comics website is extremely active that night, with many fans waiting in front of their computers overnight.

Because tonight, Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood will release their new comics!

This is currently the hottest news on the site!

In addition, Shadow will also release his second comic following "Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma".

Although the public doesn't pay as much attention to Shadow as they do to Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood, because the two previously insinuated something about Shadow in an interview, sparking a dispute on Tribe Comics that went on for half a month, and even reigniting regional conflicts, everyone is also somewhat curious about Shadow's new work...

"Pacific Saury bro, go easy on me."

At eleven forty, with only twenty minutes left before the release of the new works, Sea of Blood suddenly messaged Pacific Saury privately, attaching a battered emoticon, and in a modest demeanor but deep down hoping he came first and Pacific Saury second.

“Sea of Blood bro, stop messing around.”

Pacific Saury immediately replied, attaching a laughing cry emoticon: “I’ve heard from fan groups that several of your readers are preparing a silver alliance. They want to blow me out of the water. Young people these days have no respect for martial ethics!”

“Anyway, you are bound to be first.”

Sea of Blood started downplaying his opponent.

Pacific Saury is an expert and quickly sees through Sea of Blood’s vicious intentions, instantly replying: “You will definitely be first, I’ll be happy with second.”

“You’re first!”

“No, you’re first!”

“Hahahaha, let’s stop badmouthing each other. Anyway, we are both Chu people. Regardless of which one of us comes first, it will be a win for Chu people.”

“Can’t argue with that!”

The two happily reach a consensus.

All while these two are badmouthing each other and inflating each other’s egos, inside Shadow Studio, Luo Wei, who decided to work overtime tonight, glances at the time in the lower right corner of the computer. It is already eleven fifty-five.

“Are you ready?”

Luo Wei looks towards her assistants.

The assistants at Shadow Studio also voluntarily stay to work overtime tonight. In Luo Wei's words, the release of "Death Note" should be completed in the presence of everyone—

"Beep beep beep beep beep beep!"

The mobile phone alarm set by someone for twelve o'clock rings, like a war song signaling the start. Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood each release their new comics.

At the same moment.

Inside Shadow Studio.

Under the watchful eyes of a group of assistants, Luo Wei releases the first five chapters of "Death Note", which were uploaded in advance.

Chapter 369: The Taste of Godly Creations

"It's out, it's out!"

Not just the readers were anticipating, but inside the editorial department of Tribe Comics, the editors were also looking forward.

When the new works of Pacific Saury, Sea of Blood, and Shadow were officially published, editors from each group accompanied by whispers of conversation, clicked on the works they were interested in the very first time.

An interesting phenomenon occurred here:

The first group of editors in Tribe Comics mostly clicked on the manga of Pacific Saury.

The second group of editors in Tribe Comics clicked on Sea of Blood's new work.

And the third group, everyone clicked on Shadow's "Death Note".

The rest of the editorial groups chose more randomly.

Why was this phenomenon occurring?

Simple.

Because Pacific Saury is managed by the first editorial group; Sea of Blood is managed by the second editorial group; Shadow is managed by the third editorial group.

These three groups naturally have more interest in the manga artists they are in charge of.

Kylin is an editor from the third group, so like the other editors in the group, he chose “Death Note”.

At this moment, the editorial department was still relatively quiet.

Everyone was just quietly scrolling their mouse and clicking on the manga they found interesting.

Of course, you had to read comics quietly.

Moreover, under normal circumstances, if one wanted to comment on the quality of a manga, they at least had to read more than one chapter to make an initial judgment.

However, today seemed a little odd.

The silence of the editorial department lasted only a few seconds before it was broken by an exclamation.

“Holy shit!”

What could they possibly discern from such a short time that they would start exclaiming?

Quite a few editors raised their eyebrows, but no one said much.

But right after that, several more exclamations followed in quick succession, so much so that the entire editorial department was getting irritated!

Everyone frowned simultaneously and some even stood up.

All the eyes quickly turned towards the source of the noise.

The third editorial group!

Being stared at by so many people, Kylin felt a little awkward.

He didn't know why his colleagues in the third group were causing such a commotion that disturbed the other groups while his own screen had completed the jump—

Three seconds ago, he clicked on the option to read “Death Note”.

Then, the first image of the first chapter of the colored version of “Death Note” appeared in front of Kylin.

This was a full-colored hell image!

A bluish-grey mist was covering the entire space.

The hell ghosts of various forms, either opening their gaping mouths with a ferocious look or staring in a weird direction with peculiar eyes.

Above a certain flame, a group of humanoid creatures had their tongues pulled out, nailed and hung over the fire to roast...

Gloomy!

Horrible!

Eerie!

People may have a hundred types of imagination about hell, and the first image of “Death Note” can satisfy 99% of people’s fantasies about hell!

The shocking visual impact, the exquisite artistry, and the peak of ingenious technique!

Then, just like the other colleagues in the group, Kylin exclaimed:

“Oh my!”

Everyone shows amazement in a different way, but their reasons behind their exclamations are essentially the same:

This image is too shocking!

You should know that the editors are the most professional people in the manga circle.

Many of them might be dealing with a variety of manga artists their whole lives.

The longer they’ve been working, the more they’ve seen in the manga circle, and because they’ve seen so much, they’re a bit numb towards some decent art styles.

But at this moment, they just saw the tip of the iceberg of “Death Note”, but their nerves are all tensed up, feeling palpitations!

“What’s going on with you guys in Group Three?”

A editor finally couldn’t help but open his mouth, he was from the fifth group and had a good relationship with a few colleagues from the third group.

“Just check out ‘Death Note’ and you’ll know.”

Kylin’s gaze stayed fixated on the screen of “Death Note”, and his eyes were filled with obsession and passion as they moved from the first image to the following contents!

Check out “Death Note”?

Hearing Kylin’s words, many editors from other groups paused, then simultaneously clicked on “Death Note”.

A work that elicited such a response from Group Three would naturally make others curious.

And as more and more editors clicked on “Death Note”, the editorial office of Tribe Comics suddenly fell deadly silent.

All of them, looking at each other.

At this moment, without needing many words, everyone put down the manga they were holding and started reading “Death Note”.

Luo Wei uploaded five chapters.

Five chapters of content, not too much or too little, doesn’t take half an hour to finish reading.

And that was when they were reading very slowly.

There’s no way to read quickly under the beautiful art style of “Death Note”, almost every picture can be appreciated repeatedly!

Merely skimming through quickly would be an insult to such good artwork!

However, when everyone finished reading the content that had been published for “Death Note”, the editorial department erupted!

Group Three.

Someone murmured softly, “Can you smell that?”

Kylin guide automatically answered, “What?”

The other party’s voice was trembling slightly, “The scent of a masterpiece.”

Kylin paused, then nodded heavily.

In fact.

The reaction of the editorial department was just the tip of the iceberg.

By the same time, many readers had finished the initial chapters of “Death Note”.

Then, the manga comment area boiled as expected!

“My mom asked me why I was reading manga on my hands and knees...”

“This is drawn by Shadow?!”

“This artstyle is too beautiful, I offer my knees to Master Shadow!”

“Never mind the plot, just looking at the drawing is already a supreme enjoyment!”

“No, you have to read the plot, paired with the plot, this manga is properly satisfying!”

“Such a heretical manga, paired with such an elegant artstyle, I’m sorry, I’m wet.”

“Whoever dares to say Shadow is a transparent person again, I’ll fight with them, Shadow is the sun, illuminating the entire manga circle!”

“This artwork simply crushes ‘Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma’!”

“I thought the artstyle of ‘Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma’ was already very good in the industry, after all, Shadow made his debut as a pure artist, but I didn’t expect Shadow could draw even better!”

“My God, compared to this, the art of ‘King of the Net’ is just a child!”

“Why are you comparing it to ‘King of the Net’? After all, it’s also Shadow’s work, we should say that compared to this manga, 99% of the mangas on the market are just children in terms of artwork!”

“Don’t just talk about the artwork, this plot also explodes, Yagami Light is so freaking cool!”

“Can you explain to me, this is the so-called transparent person by Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood? Chu Land Comics is indeed the number one in the world.”

“Shadow’s art has always been this perverted, where has he been before, were the artworks he drew before ghostwritten by others?”

“I’m suspecting now, his previous works were all drawn by his assistants.”

“...”

While the readers were discussing heatedly, a large banner suddenly appeared on the website:
[Amazed and couldn’t help but exclaim, this reward is necessary to express my respect, user I’m the Fairest rewarding ‘Death Note’ 10 million tribe coins, and has become the Great Gold League of this work!]

Shadow has taken off.

Chapter 370: Doubting Life

With the emergence of the Gold League, several silvers have already flown on the banner of the website, all aimed at Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood.

From any perspective, Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood are worthy of such respect.

However, after the appearance of this Gold League, the silver alliances of Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood, seem to suddenly lose their luster...

The Silver League is ten thousand dollars, rare indeed, but it does occasionally appear.

The Gold League, however, is worth a hundred thousand dollars and might not even be seen once in several months!

Rewards might not represent a book's success, they only indicate the tycoon's fondness for a work, a very private taste expression, but they have enough visual impact!

That's the scent of money!

For "Death Note", this Gold League is just the beginning.

Immediately following that, another Gold League smashed out!

[Applauding and getting up, this reward is not enough to express my feelings, user Illusion Feather rewarded "Death Note" 10,000,000 Tribe coins, becoming this work's Great Gold League!]

After rewarding, Illusion Feather also posted in the comment section:

"I was careless and didn't act swiftly, I'm the Fairest managed to snag the first Gold League."

Illusion Feather, I'm the Fairest, and a few other users, they're all very famous tycoon readers on Tribe Comics, they all know each other.

Illusion Feather is an old fan from the 'Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma' era.

While I'm the Fairest only rewarded because of "Death Note".

After Illusion Feather's comment, many readers replied below:

"6666666666!"

"Big brother rewarded so much, aren't you going to ask for updates? Let Shadow gkd."

"Damn, how many best-selling comics don't even have one Gold League, this comic just got published and already has two Gold Leagues?"

"Successfully attracted my attention to the tycoons, oh no, to 'Death Note'."

"..."

I'm the Fairest even commented below: "It's been a long time since I've seen such an explosive work, I spent all my pocket money on gaming this month, I'll give another one next month."

Illusion Feather replied to I'm the Fairest's comment: "Oh, then I'll take the lead."

After that, Illusion Feather rewarded "Death Note" with another Gold League.

I'm the Fairest replied with a helpless expression: "I'll replenish two next month, you better shape up or ship out."

With that, "Death Note" already has three Gold Leagues!

And the outrageous conversation between the two, coupled with the site-wide announcement, left the bystanders dumbfounded—

"Is this the world of the strong?"

"One hundred thousand dollars of pocket money? Do you hear that, is that even human language!"

“Illusion Feather: I’ll seize the first fan’s position while you’re not paying attention.”

“This comic only has five episodes!”

“Both tycoons are amazing, we poor can only give silvers.”

“Silver? Poor?”

“I really can’t imagine the happiness of rich people.”


“...”

Perhaps the efforts of I’m the Fairest and Illusion Feather have had an effect?

Before long, several eye-catching banners fluttered across the website, dazzling the eyes of every online reader—

“Congratulations to user [Little Dio Likes to Read] for becoming a Silver League of this work!”

“Congratulations to user [Willow God Whispers] for becoming a Silver League of this work!”

“Congratulations to user [[]] for becoming a Silver League of this work!”

“Congratulations to [Nomadic Person i] for becoming a Silver League of this work!”

“Congratulations to [Smile Again] for becoming a Silver League of this work!”

“...”

If someone carefully counts, they would find there are another nine silvers appearing on the fan list of “Death Note” after the Gold League!

Three Great Gold Leagues!

Nine Great Silver Leagues!

This fan list is overwhelmingly flamboyant, even readers browsing other comics on the website have been shocked!

“Damn, a red packet rain!?”

“Are the tycoons having a day off today?”

“All rewarded to ‘Death Note’? Whose comic is this, it’s so fierce? I’ve got to check it out.”

“...”

The rule on Tribe Comics is, each time a Silver or Gold League appears, a random red packet will show up.

If you’re quick enough, bystanders can snatch up some reading coin red packets.

With the appearance of three Gold Leagues plus nine Silver Leagues, even a klutz could get quite a few red packets.

“How many people threw Silver at this?”

“My god, there are three Gold League members. Just these few Golds, that’s 300,000 Yuan!”

“Do these big spenders lack accessories?”

“What kind of household is this? They can tip ten thousand, even a hundred thousand Yuan just for reading a comic?”

“Haven’t seen such an extravagant rain of gifts in Tribe Comics for a long time. Big shots are amazing, I’m going to check out ‘Death Note’!”

“The money I grabbed probably enough for me to mooch off Shadow for a few months.”

“...”

Most people knew that ‘Death Note’ is Shadow’s new work.

Because of the previous mockery by Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood, Shadow got the attention in some territorial disputes, so this matter has got quite a lot of attention.

However, there were some people who did not pay attention to the comic works in August, they were purely shocked by so many tips.

Is the new work competing for promotional resources?

Is there any better way to promote than this continuous rain of gifts?

Without any accident.

August new works list, ‘Death Note’ directly topped the list with the highest popularity!

Pacific Saury ranked second.

Sea of Blood is in third place.

The Internet has a memory.

People haven’t forgotten that Pacific Saury and Sea of Blood used to mock Shadow, or the arrogance and pride of the Chu people!

The comment section of the Pacific Saury’s comic.

Originally, all posts in the comment section of Pacific Saury's comic were praising Pacific Saury. But after many people saw the first few frames of 'Death Note', the most upvoted comment turned out to be:

"Pacific Saury, come out and take your beating!"

It's not just a coincidence.

In the comment section of Sea of Blood's comic, the most up-voted comment is the same style:
"Sea of Blood, stand straight and take your beating!"

Three Golds, nine Silvers!

The commotion on the site-wide banner is too big!

Of course, Sea of Blood and Pacific Saury could not fail to see it, not to mention the wind direction in the comment section is getting increasingly awkward.

And the two people who realized something was wrong naturally went to see 'Death Note' first.

Sea of Blood finished it first.

After finishing, he felt a little dizzy.

This feeling of dizziness started when he saw the first image of hell in 'Death Note'.

What is this?

What the hell is this?

Playing dumb to eat the tiger?

So, you deliberately hid your true skills in the first two comics just to slap our faces?

Don't talk about how shocking the plot and settings of 'Death Note' are!

Just by the painting skills displayed in 'Death Note', it's enough to make Sea of Blood kneel directly!

And there is no room for resistance!

This is not a competition of the same level at all!

Opening the chat box with Pacific Saury, the chat history still stayed on the business mutual praise between them.

Sea of Blood's face was burning.

He still vividly remembers just over an hour ago, both of them were passive-aggressively competing with each other, secretly regarding each other as the biggest competitor in August.

But in the end, they are just feeding each other.

This August has nothing to do with either of them.

If it were only that, it wouldn't matter, but the problem is, Sea of Blood and Pacific Saury had mockingly ridiculed Shadow before.

"I want to cut it."

The chat box suddenly flashed, and Pacific Saury sent a message.

The so-called "cut" is jargon, which means wanting to be eunuch, wanting to stop updating.

Only when a comic artist's new work performs very poorly would he have such an impulse.

But the problem is, Pacific Saury's new work is actually not bad, and there are no issues with the data.

But Sea of Blood could understand Pacific Saury's current mood very well.

He was hit by Shadow.

He was also hit by Shadow and wanted to cut it.

The force of this hit was enough to make Sea of Blood and Pacific Saury feel helpless on the spot.

Both even started to question their own lives.