

## Glory 391

### Chapter 391 – The Breeze is Still, the Waves are Calm

The guilds felt a bit dispirited towards the dungeon records. There was no way to stop Lord Grim from forming a dungeon team. They felt like no matter how hard they tried, second place would be the highest that they could ever achieve. There was no fun in that. As a result, some of the teams didn't care about having five players in a team before dungeoning. Eight players could be split into two teams of four. A team of four was enough to beat a dungeon.

However, Blue Brook Guild had one less player because Thousand Creations had left. Seven players split into two teams meant one team of three and one team of four. Unless there was no other choice, they didn't want the team of three to struggle on their way through the dungeon.

"You guys form one first. Bound Boat and I will look for players from other guilds to party with." Blue River was a kind guild leader. He made arrangements for the subordinates first before thinking about himself.

"I say that there won't be any other guilds to party with." Bound Boat said.

Blue River stared blankly before remembering. In Thousand Waves Lake, besides God Ye Qiu's group, only Blue Brook Guild and Tyrannical Ambition hadn't finished their three runs for the day.

"Aren't there players from Tyrannical Ambition? They just happen to have three extra. We can form a party with them." Blue River said as he messaged Cold Night. But it turned out that the other side had split their eight players into two teams of four and the two teams had already entered the dungeon.

"It seems like our only option is to struggle our way through the dungeon with just three players." Bound Boat said helplessly after learning about the situation. Blue River also sighed. The seven of them could only split into one team of four and one team of three. The two teams entered the dungeon. In the end, Blue River ignored Ye Xiu's invite.

Chen Guo saw Ye Xiu's invite get rejected. Why did Ye Xiu want to invite him? It was because their team had Su Mucheng, whose free time was limited. There were three reasons for why Su Mucheng had a high level. One reason was because when she first started, Ye Xiu had spent time to carry her through. Another reason was because she was good at the game. Her leveling speed was a bit faster than normal players. The third reason was because of the Christmas event. However, even though Ye Xiu, Su Mucheng and Tang Rou had gained by far the most in the Christmas event, it could still be seen from the level standings that no matter how skilled they were, they couldn't compare to the top guilds' 24/7 leveling.

Ye Xiu saw that in the end, only four players would enter the dungeon. Su Mucheng's character wouldn't be able to do this run, so she would definitely fall behind in experience. If she kept on doing this, she would naturally fall further and further behind. Chen Guo couldn't help but be concerned: "If you guys go dungeon now, what about Su Mucheng? When she comes back tomorrow, she won't have anyone to dungeon with."

"There's nothing we can do about it. We can't wait for her. She doesn't have time tomorrow either. She has a match to play." Ye Xiu said.

“She’s so busy. It must be tough.” Chen Guo felt her heart ache for her idol.

“It’s not too bad. She doesn’t spend too much time online. She can make it up with her skill.” Ye Xiu said.

“No matter how good she is, she can’t compare to the top guilds’ 24/7 leveling, no?” Chen Guo used to be a part of a top guild, so she knew of this, too.

“That’s true.” Ye Xiu acknowledged.

“Actually, my Chasing Haze is at the maximum level and I’ve also just left the guild, so I don’t have a set team to dungeon with. I can let her sit there for now.” Chen Guo was speaking as if her tongue were in a knot. It wasn’t at all like her usual unrestrained self.

“Hm? So you’re saying, you can help her level?” Ye Xiu understood what she was trying to get at.

“Yes, yes, yes.” Chen Guo nodded her head furiously. She was a bit excited. Playing on the same account as her idol, how fun would that be?

“You would have to keep on moving the card around. You won’t find that annoying?” Ye Xiu said.

“Not at all. Not at all.” Chen Guo shook her head furiously and became even more excited. This was another reason to be happy about! In Glory, the account was tied to the card. To get someone else to level it required handing over the account card. This would mean that she would be able to see her idol every day. Thinking of this, Chen Guo couldn’t help but smile.

“Boss, how old are you?” Ye Xiu suddenly asked.

“What?” Chen Guo couldn’t understand why he asked this question. Her age? Didn’t Ye Xiu already know it?

“Boss, you’re so old already, yet you’re still acting like a little girl chasing stars?” Ye Xiu said.

“Are you looking to die!!” Chen Guo jumped up in anger. She looked around, but couldn’t find anything she could grab to hit someone with. The mouse and keyboard in her hands were newly bought for her to use and she liked them very much. The monitor, too expensive. The chair, too big. Too much commotion wouldn’t be good.

“Cough, cough. Your words make a lot of sense. If you help her level, you’d take a big load off of our shoulders. The guild’s development is at a crucial moment right now. Boss’s decision is very wise.” Ye Xiu hastily corrected himself.

Tang Rou had turned to look at them and was holding back from laughing. Ye Xiu’s bunch of words had calmed Chen Guo down a lot. Chen Guo sat down, not knowing whether to laugh or to cry: “Then how do you think we should do this?”

“For leveling, my character is actually the most crucial! Boss, if you really care, help me level!” Ye Xiu said.

“Help you.....” Chen Guo’s interest had clearly gone down. If it was before, she would have gone crazy from excitement if she could help Ye Qiu level. But after knowing that Ye Qiu was Ye Xiu, Chen Guo’s adoration for the God had weakened.

“Okay.....” She still agreed though.

“Don’t sound so disheartened. My account is very fun to play! See.....” Ye Xiu quickly switched forms for the Thousand Chance Umbrella, showing what parts of Lord Grim were “fun”.

“Got it.” Chen Guo nodded her head. The Thousand Chance Umbrella really was fun to play with. It was just that Chen Guo wasn’t familiar with other classes. The few times that she had played on Lord Grim were all played as if Lord Grim were a Gunner. If she was going to substitute level, then she could try some other things.

“Let me tell you something first! I can’t play as crazily as you guys. When you’re not using it and I get tired, I won’t be leveling it.” Chen Guo bluntly stated her condition.

“What if it was Su Mucheng’s account?” Ye Xiu asked.

Chen Guo narrowed her eyes. Are you saying, how can I be compared to her? Ye Xiu was helpless. He was clearly more of a God than Su Mucheng.

While Ye Xiu chatted with Chen Guo, he was also playing in the Thousand Waves Lake dungeon. Thousand Creations and Horse Shooter were veterans. They didn’t need Ye Xiu to tell them much. His hands moved effortlessly and the Thousand Chances Umbrella continuously switched forms. All sorts of low-level skills were used. He was definitely the team’s nucleus.

With him watching over the team and no beginners to mess things up, their team easily cleared the dungeon.

At this moment, Blue River was feeling quite down. He had taken care of his subordinates as a kind guild leader, giving the position to be in a four-player team to others. His dungeon run was filled with dangers and frustrations. In the end, they were unable to hold off the second BOSS. Someone made a mistake and the BOSS wiped their team out.

The difficulty of the dungeon was much more difficult than leveling out in the wild. Dying was a very common occurrence. There was no benefit in dying to a dungeon. Players would still be penalized. At the start of the game, quite a few players criticized this setting. But Glory was ten years old now. The veterans were completely used to this setting and were too lazy to say anything about it anymore.

The only convenient part about dying in a dungeon was that after reviving, players would be sent to the dungeon entrance. They wouldn’t be revived back in the city, where they would have to run back to the dungeon if they wanted to try again. Right now, the three were gathered outside of the dungeon entrance. They consoled themselves, while waiting for the Critically Ill state to wear off. At this moment, Blue River received another message from Ye Xiu: “Died?”

Blue River stared blankly. If his death had been known, could that mean that one of the two brothers in front of him were from the other side?

“How did you know?”

“The level standings.....”

Blue River immediately flipped open the level standings and looked. He hadn't leveled much on his account these past five days. With his death, his experience slid down. Lord Grim and Tang Rou had surpassed him now.

"Oh....." Blue River replied after looking at the level standings.

"We're lacking one player....." Ye Xiu repeated.

Blue River stared blankly for a bit and then said to the other two: "You, go with Lord Grim's team. They have a spot there."

"Ah?" That player was startled.

"Bound Boat, you go with Flower Lantern's team. It seems like they're having some trouble without a Cleric." Blue River said to Bound Boat. Their team of three had a Cleric, which would help keep them safe. However, because of the Cleric, their damage output would be weak. But without a Cleric, they weren't confident in beating the dungeon just through skill alone. This was why their team composition was a bit difficult to deal with.

"What about you?" the two said nearly simultaneously.

"I haven't leveled in five days. Missing one day won't be a big deal. I'll go dungeon at Sin City." Blue River said to the two of them. He contacted Ye Xiu and sent their guild member over.

"Oh, what about you?" Ye Xiu asked.

"I'll go look around somewhere else." Blue River was quite relaxed.

"You don't have a team? That means you have nothing to do! Why not help carry some players?" Ye Xiu suggested.

"Get out of here! I'm busy!" Blue River set off.

"....." Ye Xiu sent him some ellipses.

No more words were said that night. After finishing the dungeon, everyone leveled at Thousand Waves Lake and everything was finally peaceful again. The top guilds were still a bit nervous, but after seeing that Lord Grim really wasn't going to attack them because he had received their materials, they gradually began to relax. He would even say hi sometimes, when they came near.

However, his greetings were too nasty. Their names were right there, but he never said them. He always yelled something like you died two times, you died three times, you died four times. What a God! He had even counted how many times the little shrimps had died. That was too improper! Everyone could only silently curse in their hearts.

Chapter 392 – What's So Good About Excellent Era?

A peaceful night passed. The nervousness that was felt from that day had calmed down. When the light came out and it was time for everyone to rest, the guild leaders suddenly received a message from Lord Grim: "Don't forget tomorrow's materials!"

“WHAT!!!” All of the guild leaders were taken by surprise. The wind whistled and roared and their hands trembled. They were unsure about how to reply.

Another message soon followed: “I’m just joking.”

“F\*CK!!” Some of them accidentally typed it into the global chat. Those who didn’t know about the situation didn’t know the reason for the curse. Of course, those who knew about the situation knew who the curse was supposed to have been sent to.

Everyone logged off and their substitutes came on. On Ye Xiu’s side, Chen Guo had been with him the entire time, enjoying the show and had even slept even later than Su Mucheng did. When daylight came, she still hadn’t gotten up yet. Tang Rou still had to go to work later that day, so she didn’t delay and logged off in order to rest. Ye Xiu leveled by himself for awhile, up until Chen Guo woke up. In accordance with what they had discussed last night, Chen Guo took over his character to continue leveling.

“I’m telling you, again. If I don’t want to play, then I’ll stop.” Chen Guo emphasized.

“Yeah, I know. I pretty much haven’t done any of the quests yet, so you can do the quests while leveling.” Ye Xiu said.

“Okay.” Chen Guo nodded her head and started her work as a substitute leveler. As someone who was straightforward with what she said, the reason Chen Guo stressed her words was because she had played Glory for many years. She had experienced practically everything in the game, so it was very easy to get tired and bored of playing by herself. Apart from special events, there were very few people who could patiently level the entire day like Ye Xiu and Tang Rou could.

Chen Guo felt like she would stop playing after two or three hours, which was a testimony to how well she understood herself. Whether it was doing quests or killing monsters, nothing was new to her. Sure enough, she quickly got bored. The only thing that allowed her to hang on for so long was because of the Thousand Chance Umbrella.

“I’ll stop once I finish this quest.” Chen Guo carried this type of mentality with her and continued..... all the way until Ye Xiu got up. Chen Guo was still busy running about, doing a quest. She had no idea how many times she had said to herself, “This is the last one. Once I finish this, I’m done.”

“Not bad. You level very quickly. You really deserve to be called a veteran at the game.” Ye Xiu said. However, Chen Guo had her headphones on and was too focused on killing monsters to hear him.

“Boss, it’s time to get off work!” Ye Xiu could only get closer and yell in her ear.

“Ah?” Chen Guo leaped up in surprise. She turned her head and saw Ye Xiu behind her. With a look of astonishment, she looked at the time. It was almost three o’clock in the afternoon already.

“Didn’t you say you’d stop playing once you got tired? You had that much energy?” Ye Xiu saw the experience bar and knew that Chen Guo pretty much, hadn’t rested. If not, she couldn’t have gained so much experience.

“Ah, yeah.....” Chen Guo said.

“You’re still not tired? If you’re not tired, you can continue.” Ye Xiu said.

"It's yours." Chen Guo got up. She was quite surprised when she left. When did so much time pass? She had gotten bored quite a while ago. What had allowed her to continue playing for so long? Chen Guo walked around in a circle. In the end, she came back to see what Ye Xiu was doing. Ye Xiu was just continuing to level, killing the monsters that she hadn't killed and doing the quests she hadn't completed. It was nothing out of the ordinary. There was nothing to say. Even so, Chen Guo still stood there stupidly for a long time. She discovered that her current situation was: leveling was boring, but not leveling was even more boring..... Her interest in Glory seemed to have entirely gone into the tenth server, into the tenth server's Guild Happy, and into Lord Grim, an important member of their future team.

"Unspecialized....." Chen Guo scratched her head. If Lord Grim really did appear in the Pro Alliance, what a sight that would be. Against the famous Vaccaria, Desert Dust, Troubling Rain, and even One Autumn Leaf, how would Lord Grim fare against them?

"Oh? You finished this quest." Ye Xiu suddenly interrupted Chen Guo from her daze.

"Hm?" Chen Guo looked at the quest Ye Xiu was talking about and nodded her head in confirmation, "Yeah, I finished it."

"Okay....." Ye Xiu didn't say anything more and continued with his business. Chen Guo pulled a chair over to the side and sat there like a general giving out orders. Even though she knew that she was only displaying her slight skill in front of an expert, she was still full of enthusiasm, especially when Ye Xiu did as he was told. It was truly an amazing feeling of accomplishment.

When dinner arrived, a different sort of excitement took over the Internet Cafe and it became even louder than usual. This was because it was another pro match day. Happy Internet Cafe projected Team Excellent Era's match today like a movie theater. This had already become a big feature of Happy. Whenever this day came, there would always be more customers than usual. Those at a computer had to play. As long as one didn't block another's view, then anywhere else was fine to stand around at.

Today, after dinner, Chen Guo directed the employees to begin setting everything up. The broadcast began a few minutes before the match began and it was projected directly onto a screen. The host and the commentator were already chatting with each other. But once everyone heard the content, they felt like something wasn't quite right. The customers who were paying attention and watching the broadcast had already begun calling out.

"Boss, what's going on?" Questions began being asked one after the other.

"What do you mean, 'what's going on'?" Chen Guo stood next to the projection screen with her hands at her waist.

"Excellent Era! Today's TV broadcast isn't showing Excellent Era's match. Hurry and switch it to the online stream." someone shouted.

The Glory Pro Alliance had a total of twenty teams. When match day came, ten matches would be shown at the same time. The TV broadcast was limited. It would choose the most popular match, the match with a feature, or a match that had to be broadcast by contract. That was the best way to get ratings.

For example, today, one of the matches was between Tiny Herb and Blue Rain. A match between Excellent Era and a weak team couldn't compare to this. If one wanted to watch Excellent Era's match, it could only be watched online. The online streams showed all ten matches, so one could watch whichever match one liked.

At Happy Internet Cafe, Chen Guo had always projected Excellent Era's matches, so the audience members were all loyal fans of Excellent Era. As long as there was an Excellent Era match, they wouldn't watch a match like the one between Tiny Herb and Blue Rain. But today, Happy Internet Cafe was projecting the TV broadcast, Tiny Herb versus Blue Rain, not the one everyone wanted to watch. Of course, they would hurry and remind the boss.

"Excellent Era is fighting Bright Green today. What's there to watch? Good matches can't be missed, so we're obviously going to watch Tiny Herb versus Blue Rain." Chen Guo said loudly.

The entire audience was completely astonished. They had come for this special event and were undoubtedly all frequent customers. How could they not know that the beautiful boss of Happy was a loyal fan of Excellent Era? There were also rumors that she often fangirled over Su Mucheng. In private, it was quite a topic for discussion.

But today, the extremely loyal fan actually said that there was nothing to watch in Excellent Era's match. Did some sort of devil curse her?

After a moment of astonishment, someone finally yelled out: "Boss, don't joke with us. Hurry up and switch the match. It's about to start."

"Yeah! Yeah!" A bunch of shouts sounded out. Many of them thought that Chen Guo was only joking. There was no way they were going to miss Excellent Era's match.

"Who's joking? Today, we're showing Tiny Herb versus Blue Rain!" Chen Guo's voice held no doubts, making them feel that she really wasn't joking.

"EXCELLENT ERA! EXCELLENT ERA!!! WE WANT EXCELLENT ERA!!!!!" Quite a few audience members protested intensely, shouting and yelling, whistling and booing, throwing around stuff.

But Chen Guo didn't cower back. She rushed towards the projection screen and jumped onto a chair: "We're watching Tiny Herb versus Blue Rain! If you want to watch Excellent Era, go back home!"

The fans were clearly more loyal to Excellent Era than the Internet Cafe. Seeing that today, the boss really wasn't going to show Excellent Era's match, they became furious. Quite a few clamored, "I'm never coming back". After a few more shouts, the majority of the audience left. Some had even trashed the place, throwing mice and smashing keyboards, breaking all sorts of things. Chen Guo saw this, but she couldn't do anything to stop them. She didn't say anything as she sent them off.

The remaining customers, besides those who weren't watching the match, were more mature. They wouldn't be so angry over something like this. The match wasn't going anywhere. If they wanted to watch Excellent Era, then they could just look up the match on the computers and watch, no?

On the projection screens, the two powerhouses had already begun fighting. The Internet Cafe had turned cold and cheerless in a mess. Keyboards and mice were on the ground. There were countless

broken ones, too. Some of the monitors had been smashed. Luckily, the computers were locked inside the table, otherwise they would have been destroyed as well.

The employees in the Internet Cafe quietly cleaned up. They were thinking that with the boss's temper, she might collapse from anger and were too scared to call out to her.

Ye Xiu got up from where he had been playing and walked to directly in front of the projection screen. He grabbed a chair and sat down in a comfortable position. His mouth moved: "You're very right. There's nothing good about Excellent Era's match today. Of course, you have to watch Tiny Herb versus Blue Rain. They don't know what it means to appreciate a good match. The ma'am over there. Could you move to the side? You're blocking the screen."

"Ha....." Still standing on the chair, Chen Guo unexpectedly laughed. After jumping down, she pulled over her chair and sat down next to Ye Xiu without even wiping her chair.

"Cough....." Ye Xiu suddenly coughed.

"What is it? Do you need to smoke?" Chen Guo narrowed her eyes.

"No..... Don't you think that we're sitting a bit too close?"

Chen Guo raised her head and looked up at the gigantic projection screen. She nodded her head: "A bit."

"Let's hurry up and get farther away in case they feature Wang Jiexi. If not, his two disproportionate eyes will scare us to death." Ye Xiu said.

#### Chapter 393 – Absent Minded

"Do you count that as a personal attack?" Chen Guo wanted to laugh, but she had to warn Ye Xiu seriously, too.

"No way. I'm just saying the truth. If you don't believe me, you can stay there!" Ye Xiu said as he moved his chair far away. Chen Guo hesitated for a moment. With the way Ye Xiu said it, she felt like he was right and hastily lifted her chair and chased after him.

By the time the two had found their new sitting positions, the individual matches were nearly over. The Blue Rain player beautifully comboed a Tiny Herb player to death, winning the victory for his team.

"Nice!" When Chen Guo sat down, she saw the result and began shouting.

"Which side are you rooting for?" Ye Xiu couldn't help but ask.

"Doesn't matter." Chen Guo.

"Then why are you shouting so much?"

"If they play well, then I cheer for them!" Chen Guo explained calmly. The Internet Cafe was empty. Let alone match days, even normal days never had so few customers at peak hours. In the messy space, they were the only two people looking at the big projection screen.

"If you're not rooting for anyone, the match is kind of boring to watch." Ye Xiu said.

"Then which side are you rooting for?" Chen Guo asked.



“Me? I’m a pro, so I look at the match with a studying eye. Look, these guys will be our future opponents.” Ye Xiu pointed to the two pro players who had just finished their match.

Chen Guo’s spirit rose when she heard this, especially when Ye Xiu said “our”. It made Chen Guo feel like she had taken a step into the Glory pro scene.

The second match began. In the entire Happy Internet Cafe, there were still the only two people paying attention to the projection. The others who were watching the competition stayed at their computers, quietly watching Excellent Era’s match.

In truth, how could Chen Guo feel calm, seeing Happy Internet Cafe in such a state? Happy Internet Cafe had always appealed to Excellent Era fans because of its proximity to the Club. Moreover, Chen Guo also happened to be a loyal fan of Excellent Era, so she was able to easily make the business into a gathering place for them. Her actions today had undoubtedly offended many loyal Excellent Era fans and had hurt her own brand. Chen Guo was worried about the road ahead. However, she wasn’t the type of person to swallow her anger. Excellent Era had already turned into an enemy to her and she wasn’t willing to specially serve these Excellent Era fans. Her actions had been impulsive today, but if she had another chance, Chen Guo was sure that she would do the same.

She was worried, but she couldn’t let others see it, so she tried her best to show that she didn’t care. Ye Xiu, on the other hand, truly seemed like he didn’t care at all. Amidst the mess, he watched the match as if nothing had happened.

“Beautiful!” Ye Xiu suddenly shouted, almost scaring Chen Guo off her seat. She was pretending to enjoy the match and didn’t want to show any weaknesses, so she immediately added: “Yeah, yeah. Beautiful.”

Her focus returned to the match. This time, Tiny Herb’s player clearly held the advantage. Chen Guo had no idea why Ye Xiu had shouted “Beautiful!” and she couldn’t ask him either. Controlling her temper, she watched as Tiny Herb’s player dominated his opponent. When the highlight montage was shown, Chen Guo’s question was answered. Tiny Herb’s player had been losing, but was able to punish a mistake to turn the situation around, making even a God like Ye Xiu praise him.

In the third round, Chen Guo felt that it would be too embarrassing to get distracted again. But this time, when she watched, she accidentally glanced at Ye Xiu and discovered that Ye Xiu was the one to get distracted. He wasn’t watching the projection screen. His gaze was on one of the customer’s computer screens.

This customer was watching Excellent Era’s match. Chen Guo glanced at it and noticed that the one fighting on Excellent Era’s side was Su Mucheng.....

The two people sitting right in front of the projection screen both turned their heads and squinted their eyes to see the Excellent Era match, naturally because they cared about whether Su Mucheng won or lost.

In the end, Su Mucheng won the match beautifully. Excellent Era’s opponent, Bright Green, was truly a low-tier team. Their goal was to stay in the Alliance. The players in the team weren’t that good and their accounts were relatively weak. Even on paper, the difference between them and an All-Star like Su Mucheng was too great. Su Mucheng’s performance was very steady and she won with relative ease.

At that instant, the two spectators immediately turned back after seeing Su Mucheng's match. Both of them sensed what had happened.

"Cough....." The two people lightly coughed. Just as one of them was about to say something, one of the Internet Cafe employees was deceived by boss Chen Guo's act and felt like the boss was abnormally calm today. The Internet Cafe had almost been ripped apart, but she didn't seem angry at all. As a result, the employee bravely went forward and reported their clean up progress.

"Got it. You can throw them away if they're broken. I'll have someone replace them tomorrow." Chen Guo calmly said after hearing how many items had been broken and continued to pretend as if nothing had happened.

"Without discarding the old, there would be no coming of the new." Ye Xiu recited.

"Are you trying to console me?" Chen Guo asked.

"No, I'm just saying a fact." Ye Xiu said.

At this moment, the individual competition between Tiny Herb and Blue Rain ended. Tiny Herb won two matches, gaining two points. Blue River won one match, gaining one point. Chen Guo had been too preoccupied with her thoughts to pay attention to the three matches and didn't have any impression of them in her head.

After a short break, the Group Arena competition began. The commentator and honored guest began to get excited. They took out the players list for the competition and saw an extra name on Team Tiny Herb's side: Gao Yingjie.

"If I remember correctly, before the All-Star Weekend, Gao Yingjie has never gone up on stage in an official match, right?" the commentator asked.

"Correct. Though I'm sure everyone still remembers Gao Yingjie's brilliant performance at the All-Star Rookie Challenge. It seems like his performance has finally won him a place for himself on Team Tiny Herb." The honored guest took the chance to start up a discussion.

"We just don't know whether or not Gao Yingjie will appear in the final team competition. We don't have the players list for the team competition yet." the commentator said.

"If he can show the type of performance that he did during the All-Star Weekend, I feel like he'll definitely be able to grab a spot on the main roster in the team competition."

"Tiny Herb has raised an amazing rookie!"

"They really have. There's no one in the Alliance at his age that can fight evenly with a top-tier God like Wang Jiexi."

"And he even won."

"A single victory isn't enough to say whether Gao Yingjie is better than Wang Jiexi."

"But for someone to have such skill at his age, has there ever been a player like this in the Alliance?"

“Uh.....” The honored guest clearly hadn’t done his homework in this area. He couldn’t fill in this hole and could only evade the question embarrassingly. Luckily, the match had started and the commentator quickly switched topics and began to commentate the match.

“Gao Yingjie. Is this kid really that good?” Chen Guo asked Ye Xiu.

“He’s quite amazing.” Ye Xiu said.

“If he fights with you?” Chen Guo asked.

“Ha ha.” Ye Xiu laughed, but didn’t say anything.

“Tell me!” Chen Guo chased.

“I have to see him in actual combat. It’s hard to say.” Ye Xiu said.

“So you’re saying even you aren’t completely confident?” Chen Guo asked.

“In the pro scene, there’s no one who is absolutely confident.” Ye Xiu said.

“Oh.”

“I usually say I’m 90% sure. I have to give myself some leeway!” Ye Xiu added.

“.....” Chen Guo had no words to say.

When the match started, it showed that Gao Yingjie really had gained confidence from his match in the All-Star Weekend. In this match, he performed outstandingly. However, Gao Yingjie’s amazing performance didn’t win any big advantage because his opponent wasn’t weak either.

Team Blue Rain’s Yu Feng was an All-Star level player. Gao Yingjie was still too green compared to him. In addition, the two sides had an absolute disparity on paper: their characters.

Yu Feng’s Berserker, Brilliant Edge, might not be a god-level account, but it wasn’t far. In comparison, Gao Yingjie’s Witch, Kind Tree, was very far below being a god-tier character.

Gao Yingjie was being raised by Tiny Herb as the one to inherit Vaccaria. Vaccaria would be his character in the future. Team Tiny Herb didn’t have any double Witch strategies, so the Club didn’t spend much effort on Gao Yingjie’s Kind Tree. It could be said that they had made the account in passing while raising Gao Yingjie. This type of character couldn’t compare to an All-Star’s account.

It was true that Gao Yingjie’s brilliant performance in the All-Star Weekend had won him confidence, but it had also made every team be cautious towards him. No one would underestimate him because he was an inexperienced rookie. Yu Feng had this attitude. It could be said that the reason why Gao Yingjie looked more dominant was because of his outstanding performance. However, it would be better to say that it was because Yu Feng was letting him attack in order to get a better feel for him.

After all, as a rookie that had never been in an official match, the teams only had very limited intelligence on him.

At the All-Star Weekend, they were able to see his skill. But what was his style like? What habits did he have? What type of skills did he like to use? These types of intelligence could only be slowly gathered. Without a good understanding of his opponent, Yu Feng's attitude in the match wasn't odd.

"Young people! As soon as they break free from their chains, they really are reckless in pushing forward!" Ye Xiu watched the match and sighed. He understood Wang Jiexi's motive at the All-Star Weekend.

#### Chapter 394 – Cross Swords

"Who are you talking about?" Chen Guo didn't understand. In eSports, the pro players were all extremely young, so any of them could be considered as a "young person", even for those "old" pros who were going to retire like Ye Xiu. Ye Xiu was showing off his seniority calling them young people, but Chen Guo really couldn't tell if he was talking about Gao Yingjie or Yu Feng. She even though that he was talking more about Yu Feng. In Chen Guo's eyes, Gao Yingjie was too young to even be considered as a "young person".

"I'm talking about this future of Glory!" Ye Xiu was still acting like he was talking to himself.

"What are you talking about....." Chen Guo muttered to herself.

"This Yu Feng is playing more and more with substance." Ye Xiu said again.

"He was never bad!" Chen Guo said. She had some understanding of Yu Feng. He was an All Star level player and was considered as one of the top players in the pro scene. For famous players, even if she wasn't a fan of them, she would still know some information about them from their popularity and reports.

"He wasn't in the All Star Weekend last year was he? He improved a lot this year." Ye Xiu said.

"Oh, really?" Chen Guo recalled. Last year's All Star players..... she couldn't remember them.

"In my opinion, Blue Rain's environment for growth is the best among all teams." Ye Xiu said.

"What about Tiny Herb?" Chen Guo couldn't help but ask. After all, Tiny Herb had raised Gao Yingjie, a talent that was unrivalled in his age group.

"Tiny Herb..... perhaps because of their Champion status, the requirements for their rookies might be too harsh." Ye Xiu sighed. He thought of Qiao Yifan. Qiao Yifan might not shine as brightly as Gao Yingjie, but he was also an unpolished gem. If he was carved carefully, he could also mature. Tiny Herb must have seen something in him when they took him in. But they didn't raise him with care. It was truly a pity.

Even though the players list for this match hadn't been completely revealed, with Qiao Yifan's performance in the All Star Weekend, Ye Xiu doubted that he would be able to grab a spot in the main roster like Gao Yingjie.

During their discussion, the circumstance in the match had changed. Yu Feng, who was letting his opponent attack, finally found an opportunity to counterattack. His single move turned the tide and he began attacking relentlessly. The sudden suppression made Gao Yingjie panic and he lost his cool. After all, this was only his first official match. Even though the Rookie Challenge at the All Star Weekend had

helped him win much confidence, the circumstances right now were different. The pressure and burden of an official match far surpassed a match that was just for show. Any new player would feel stifled in this situation. If everything went well, they might be able to perform well the entire time. But as soon as a bump in the road appeared, they might not be able to perform under the pressure.

Gao Yingjie's luck wasn't good either. He had to face an All Star player in his first match. From an experience and character point of view, he was at a disadvantage. Under a dominant performance, the opponent suddenly reversed the situation. It was hard to avoid having his mentality crumble. Whether or not his new found confidence could help him hang on was up to him.

"Tiny Herb isn't look too good, no?" Chen Guo saw it.

"If he doesn't take any risks, he won't be able to bring it back." Ye Xiu sighed. From what he saw, Gao Yingjie had already missed three opportunities he could have tried. Even though the opportunities weren't one hundred percent guarantees, they were at least a chance for him break out from the predicament.

Another one!

Ye Xiu silently thought. This time, Gao Yingjie acted. Seizing the moment Yu Feng's character turned around, he used an extremely low and short distance flying movement to enter Yu Feng's dead angle. Yu Feng woke up with a start and hastily turned around to attack, but Gao Yingjie was one step faster. Kind Tree swung his broom, sweeping Yu Feng into the air.

It was a risky move and couldn't really be considered as an opportunity. This was a contest between reaction and hand speed. In this instant, Gao Yingjie displayed his confidence and took back the initiative in one move.

"Not bad." Ye Xiu praised with a smile. And at this moment, the person who was much more nervous and excited was obviously Tiny Herb's captain Wang Jiexi. He understood Gao Yingjie better and understood the importance of this tiny detail. If he had failed to seize that opportunity, it would have been a huge blow to Gao Yingjie's confidence. If he succeeded, it would certainly strengthen his confidence. Even if Gao Yingjie lost later, it wouldn't matter. At the very least, he would know that he was good enough to have a chance at winning. He would know that he had such skill.

Gao Yingjie's following performance made Wang Jiexi even more excited. His torrent like offense made him look utterly fearless. Gao Yingjie was clearly doing his utmost to finish the match.

Wang Jiexi obviously wanted to see this type of result. But unfortunately, Gao Yingjie's opponent showed why he was an All Star. Taking advantage of the fact that a Berserker had higher endurance than a Witch and that his character was superior to Kind Tree, he relied on patiently whittling down Kind Tree in order to defeat Gao Yingjie.

Wang Jiexi was still satisfied with the result because he was certain that Gao Yingjie could also see that he hadn't lost in skill, but rather because of the difference in character accounts. If Gao Yingjie had used Vaccaria, the result may have been different.

This reasoning wasn't anything complex. The commentator and honored guest pointed this out while they were talking about the results. After a short break, the second round began. Yu Feng had relied on

his character's superiority to slowly whittle down his opponent, so he had taken significant damage. Not long after the second match started, he was quickly taken down. Blue Rain's second player fully utilized the small advantage that Yu Feng had been able to set up and defeated his opponent.

The third round! Tiny Herb's pillar, team captain Wang Jiexi took the stage. With his god level character and skill, he finished off the second Blue Rain opponent without taking much damage. But Blue Rain's third player to take the stage was also their team's ace, Huang Shaotian.

This sort of match between God level players was a common occurrence in the Group Arena. The two team's strongest players would be their anchor. This type of arrangement was considered an obvious arrangement. This was also the round everyone was looking forward to.

The commentator and honored guest hyped up the match. The wait for the third round seemed to be longer than any of the previous rounds.

Start!

The two sides hadn't even touched each other yet, when a storm of messages attacks. They were only hurrying forward to get to each other. How could Huang Shaotian be capable of staying silent? It didn't matter if he was repeating himself as long as they were words. However, trash talk didn't work on everyone. Wang Jiexi was clearly one of those players who wasn't affected by trash talk. He ignored Huang Shaotian's messaging attacks and quietly had his Vaccaria quickly fly to his opponent's position.

Huang Shaotian, on the other hand, seemed to have gotten addicted to chatting and didn't hurry to face his opponent. His character had made his way into a side alley. By the time Wang Jiexi found him, it had already been nearly three minutes.....

But once this moment came, the messages abruptly stopped and sword light filled the sky!

Wang Jiexi had been on the initiative the entire time, but once the two characters met, Huang Shaotian was the first to move. Moreover, he began with the Blade Master's most powerful skill: Formless Phantom Blade.

There hadn't been any set up for this skill. But having no set up was actually a perfect cover up. Wang Jiexi clearly hadn't expected it. At the start, Huang Shaotian had been hiding like a cat and seemed to be very patiently waiting. But then he suddenly made such a reckless move. This powerful skill truly caught Wang Jiexi completely unprepared.

It hadn't been easy to find Troubling Rain, so when his Vaccaria found him, he dove straight down, but was then hit by a gale of sword light. Surprised, Wang Jiexi reflexively responded. Vaccaria, which had been diving down, suddenly shot up and turned around in order to try fly away from the danger.

However, Troubling Rain's sword light abruptly rose and followed after Vaccaria, preventing him from completely escaping. As soon as the sword light touched, Vaccaria was chopped down from the sky and engulfed by the dazzling sword lights. Wang Jiexi had taken a huge blow from Huang Shaotian's move.

"Hm hm hm, not bad." Ye Xiu nodded his head.

“Hey hey hey!” Chen Guo felt a bit unhappy with Ye Xiu’s tone. Even though Ye Xiu was his favorite God, Huang Shaotian and Wang Jiexi weren’t any weaker than him! He was commenting on these same leveled Gods like they were noobs. Chen Guo felt annoyed when she heard it.

“Hey who?” Ye Xiu didn’t feel it at all.

“You you you……” Chen Guo said you a bunch of times, but didn’t know how to express what she wanted to say. In the end, she changed it to: “What do you think?”

“It’s only just started.” As soon as Ye Xiu finished speaking, the Formless Phantom Blade stopped. The final hit had a strong Blow Away effect, knocking Vaccaria into a wall.

Vaccaria was briefly stunned from being knocked into a wall. Troubling Rain was briefly stunned by the ending lag from his powerful skill. Huang Shaotian had already calculated these two stun durations. After his stun wore off, his Troubling Rain used a Triple Slash to quickly close in onto Vaccaria.

If he really was able to reach Vaccaria before the stun was over, then that would be best. But in this type of situation, there was no possibility of it happening. Huang Shaotian had done everything he could, but even so, there was a small gap. Wang Jiexi wasn’t the type of person to let this go. As soon as the stun wore off, Vaccaria rode his broom and rushed straight into the air.

But then he heard the sound of a blade whistling through the air. Huang Shaotian had forcefully cancelled his Triple Slash and used a Rising Dragon Slash mid-animation. Wang Jiexi’s retreat had been predicted by him.

#### Chapter 395 – A Dangerous Balance

In a high skill leveled fight, only looking at mechanics and hand speed wasn’t enough to fully appreciate it. In the match with Huang Shaotian against Wang Jiexi, the two reads made it look like Wang Jiexi was already going to lose.

Rising Dragon Slash split the air as it rose towards Wang Jiexi’s retreat path. But this time, Wang Jiexi reacted in time as if he had expected this would happen. Vaccaria leapt off his broom and switched directions. He didn’t fly out and instead waved his broom twice. The stream of air created by the two waves made Vaccaria move a tiny bit. This miniscule movement was enough to cause Troubling Rain’s Rising Dragon Slash to miss, brushing past Vaccaria’s side and into the air.

Huang Shaotian knew that the situation wasn’t good. It seemed like he could see Wang Jiexi’s two disproportionate eyes flashing out a calculating glint despite Vaccaria’s expressionless system face. This time, he had been caught in Wang Jiexi’s trap!

Two crashes sounded in the air and on the ground. Two magic flasks had been shattered one after the other.

Acid rained down from the sky and lava burned on the ground. Vaccaria turned his broom around and headed towards Troubling Rain with the Witch skill: Broom Tornado.

Huang Shaotian didn’t want to take a hit. However, Wang Jiexi had already calculated all of his possible moves. The two flasks had been thrown down very quickly. That small window of time wasn’t enough for Huang Shaotian to do anything, when the Broom Tornado flew forward. The huge area of effect

magic storm spread out as Wang Jiexi spun. This skill covered an extremely wide area. Even though Huang Shaotian wanted to quickly use a Falling Light Blade in order to get to the ground, but just like how Wang Jiexi had tried to escape from his Formless Phantom Blade before, Huang Shaotian was swept away. Vaccaria's broom slapped him around like a tornado all the way from the air to the ground.

The combined damage from the three skills to Huang Shaotian's Troubling Rain was greater than the damage from the single powerful skill to Vaccaria. Even worse, Wang Jiexi had the initiative. Being slapped to the ground wasn't the end.....

Huang Shaotian didn't have any problems using Quick Recover. The instant his character hit the ground, his character rolled backwards and then jumped away. Vaccaria had to Quick Recover as well when he hit the ground after using Broom Tornado. If not, he would also crash to the ground. Even though there wouldn't be any fall damage, being knocked to the ground would be a huge opportunity for the opponent. Wang Jiexi rarely made mistakes for something as basic as this. His character also rolled backwards and jumped away.

The two characters' movements looked like they had been rehearsed beforehand.

Following afterwards, a sword light flashed from Troubling Rain, while a black mist rolled out from Vaccaria.

During the jump backwards, the two players each executed a skill, a Sword Draw and a Shadow Cloak. But because the two chose to roll and jump in opposite directions, they instantly pulled away from each other. The two skills both missed, neither side was injured.

With the distance between them, the Blade Master didn't have anything he could use. But the Witch had a few ways to attack from mid range. Immediately, Magic Missiles began shooting towards Troubling Rain. Huang Shaotian couldn't do anything to retaliate, so he straight up used a big skill. Troubling Rain's silhouette flickered, instantly creating six images. He had used the high leveled skill, Shadow Steps.

This skill relied on the controller's experience and technique. Huang Shaotian was considered to be at the top of Blade Masters. When this skill came out, even Wang Jiexi couldn't tell which was the real body. If not, then the skill would be completely useless.

Six Troubling Rains rushed forward.

Wang Jiexi had no way of directly distinguishing the real from the fake, so he could only test them with attacks. However, Shadow Steps was much stronger than the Ninja's Shadow Clone Technique. The Ninja's Shadow Clone was only a clone that didn't move and also only had limited health, so a few attacks was enough to make it disappear. Shadow Steps was different. The afterimages created didn't have health and couldn't be destroyed. However, because they were afterimages, if an attack connected, the attack would go right through the afterimage. By testing each afterimage one by one, the real one could be found.

Wang Jiexi quickly threw out a few mid ranged Magic Missiles and immediately figured out two afterimages. However, Huang Shaotian wouldn't be found out so easily. The six characters shifted positions with each other in a blur. The commentator and honored guest gasped in amazement. With



such complex movements, it was hard to say if Wang Jiexi could locate which of the two afterimages he had tested out.

Indeed, Wang Jiexi had no way of following the two targets he had tested out with such movements. But he had known that Huang Shaotian could do this, so from the very beginning, he had only tried to follow one of the two afterimages he had tested out. This was something that he was capable of doing. Next, he did another wave of tests, naturally avoiding that afterimage and only attacking the others.

It had to be known that Huang Shaotian wasn't going to simply get hit by Wang Jiexi's attacks. He was also constantly dodging. In the end, only one of the Magic Missiles hit and it hit an afterimage.

Wang Jiexi knew that it wasn't possible to find the real one by testing. An attack towards the real one would definitely be dodged. Huang Shaotian wasn't stupid.

The two waves of testing had only figured out two afterimages. During this time, the six Troubling Rains were able to envelop Vaccaria. The six characters maintained a distance away and spun around Vaccaria.

"Which one's the real body?" Chen Guo couldn't tell and asked Ye Xiu.

"I don't know either." Ye Xiu shook his head. Huang Shaotian's mastery of Shadow Steps was already at the peak.

However, Shadow Steps couldn't be used forever. It was only a skill to confuse the opponent. In a match, a victory could only be obtained by killing the opponent.

The instant the afterimages faded away, a mass of sword light gathered together.

Even though Wang Jiexi had been extremely careful, he was still hit by the attack. If the attack had missed, then Huang Shaotian's efforts in using Shadow Steps would have been for nothing.

"Who do you think will win?" Chen Guo was impatient. She liked to know the result beforehand.

Ye Xiu slowly shook his head without saying anything.

Chen Guo was helpless. She could only continue watching the match. This match between two Gods was truly spectacular. Finally, those Internet Cafe customers who had originally been watching Excellent Era's match couldn't help but take a glance at the projection screen from time to time. In the end, everyone became traitors and they all began to watch who would win this match.

None of the two Gods were able to pull a big advantage over the other. The two sides fluctuated between who was on the offensive and who was on the defensive, two evenly matched adversaries. The health bar on the two characters also dropped very equally. It was impossible to tell who would win until the very last moment.

"Wang Jiexi has a slightly higher chance of winning." Ye Xiu suddenly made a prediction.

"Why?" Chen Guo hastily asked.

"Wang Jiexi is good at these types of even match ups. Huang Shaotian is good at chaotic fights. The more chaotic the fight, the easier it is for him to find opportunities. However, this match is certainly intense, but it isn't chaotic at all. You come I go. The one on the offense and the one on the defense

keep switching. It's all very orderly. In other words, if things keep going on like this, Huang Shaotian isn't going to be able to seize an opportunity to win. If the fight continued at this even pace, in the end, Wang Jiexi will make the final attack." Ye Xiu said.

"Really?" Chen Guo liked to ask, but after asking, she wasn't so sure.

"Just watch!" Ye Xiu said.

As a result, Chen Guo began to count. This time, Huang Shaotian was attacking. Next, Wang Jiexi was attacking. Then.....

She continued to count all the way until the match was about to end. The two sides were both in red blood. Chen Guo had counted all day and had a bit of experience now. Seeing the situation, she gasped in astonishment: "It looks like..... It looks like it really is going to go like how you said."

Ye Xiu stayed silent, staring at the match.

"Huang Shaotian doesn't have any hope?" Chen Guo asked. She felt a bit disappointing for things to steadily go like this.

"There is." Ye Xiu only said two words.

"What is it?" Chen Guo asked.

"Watch." Ye Xiu pointed at the screen with his head, indicating Chen Guo to watch.

Chen Guo had been counting the entire time. Now that she looked at the scene, she immediately realized that something wasn't right.

"It's not right! It should be Huang Shaotian's chance to attack, why is it....."

After muttering for a bit, she suddenly realized something and immediately exclaimed: "Right! He purposefully gave the chance to attack to Wang Jiexi. This way, he'll be the last person to attack."

Chen Guo's excitement had only lasted three seconds because she already saw Ye Xiu looking down on her. After thinking again, she suddenly understood: the two sides only have a certain amount of health. Letting one chance go means that it won't progress in the same way as before. If they go back and forth, Huang Shaotian will still be the first to die because he'll have lost more health.

"Huang Shaotian only wants to break the even situation, so he intentionally put himself at the disadvantage." Ye Xiu finally explained.

"Putting himself at a disadvantage is an opportunity?"

"Compared to continuing on like that, it's at least a chance. Of course, it's not a good chance. I still believe that Wang Jiexi will see through Huang Shaotian's intent. To be able to direct such a scenario, I think that he has some way of controlling it so that Huang Shaotian won't be able to find a way to kill him in one move." Ye Xiu said.

"Huh, if Wang Jiexi wins, then Tiny Herb will have four points and Blue Rain will only have one." Chen Guo calculated.

## Chapter 396 – Winner

Glory!!

A single giant word appeared on the projection screen as if it were about to pounce towards everyone's faces. It wasn't just Ye Xiu and Chen Guo. The players who had been watching Excellent Era's match all let out a breath because this intense match had finally ended. For this type of match, even if the spectators didn't care about any of the teams, they would still feel extremely satisfied watching such a spectacle.

All of the spectators watching the match forgot to turn back, seeming to have forgotten that Excellent Era's match was still going on.

"It really is like you said....." Chen Guo told Ye Xiu as she watched the match's replay and listened to the commentator's and honored guest's post match discussion.

Ye Xiu nodded his head and didn't say anything more. He had said everything he could say earlier. At the final stretch of the match, Huang Shaotian intentionally gave up his chance to attack in order to break the balance, but Wang Jiexi was able to seize this chance to end the match without giving Huang Shaotian any chance to find an opening. There was nothing Huang Shaotian could do. He could only struggle and try to create an opportunity, where there were no opportunities. However, this really wasn't one of his strengths, especially when he was against Wang Jiexi, who wasn't any less skilled than he was. In the end, he was defeated.

So far, Team Tiny Herb had won four points, while Blue Rain had only won one point. The team competition though was worth five points. The competition only counted points, not victories. Even though Blue Rain had only won one pitiful point so far, the team competition was another beginning. Five points could still be fought for.

However, several defeats in a row would definitely have a serious impact to their morale. Blue Rain's fans watched on with heavy hearts.

The break after the group Arena was relatively long. After all, the players participating in the team competition were usually the six players in the individual and group arena competitions. They were allowed to play again, so they were given some more time to rest.

Ye Xiu got up and strolled around, smoking his cigarette. Only then did Chen Guo look for her employees to confirm their losses tonight. When the two returned, the host and the guest were still chattering about the previous battle between Huang Shaotian and Wang Jiexi. But after hearing Ye Xiu's simple analysis, Chen Guo could only feel like the two speakers weren't good enough. They kept on talking about this and that, but they didn't get to the point.

After a short wait, the team competition officially began. Because of the brilliance of the match, when the team competition began, the players watching Excellent Era's match were beginning to glance at the projection screen again, conflicted on which match to watch.

Just as expected, there weren't any major changes towards the player roster for the two teams. It was basically the same players from the previous rounds. The only difference was that one of the players on Blue Rain's side was switched out to the team captain, Yu Wenzhou.

This switch was a common occurrence for Blue Rain. Yu Wenzhou's hand speed was innately bad. If he actually fought one on one, he would be at a huge disadvantage, so Yu Wenzhou rarely went up on stage for the first two rounds. But in the team competition, this Master Tactician was never absent. Not only that, ever since his first showing, he was often the opposing team's first target to kill, commendable yet worrying at the same time.

The match soon began. Besides the two reserve players, ten players entered the map and set out.

Looking at Ye Xiu, who was staring at the projection attentively, Chen Guo endured for a good while, before asking: "How is it?"

"Boss, with you like this, what's the point in watching. You should go to sleep. When it's done, I'll tell you the results." Ye Xiu said helplessly.

"No. I just want to listen to your opinion. I can't do that?" Chen Guo said.

"If you keep on asking for my opinion, then this will turn into a spoiler!" Ye Xiu said.

"....." Even though Ye Xiu had seen through the situation and predicted the result on more than one occasion, saying that his analysis was like a spoiler was too shameless. Chen Guo didn't know how to respond. The golden image of her God crumbled a bit more. Chen Guo felt that if she and Ye Xiu continued with this sort of close relationship, in at most a month, her respect for her God would completely disappear without a trace.

"Let's watch quietly. It's started." Ye Xiu said.

The brilliance of the team competition wasn't any worse than the match between the two Gods. It was true that Yu Wenzhou was one of the four Master Tacticians of Glory, but if the number of Master Tacticians wasn't limited to four, the fifth Master Tactician would certainly be Wang Jiexi.

From this, it could be seen that although Wang Jiexi didn't have this type of title, he had the skill. Leading Tiny Herb to win two Championships wasn't an accident.

This team competition had both strategy and skill matchups, sneak attacks and brute force. The map was enveloped in flames of war with hundreds of bright patterns bursting out. Not long after, the fight had progressed midway. The camera repeatedly switched points of view. The broadcast crew didn't have it easy either. There were too many brilliant moments to see. Giving up even a single segment made them feel it was a pity.

"Wang Jiexi..... is carrying too much of the weight." Ye Xiu suddenly said at this moment.

"Hm?" Chen Guo replied absentmindedly. She watched this team competition very attentively and had even forgotten to ask about his opinions.

"It's not looking good for Tiny Herb." Ye Xiu said.

"No way? You saw through it again?" Ye Xiu wouldn't say it when she asked. Now that she didn't ask, Ye Xiu ran over to become a talk host.

"Wang Jiexi truly needs someone who can help share the burden!" Ye Xiu said.

“Really? What about Deng Fusheng? Li Yihui?” These two Team Tiny Herb players had been chosen as All Stars.

“Whether you believe me or not, if they weren’t in Tiny Herb, they probably wouldn’t have been chosen to go to All Stars.” Ye Xiu said.

“You’re saying.....”

“The All Stars selection isn’t on skill, but rather popularity. The fans make the vote. Even though they need to have good performances too, there are other areas to consider too. For example, in a weak team, it’s easier to see an individual’s skill. But in a strong team, the team’s outstanding performance might cover up their weaknesses.” Ye Xiu said.

“You’re saying Deng Fusheng and Li Yihui belong in the latter category and that it was only because of Team Tiny Herb’s Champion status that they were chosen?” Chen Guo said.

“I’m mainly saying this so you understand that being chosen for All Stars doesn’t necessarily mean you’re the most skilled. For example, I feel like Team 301’s Xu Bin is better than Deng Fusheng’s Knight.” Ye Xiu said.

“Grind King Xu Bin.....” Chen Guo obviously knew who he was.

“Yes.” Ye Xiu nodded his head, “If Tiny Herb doesn’t have Wang Jiexi or if Wang Jiexi performs badly, they will lose miserably. They rely on Wang Jiexi too much.”

“Nowadays, Glory can’t be won by a single individual hero. The gap between players is continuously shrinking. One plus one is greater than two. That’s the sort of strength a team has to have in order to be outstanding.” Ye Xiu continued.

“Do you feel like any team in the Alliance has that sort of strength?” Chen Guo asked.

“Blue Rain.” Ye Xiu said without hesitation, “The team closest to this sort of development is definitely Blue Rain. But it’s also somewhat unfortunate..... Team Blue Rain’s captain, Yu Wenzhou, is extremely key. But because of his crippled hands, he also holds them back.”

“I’ve heard.” Chen Guo nodded his head. Yu Wenzhou’s crippled hands, similar to Huang Shaotian’s chatter, weren’t a secret.

“But..... luckily his weakness is his crippled hands. He’ll definitely be the longest player to stay in the Alliance. In truth, with his hand speed, there’s no way it’ll go any lower. I’m really wondering whether this guy is intentionally not practicing hand speed in order to maintain his crippled hands condition and prolong his ability to stay in the pro scene.” Ye Xiu said.

The two chatted and the match didn’t show any signs of stopping for a rest. As the battle progressed, it went like Ye Xiu predicted. One of Team Tiny Herb’s players was the first to fall. In a team competition, this was definitely a dangerous sign. It became even more clear as the fight went on. By the time Tiny Herb had finally killed one of Blue Rain’s players, Tiny Herb had already lost three.

Three versus five. Against a strong team, turning around this type of situation was extremely difficult. In the end, Blue Rain defeated Tiny Herb, winning their team five points. The late-comer lives above. Blue Rain won a total of six points, beating Tiny Herb by two points.

“If a long term problem isn’t resolved, the opponents will take advantage of the weakness to win.” Ye Xiu commented. He was naturally pointing towards Tiny Herb’s weakness of depending on Wang Jiexi too much. Meanwhile, the commentator and honored guest were discussing the gains and losses for the small details in the team competition. The accumulation of these led to Tiny Herb’s eventual defeat. Out of all of these, they picked out which was the decider for the match. However, from start to finish, there was no mention of the issue Ye Xiu had talked about.

Chen Guo listened in a trance. In truth, she had heard what Ye Xiu said, but she couldn’t see it. On the other hand, she felt like the analysis of the commentator and honored guest had substance to them. Ye Xiu’s words sounded far away to her.

“It seems like I’m just not good enough.....” Chen Guo grieved. If this was before, she would have questioned whether Ye Xiu was just bragging. But now that she knew Ye Xiu’s identity, even though he was somewhat shameless, Chen Guo felt that his words felt more weight to them than the commentator or the honored guest.

“Okay, done!” Ye Xiu stood up and waved his arms: “Time to level.” Before he finished speaking, he was already walking towards his fixed seat.

Chen Guo felt conflicted when she looked at him walking away. He was someone who could completely see through those Gods’ intent and could even predict who was going to win, yet he was stuck in her Internet Cafe in a new server killing monsters and doing quests like a normal player. What a waste!

“He has to make it back!” Chen Guo turned her head back to the projection screen and shook her fists.

#### Chapter 397 – Words That Hadn’t Been Seen in a Long Time

Life in the game continued, players continued to clear dungeons, kill monsters, and complete quests. After all, these are the three main parts of Glory, everything else is just to make these more interesting. These basic frames have never been changed.

All of the guilds agreed to step down, but Ye Xiu didn’t loosen his guard. Since the moment he established the guild, he knew that the other guild leaders would be his enemies forever. They were only temporarily stepping down. It was just that they hadn’t found any ways to fight back yet. If they ever thought up a new scheme, a violent offensive would immediately be carried out, without any warning, of course.

The best method of collecting information was to use someone condemned and hated by everyone — a spy. But Guild Happy had just been established. It wasn’t that there wasn’t anyone who could be trusted. Even if there were, they weren’t high enough leveled to join any of these guilds backed by Clubs.

However, from this point, it could be seen that Guild Happy was actually very high end. It had been established not too long ago, yet it was already considered as an opponent to those guilds backed by Clubs. This had never happened before in the history of Glory, even in new servers.

Guild Happy could only develop step by step because those sorts of methods wouldn’t work. Blue River went back to his Blue Brook Guild Leader account. Peerless Looks hadn’t logged in since then. However because Ye Xiu disabled the join guild feature, the number of members stopped increasing. The existing

members had all been organized appropriately by Blue River. Everyone was simply grinding monsters to gain experience now. The guild atmosphere was happy and fun. No unexpected problems occurred. Compared to the first few days the guild was established, the excitement had fallen a bit. This could be seen from the guild experience bar. These days, the enthusiasm for doing guild quests had calmed down. It wasn't like the first few days, where guild missions were everything.

It wouldn't be good for Happy to force them to do anything; letting the guild grow peacefully was for the best. During these few days Ye Xiu was keeping an eye on the situation at Thousand Waves Lake and also asking other guild members on the situation at other leveling areas. The atmosphere in the game was unusually calm as if all conflicts had disappeared from the game.

In a blink of an eye, five days had passed and Thousand Creations and Horse Shooter successfully joined Guild Happy. Once midnight arrived, Guild Happy could begin challenging the Thousand Waves Lake dungeon record as well.

During these five days, the Thousand Wave Lake's dungeon record had been broken a few times. Ye Xiu noticed these, but he was certain that as soon as he came up to the stage, beating them would be easy. It wasn't like the walkthrough he sold was imperfect. Ye Xiu would be using the same strategy as the guide. The difference was in technical skill.

The higher the level, the harder the dungeon. The elite players of other guilds were experienced players, but level 40+ dungeons were already too difficult for three of their players to beat. In newbie areas like Green Forest and Spider Cave, three of their players was more than enough to beat the dungeon with ease. The more difficult the dungeon, the more Ye Xiu, Su Mucheng and even Tang Rou would stand out.

This could directly be seen by the fact that Ye Xiu's party still didn't need a Cleric. While for the other dungeon teams, few dared to go without a Cleric at this level stage.

The closer things got to this moment, the more careful and cautious Ye Xiu became. The main reason the other guilds hated him was because of his ability to monopolize dungeon record. The other guilds must also know that Guild Happy was going to seize the dungeon record in Thousand Waves Lake. They might have had plans for this long ago, but were waiting for this moment to use!

The clock finally hit midnight. Ye Xiu's five man party arrived at one of the Thousand Wave Lake's dungeon entrances. Ye Xiu checked carefully around, but didn't find anyone from other guilds. In that case, he didn't have to worry about getting ambushed when they came out of the dungeon.

"Is it really going to be this peaceful? I'm not used to this." Ye Xiu scratched his head, while saying this to his team.

"You aren't happy it's peaceful? Is it because your name isn't red that you're not feeling comfortable?" Chen Guo look at him disdainfully. For such an important day like challenging a dungeon record, Chen Guo felt that as the boss behind the scenes, she should personally give some advice.

The several players at Thousand Waves Lake were used to suddenly hearing a woman's voice from Ye Xiu's character and apparently, she was Ye Xiu's boss. Thousand Creations and Horse Shooter were terrified after hearing this. Ye Xiu's boss? What kind of background did she have?

Hearing the voice today again, they know the boss was personally watching the battle and she clearly considered this dungeon record as something very important. The two of them sat up straight, not daring to make any careless mistakes.

“Cough, let’s enter the dungeon” Ye Xiu said. Lord Grim entered the dungeon first and the other four members followed afterwards.

Challenging the dungeon record was something Tang Rou liked to do. Because it had been awhile, she was in high spirits. But she also knew how important every detail was when challenging the dungeon record. This was something Ye Xiu had reminded her before. The five of them had run the dungeon together these past few days, so they were already very practiced with the strategy. If they had wanted to, the record could have been made a few days ago. It was just that in order to get the record under Guild Happy’s name, they had delayed it. After all, it was just the five of them. If they had broken the record earlier, it was hard to say if they could do it again. This was something that even Ye Xiu couldn’t say. Surpassing oneself wasn’t easy to do.

Ye Xiu was confident with this team beating the record. Although Thousand Creations and Horse Shooter weren’t as skilled as Steamed Bun Invasion, Steamed Bun Invasion’s newbie playing was like a ticking time bomb. Setting a new record required precision. Ye Xiu would actually feel more worried bringing Steamed Bun Invasion. Even if Steamed Bun Invasion practiced well to the dungeon, Ye Xiu was afraid Steamed Bun Invasion would do some weird stuff. Ye Xiu felt more at ease with experienced players like Thousand Creations and Horse Shooter.

In accordance with their daily practice, this time, everyone went all out. Ye Xiu ran to the front. This was the position for the tank in a normal team, however all his teammates knew that Ye Xiu wasn’t a normal tank. A normal tank used skills to pull aggro and control the monsters. Then, the DPS classes in the team would have to be careful not to off tank or attack the wrong monster.

However Ye Xiu’s tank, pulled aggro through pure damage, so his teammates didn’t have to worry about going off tank. It could be said Ye Xiu himself took most of the difficulty of the dungeon. His teammates had much less to worry about. With this strategy, Thousand Creations and Horse Shooter would be embarrassed if they made any mistakes because the tasks they had to do were too simple.

Two Battle Mages and two Launchers. They were both DPS classes. With Ye Xiu being the core, and Su Mucheng as the support, they rolled through the dungeon at full speed.

Although Thousand Creations and Horse Shooter had cleared the dungeon with them many times, this was the first time they noticed how pro players really played.

“Amazing!!!” The two of them praised. Of course they were talking to different people. Thousand Creations was a Ye Xiu fan and Horse Shooter was a Su Mucheng fan.

But this wouldn’t change relationship between the two because everyone knew that Ye Xiu and Su Mucheng were very close. If their fans couldn’t remain peaceful, wouldn’t that be a slap to their idols’ faces?

Thousand Creations and Horse Shooter fought in excitement, killing all the small monsters. In a blink of an eye, they reached the boss. They weren’t worried at all. With godlike teammates, they couldn’t feel the difficulty of the dungeon at all. All they had to do was look at their cooldowns and mana.



Boss number 1 was killed quickly. Chen Guo looked at the time and was very excited. The only problem was that she couldn't find anyone to share the joy with. Ye Xiu and Tang Rou were both focusing on the dungeon, so she didn't want to disturb them.

The dungeon progressed smoothly. The second boss was killed even faster. Chen Guo looked at the time and she couldn't help but run to get a drink to celebrate.

The latter part of the Thousand Waves Lake dungeon was in the water. This was another advantage for Ye Xiu. In PvE, the elites might not feel as awkward in the water, but they couldn't compare to Ye Xiu and Su Mucheng in this area. As for the others, they were already familiar with this part of the dungeon.

Advance, advance, advance. Chen Guo wasn't looking at the fight anymore. She just stared at the time, while drinking.

This Level 40 dungeon had three mini bosses and one final boss. After the second boss, they slaughtered their way to the third one too. Although the strategy wasn't the same, the result was the same. There were no trip ups and the third boss fell.

"The final part. Everyone stay focused!"

This was the first time Ye Xiu spoke from the beginning to the final boss. The whole team worked together perfectly. There was no need to speak.

"Yessir!" Everyone replied.

"Keep up the good work!" Everyone also heard the boss behind the scenes speak.

"Go!" Ye Xiu only said a single word. As always, Su Mucheng's Cleansing Mist started the aggro and Ye Xiu's Lord Grim followed up.

Gunfire, battle spear!

Because of the duplicate classes, the effects repeated a lot. In terms of visual effects, it didn't look as beautiful as when multiple classes burst forth. However, in terms of efficiency, they wouldn't lose out one bit. The final boss's health bar wasn't being slowly whittled down, but instead fell rapidly at a speed that could be seen with the naked eye.

"Die die die....." Chen Guo didn't dare to make a sound, holding her mobile with both hands, muttering silently in her mind.

"ITS DEAD!!!" Finally, she didn't need to control herself. She could shout out this sentence. The final boss in Thousand Wave Lake had fallen.

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A system announcement flew out: Congratulations to Guild Happy's players Lord Grim, Cleansing Mist, Chasing Haze, Thousand Creations, Horse Shooter for breaking the Thousand Wave Lake dungeon record, time: 30:25:41.

Having not seen this for a long time, Tang Rou smiled in satisfaction.

Chen Guo looked a bit regretful. She saw Ye Xiu and Tang You look at her and said: "Guild Happy.....It doesn't sound good, we should have called it Happy Valley or something....."

#### Chapter 398 – Too Silent

While everyone was happy that they broke the record, this boss behind the scenes suddenly talked trash about the guild name. This was something that even the experienced Ye Xiu hadn't expected. Chen Guo's sound had been directly relayed to everyone from Ye Xiu's mic. The whole team was in an awkward silence.

After a moment of silence, the first to talk was the experienced Ye Xiu. He continued with the trash talk on the guild name: "Let it be right what it is right now! We can change it when we reach the Heavenly Domain. After all, that will be our main server."

"That's reasonable." Chen Guo nodded her head and then spoke again as if she had thought of something, "Then should we create our guild on the other servers, too?"

Ye Xiu said with a handful of sweat, "It's still too early....."

"Okay....." Chen Guo answered. She had finally stopped talking. However, the random trash talking had killed everyone's excitement. Continuing to be excited after all that felt a bit dumb. In the end, Ye Xiu faced the rest of the squad like a great general and said: "Let's keep dungeoning....."

Only a single run had been needed to beat the record. They still had two more chances to run the dungeon, so, of course, they would use them. It was a very logical choice. The other four members didn't have any objections. As a result, while their guild members were still celebrating the new record, the five main characters were already back to their usual leveling life.

If truth, their excitement hadn't calmed down that quickly. It was just that they had been interrupted by a random thought and didn't know how to continue. For example, after beginning their second run, Thousand Creations and Horse Shooter couldn't help but open up the dungeon record rankings, admiring their own names in the Thousand Wave Lake dungeon record, as well as the time of 30:25:41, and giggle to themselves.

Due to that, the two weren't focused enough and weren't able to keep up with the team, making mistakes here and there. Their second run clearly wasn't going to be good enough to beat the record. Thousand Creations and Horse Shooter immediately apologized. Ye Xiu told them not to worry. The current record was more than good enough. The time of 30:25:41 was already four minutes ahead of the second place time. It could be said that this was mainly because of Ye Xiu and Su Mucheng's strong control over the monsters. In addition, the synergy between the two was considered to be at the top, even on the professional stage.

It was that same reason again: the harder the dungeon, the bigger the advantage Ye Xiu's team had because of their skill as pros.

Ye Xiu was already very satisfied with the record, but he felt like the reactions from the top guilds were somewhat strange. It was too quiet. So quiet that it didn't fit the game. The moment that they had exited the dungeon, Ye Xiu had paid close attention to his surroundings, but didn't notice any movements. Had the guilds really given up on competing with him?

Ye Xiu couldn't believe it, but that's how it seemed to be. With Ye Xiu's experience, there had to be some scheme going on. The top guilds weren't making a move because they had a plan in mind that was waiting to be used.

What could it be?

Ye Xiu thought as he sent a message. The first person he would contact was, of course, Blue Brook Guild's tenth server guild leader, Blue River.

"What do you think? Amazing, no?" Ye Xiu began the conversation like this.

"What?" Blue River answered.

"Record! Did you not see it?" Ye Xiu replied.

"Oh, I saw it. But that's expected." Blue River replied calmly.

"Oh, so what are you guys planning to do?" Ye Xiu asked.

Blue River understood what he meant, but saying it in such a straightforward manner left him speechless. He could only use "....." as a reply.

"Come back on Peerless Looks when you have time. A lot of our members miss you and they often ask where you are. See, if you had told them that Blue River is your main account, they would message Blue River directly and that wouldn't be convenient. After all, you're a spy, no?" Ye Xiu said.

Blue River was speechless again. This was really weird! The boss knows you're a spy, yet still takes care of you. It was really..... weird! Blue River couldn't find any words to describe his feelings right now.

"Then let it be! Everyone is going to be out of Thousand Waves Lake soon. Do you have something planned for the next leveling area? To be honest, I'm really looking forward to it!" Ye Xiu added a "hopeful" emoji to his last sentence.

Blue River's heart stopped beating for a second upon seeing this.

They had tried countless number of plans, but Ye Xiu managed to outsmart them and take advantage of them every time. From this point of view, it was quite reasonable for Ye Xiu to look forward to their plan.

"It looks like you're going to be disappointed this time....." Blue River replied.

This reply surprised Ye Xiu. Did it mean that, this time, the guilds won't be making any moves?

Giving up Thousand Wave Lake made sense because the skill gap in a water battle was too large. They were truly helpless. But for levels 44-46, the map went back to the ground. There was no reason for them to be so obedient!

Ye Xiu could not understand their plan at this moment. He could only go step by step.

Two days after breaking the record for the Thousand Waves Lake dungeon, everyone in the party reached level 44, which meant that they could begin setting the record for the next dungeon. The other guilds' elite members had already left Thousand Waves Lake. But the war in Thousand Waves Lake left a

side effect. The deaths had caused characters who were originally around the same experience level to have significant differences between them. The guilds used to level at the same speed, but it was all messed up now. However, even though there was an experience difference, they were still ahead of Ye Xiu. Their characters were all gathered together already.

The new dungeon was their main task after midnight. This time, Ye Xiu obviously stopped selling his dungeon guides. With him participating, the guide wouldn't be a guarantee for breaking the record, so no one would buy it. The guide had become an exercise for Concealed Light to train his researching skill.

"Everyone, be careful."

Midnight was about to arrive. Ye Xiu and his team had already grouped up. He reminded them as they headed toward the leveling area and dungeon.

Because of the difference in levels, the new leveling area was still controlled by the ninety nine characters. Here, Ye Xiu's team would not have an advantage in the water because there was no water. If they gathered their forces and attacked Ye Xiu's five player team, it would not be easy to deal with. Ye Xiu understood this, so starting from this level, he had to be more careful in every aspect.

It turned out that level 44-46 level up area Gloom Forest was like its name – quiet and gloomy. Besides the monsters hiding in the forest, Ye Xiu didn't find any threat from other players.

The more peaceful it was, the more focused Ye Xiu became. Chen Guo, who was beside him, saw his expression and asked curiously, "What's wrong?"

"Nothing. But that's what's wrong." Ye Xiu replied.

"Could they be scared?" Chen Guo said.

"Even if they're scared, because of the competition between Clubs, they still have to think of a way and move forward. It's just like a pro match between a weak and a strong team. The weak team can't just surrender and not fight. They still have to think of a way to win, no?" Ye Xiu said.

"But this isn't a pro match with rules. It's just a game....." Chen Guo replied.

"Game....." Ye Xiu mumbled the word while his character and his team arrived at Gloom Forest's dungeon entrance.

"What should we do?" The other four were waiting for instructions from Ye Xiu.

"Let go in then...." Ye Xiu couldn't do anything. If nothing was happening, he could only follow the normal route.

Level 44-46 Gloom Forest dungeon. Even if Ye Xiu wasn't selling walkthroughs anymore, he still had to break the record. Therefore, he needed to do research. It was the first time that the team was clearing the dungeon, so it wasn't that easy. From the beginning to the end, how to aggro, who to attack, etc. Ye Xiu explained every little detail. For the first time, no results came out. His team could not remember every single thing Ye Xiu said. They missed a few details here and there. Three times a day was not enough practice.

This was the same for the other guilds. Gloom Forest's dungeon record was still the system's for now. Tyrannical Ambition got the First Clear record though.

The next day was the same as the previous day. However, Ye Xiu's strategy was based on the synergy between Ye Xiu and Su Mucheng. Su Mucheng did not need Ye Xiu to remind her of anything a second time. The two didn't need any time to get used to the dungeon. With the two of them at the core, the tasks for the other three were very simple. As a result, Ye Xiu's team was able to get used to the dungeon very quickly, even when practicing the strategy.

On their last run of the second day, they finally managed to get on TV and the system announced that they had set a new record.

The world was filled with admiration and astonishment towards Lord Grim. There was no doubt that Lord Grim was the number one player in the tenth server. The guilds who fought for the records as if it were a life-or-death struggle were nowhere to be seen.

On the third day, they broke their own record. Three runs, two new records. Guild Happy had the first three places on the dungeon record standings.

On the fourth day, they set a new record another two times and occupied five places on the standings.

The fifth day....

The sixth day....

Ye Xiu was intentionally breaking their record over and over again. On Gloom Forest's dungeon record standings, the same guild and the same characters dominated every spot from one to ten. It was incomparably beautiful. But the top guilds were still as quiet as before.

#### Chapter 399 – The Coming of the Spring Festival

Fighting for the dungeon records was not as exciting as it had been without all the ruckus caused by the big guilds. It's just like how a marathon is only exciting when the winner emerges from a large group of runners. If there is only one runner in the whole race, then the race would be very boring. There won't be any suspense to the results.

This was the case with Guild Happy hogging Gloom Forest's dungeon records. They had turned one of the most anticipated competitions into a dull monologue. Conquering the top ten positions on the standings awed the players of the tenth server time after time. The members of Guild Happy couldn't be more proud about this. However, this was getting rather tiresome for the five people who were creating the records and monopolizing the rankings.

Horse Shooter and Thousand Creations were not exceptions to this. After making ten records in a row, their initial excitement was already history. In the end, everyone was bored with making records.

"New record?"

"Yep, new record."

Even the exclamation mark was gone this time.

“What’s next?” Tang Rou asked Ye Xiu. It was clear that she hated the lack of challenges.

“It’s good that there are no more troublemakers. Let’s keep leveling up!” Ye Xiu was more realistic. His doubts about the lack of response from the big guilds were nowhere to be seen.

Therefore, everyone continued with dungeon crawling, monster killing, missions, and other necessary leveling up works. Due to the difference in levels, the team members stayed the same everyday. A multiplayer online game now just feels like a singles player stand-alone game. It was getting a bit repetitive. However, Ye Xiu was still quite into it. In addition to leveling up his own character everyday, he would also spend some time on guild matters. He also helped out Tang Rou and Steamed Bun Invasion, these two promising young players.

He paid attention to Concealed Light’s skill progress and dungeon research time after time as well.

One day, two days..... Time passed like this day by day. Everyone continued to level and pro matches continued to be played.

Ever since that day, Happy Internet Cafe maintained its tradition of broadcasting matches on match day. However, Excellent Era no longer became the sole match. Other exciting matches were chosen instead. Because of this, the cohesiveness of the guests declined greatly and the match days lost much of its former excitement in the Cafe.

After all, in the past, the loyal spectators during match day were there because they supported the same team. They were all friendly with each other because they shared a common language. These spectators might not necessarily like that big projection screen, but they certainly loved cheering and cursing together as a crowd, encouraging their favorite team.

Happy Internet Cafe’s match day event had been so successful because of this type of atmosphere. But now, without the cohesiveness from supporting Team Excellent Era and only that projection screen, the results were completely night and day. On these match days, when an attractive match came on, the Internet Cafe was able to gather quite a few spectators, but it was never as exciting as it had been before.

Many people felt that it was truly a pity. Some of them even tried to persuade Chen Guo to return to the original format, but Chen Guo always rejected them without hesitation.

Happy Internet Cafe couldn’t compare in popularity to before on match days, but the regular business wasn’t affected. The flow of customers every day was as strong as ever.

The peaceful days went by quickly. During the entire leveling process from Levels 44-46 in Gloom Forest, Guild Happy didn’t receive any challenges from the top guilds and, just like that, the dungeon records were conquered.

In the blink of an eye, it was already near the end of the month, and it was time for the Spring Festival. Glory had released Spring Festival events awhile ago. The Spring Festival events were the same every year, with plenty of rewards.

However, no matter how amazing the event was, it would be very difficult for it to upsurge the Internet Cafe’s business.

After all, the Spring Festival wasn't on the same level as Christmas in China. Even for the Pro Alliance, no matches were held during the Spring Festival. The usual frequent customers went back home during this time.

Chen Guo was a generous boss and had let her employees go on vacation quite early.

"What about you?" Chen Guo asked the employee that had been hired this year.

"What about you?" the employee Ye Xiu asked back.

"This is my home." Chen Guo said.

"Let me stay here....." Ye Xiu said decisively.

"You're not going back home?" Chen Guo frowned.

Ye Xiu slowly shook his head.

Chen Guo sighed, but didn't say anything. Family matters were his business. Even though the two of them could be considered as friends, Chen Guo didn't understand his family situation too well, so she didn't feel qualified to say anything.

"Not bad. I'll have someone to accompany me this year." Chen Guo welcomed Ye Xiu to stay.

"What about Little Tang?" Ye Xiu asked.

"She's packing her things!"

"She's going back home?" Ye Xiu's question was a bit weird.

Chen Guo nodded her head.

"Where.. does she live?" It was the first time that Ye Xiu had asked about Tang Rou's personal life.

But Chen Guo unexpectedly shook her head: "I don't know."

"Hm..... Don't you think that Little Tang's background is quite mysterious?" Ye Xiu asked.

Chen Guo only laughed: "So what? It's not like she's a bad person."

"That's true." Ye Xiu nodded his head. He turned around and continued to play the game. Tomorrow was Chinese New Year's Eve. There wasn't a single customer in the Internet Cafe. Only the sounds of Ye Xiu's mouse and keyboard could be heard. The other employees had been given their red envelopes already and had gone back home happily to celebrate the festival.

Chen Guo walked around, bored. Soon afterwards, she saw Tang Rou carrying her luggage downstairs and hurriedly went over to help. However, Tang Rou shook her hand: "It's not heavy!" and carried it down herself.

"Everyone's gone?" Tang Rou looked around the Internet Cafe and said after her gaze landed back onto Chen Guo.

"I'm still here!" A hand was raised behind a computer in the corner. The hand waved around, answering the question for Chen Guo.

“You’re not going back home?” Tang Rou called out.

“I don’t have time. I have work to do.” Ye Xiu replied.

Tang Rou and Chen Guo couldn’t help but laugh. They had a general understanding of Ye Xiu’s situation though and knew that he was just joking. That obviously wasn’t a reason not to go back home. In reality, what family didn’t have a computer in this day and age? The Internet Cafe provided a type of atmosphere. For a special time like the Spring Festival, everyone had their own important atmospheres to experience. Those who liked to frequent the Internet Cafe temporarily went back home to play.

“Don’t forget to keep leveling when you go back! Don’t be like Steamed Bun and lag behind after the event is done.” Ye Xiu stopped doing his “work” and went over to sincerely warn the departing Tang Rou several times.

“Got it.....” Tang Rou chuckled.

“Come here, take the red envelope.” Chen Guo handed over a big red envelope.

“Thanks, boss. Happy New Year.” Tang Rou smiled splendidly and didn’t decline it.

“What about me?” Compared to not declining it, there was also someone taking the initiative to ask for it.

“What are you in a hurry for!” Chen Guo rolled her eyes.

“I’m not even going back home. I should be getting money for working overtime.” Ye Xiu asked.

“Little Tang, let me help you call a taxi.” Chen Guo ignored Ye Xiu. After months of working together, Chen Guo deeply respected Ye Xiu’s skill, but she no longer adored or revered him anymore.

“Have a safe trip home!” Ye Xiu waved his hands to send Tang Rou off.

“Happy New Year!” Tang Rou waved her hands towards Ye Xiu and hopped into the taxi. Chen Guo and Ye Xiu sent her off until she could no longer be seen.

“How cold! Let’s go back!” Ye Xiu rubbed his neck and called after Chen Guo.

“Mm.” Chen Guo replied and the two went back to the Internet Cafe.

“You’re going to leave it open?” Ye Xiu pointed to the Internet Cafe’s entrance.

Chen Guo looked at it: “It’s not like it matters. Just leave it open!”

“There was even a tree for Christmas. You’re not going to put anything up for the Spring Festival?” Ye Xiu asked.

Chen Guo stared blankly for a long while: “That..... I hadn’t thought about it.”

“You have no common sense.” Ye Xiu said.

“I’ve always been by myself. I’ve been too lazy to do it.” Chen Guo said.

“Oh, but not this year. The weather’s nice today. Why not go out and buy some decorations?” Ye Xiu said.



“The weather’s not bad? Didn’t you just say that it was cold outside?” Chen Guo asked.

“It’s cold because I’m wearing too little.” Ye Xiu rushed upstairs to wrap up a makeshift overcoat. Chen Guo stared dumbly at him for a long while.

“You don’t have a second jacket?” Chen Guo said.

“It’s true!” Ye Xiu said.

“Didn’t you move over from across the street? How could you be so lazy! You didn’t bring anything?” Chen Guo said.

“You have to know that I wasn’t prepared to retire and work at your Internet Cafe!” Ye Xiu said.

“Then where’s your stuff?” Chen Guo asked.

“Probably.. at Su Mucheng’s place?” Ye Xiu asked.

“Ah!” Chen Guo immediately grew excited, “How about I come with you to get it? We can go a hundred times. There’s no rush.”

“There’s nothing to be in a rush for.” Ye Xiu said.

“That’s not important.” Chen Guo clearly wasn’t concerned with Ye Xiu’s stuff.

“Chasing after a star? Don’t be in a hurry. She’s also on break. I’ll just have her come over some time.” Ye Xiu said.

“What day? What day?” Chen Guo hastily asked.

“What day would you like?”

“Every day!”

“..... I’ll go ask.”

“Okay, let’s go get the decorations first though.” Chen Guo was excited.

After cleaning things up for a bit, the two left the Internet Cafe.

“I say..... Your jacket can’t be the only piece of clothing you brought, right?” Chen Guo began to wonder.

“What do you want to say?” Ye Xiu glanced sideways.

“Have you washed and changed your clothing before?”

“Since we don’t have the same work and rest schedule, I’ll forgive your poor observational skills.” Ye Xiu said.

“But how come I’ve never seen you buy anything?” Chen Guo questioned.

“Taobao, miss!”

“.....”

## Chapter 400 – I'm Ye Qiu

The New Year's Chen Guo wasn't any different than her usual unrestrained self. Traditional or modern. Decoration or food. Useful or not. As long as she liked something, she wouldn't haggle over the price and just hand over her money. Afterwards, she pointed towards Ye Xiu and gave her blessings with a big smile, saying "Happy New Years" or "May you be happy and prosperous". Then, she stuffed her bags into Ye Xiu's hands.

Chen Guo clasped her hands behind her back, walking forward high and mightily. Hearing Ye Xiu huffing and puffing behind her, she was certain that she had bought a good amount.

"This, this and this one too. How are you selling these, sir?" Chen Guo decided that she would buy a bit more. She arrived at yet another vendor's booth and without even looking clearly at what items were being sold, she pointed to a few that caught her eye and asked. While she asked, she turned her head around in delight to look behind her.

But..... there was no one there! Ye Xiu, who had been behind her the entire time, had disappeared. When she had paid for the goods just before, Chen Guo still remembered that Ye Xiu was behind her.

Tomorrow was New Year's Eve. There weren't many people who waited until this day to buy New Year goods, though there weren't too few people either. Chen Guo stood on her tiptoes to look around, but wasn't able to find any trace of Ye Xiu. She could only carry the goods she had just bought by herself and search by backtracking.

But after just a few steps, she choked in anger. Ye Xiu had pushed the New Year goods that had just been bought to one side and was sitting on a folding stool, which came from who knew where, sitting and smoking leisurely. The purchased goods that had been pushed to one side looked kind of like he had set up a small vendor booth.

Ye Xiu's eyes weren't bad. He quickly found Chen Guo and waved warmly at her.

Chen Guo stomped her way over with a dark expression on her face, but she didn't know what to say. Seeing the pile on the ground, Chen Guo realized that she really had bought just a tad too much. Telling him that he couldn't take a rest was a bit mean.

"Is that enough?" Ye Xiu said modestly. All of this was more than enough to last five Spring Festivals. Just duilian alone, she liked this one and that one. In the end, she had bought a total of seven. Ye Xiu calculated. There was Happy Internet Cafe's main entrance, the restroom, the door leading to his, Chen Guo's, and Tang Rou's rooms, the two doors to the two bedrooms, his small storage room, plus the restroom. There were a total of seven doors, so it was the perfect number. It was hard to say if Chen Guo had actually thought of this though.....

"Is it too heavy?" Chen Guo asked.

"Obviously." Ye Xiu wasn't Tang Rou and conceded. He wasn't going to carry them all stubbornly.

"Okay, let's go back then!" Chen Guo said, while picking up a few of the bags.

"Finally." Ye Xiu heaved a sigh of relief. He picked up the rest and went back home.

By the time they got back to Happy Internet Cafe, the two were soaked with sweat despite the cold winter day. As soon as Chen Guo went through the entrance, she immediately found a nearby seat to sit down and pant. When she looked back, Ye Xiu had already thrown down his stuff, though the person himself wasn't anywhere to be found.

"Where'd he go?" Chen Guo muttered, but then heard a sound from behind her. She looked back and saw that someone had walked into the Internet Cafe. The sunlight was blinding outside, so Chen Guo wasn't able to see the person clearly. She thought that it was a customer, so she immediately got up to welcome the person. When she got up and saw the person clearly, she blurted out: "What are you doing?"

The person who had come in was Ye Xiu. He was dressed in formal attire. Draped across his arm was an overcoat. His elegant and stylish demeanor was bewildering. When the person heard Chen Guo speak, he was also startled, but he quickly regained his composure and gave a polite smile: "May I ask if Ye Xiu is here or perhaps Ye Qiu?"

Chen Guo was surprised.

The moment she saw Ye Xiu looking like this, she had felt like she had made a mistake. As soon as this person spoke, Chen Guo realized that she really had made an error.

This person, without a doubt, looked like the spitting image of Ye Xiu. His face might look alike, but more importantly, his hair style and build were a bit different.

Ye Xiu quietly slipping away and switching attire to scare her was something she could believe, but switching his hair and his build in that short amount of time definitely wasn't possible.

"You are....." Chen Guo already felt like there was no need to ask this question. The two looked practically the same. Who else could he be?

"I'm his younger brother." The person introduced himself.

"Twins?" Chen Guo asked.

"Yes. Could I ask who you are?"

"Oh, I'm the boss here. Ye Xiu is here." Chen Guo said, "He was just here, now..... YE XIU!!" Chen Guo shouted.

"RESTROOM!!" A similarly loud shout sounded back.

"Oh, he's over there....." Chen Guo pointed to where the restroom was.

"I'll wait for him." The person nodded his head.

"You can sit wherever you'd like." Chen Guo also nodded her head.

The person walked around a few steps and then asked in a casual manner: "So he's using the name Ye Xiu here?"

"Yeah!" Chen Guo walked to the refrigerator and after opening the door, she indicated for him to look: "What would you like to drink?"

“Fanta, apple. Thank you.”

Chen Guo grabbed a bottle of Fanta and threw it over. She also grabbed a bottle and asked, while twisting the cap: “What do you go by?”

The person had jumped in fright at Chen Guo throwing the bottle over to him. With great difficulty, he was able to catch the bottle and regain his composure. When he heard Chen Guo’s question, he immediately replied: “My name is Ye Qiu.”

“Ah?” Chen Guo was startled, “You’re Ye Qiu?”

“I’ve always been.....”

“Then he borrowed your name?” Chen Guo asked.

“Yes. He even borrowed my credentials.”

Chen Guo was somewhat baffled. Their conversation stopped for a short moment, when they heard the sound of rushing water from the restroom. Soon after, the sound of a door opening and closing could be heard. Ye Xiu walked over sloppily. Seeing Ye Qiu standing near the entrance, he immediately went “Oh?”

“He’s looking for you.” Chen Guo said.

“Clearly.” Ye Xiu nodded his head.

With the two in front of her, Chen Guo could distinguish between the two. Indeed, from only their face, the two looked exactly the same. But apart from that, there wasn’t anything else about them that was alike.

One of them was wearing neat and tidy attire, while the other was wearing the same jacket he had been repeatedly wearing for the past two months. Because their work and rest schedule were different, Chen Guo didn’t even know whether he had ever washed his jacket before.

One of them had an immaculate appearance, while the other had only just gone out to buy some stuff and his face already looked dirty.

Then, she looked at their posture. One of them stood perfectly straight, even the curve of his arm looked as if they had been paid particular attention to. As for the other..... Chen Guo couldn’t help but compare. The guy looked like he hadn’t even worn his pants on properly. When he walked, his head was lowered and his posture was slouched.

“What are you doing here?” Chen Guo saw Ye Xiu walk over unsteadily and greeted his completely different younger brother.

“I’m here to pick you up to go back home and celebrate New Years.”

“Who said I was going to go back?” Ye Xiu asked.

“If you don’t go back, what are you going to do?”

“I’m going to work overtime!” Ye Xiu said.

Chen Guo immediately discovered another difference between the two: their tone of voice.

Ye Xiu's tone of voice was bold and confident as if everything he said was right. Even though Chen Guo had to admit that he was correct most of the time and everything should be like he said, but his tone of voice still made others want to punch him. In comparison, his younger brother had a very formal tone of voice. It was polite and proper. His tone of voice made it so it was impossible to tell if there was anything wrong. Chatting with such a person wouldn't be unpleasant.

"Did she introduce herself? This is my boss." Ye Xiu introduced Chen Guo to Ye Qiu, "She's the one who told me to work overtime."

"Is that right?" Ye Qiu looked towards Chen Guo with uncertainty.

"He asked for it. I approved." Chen Guo wouldn't be unjustly blamed like that.

Ye Qiu's gaze immediately switched back to Ye Xiu.

Ye Xiu exposed a helpless expression: "I won't go back. It'll be the same as always. Why ask why?"

"It's different now. Didn't you retire this year? Then what are you doing drifting around outside?" Ye Qiu said.

Chen Guo's heart thumped. She suddenly recalled the guess she had made with Tang Rou that night. Had Ye Xiu's retirement been caused by his family pressuring the Club from behind the scenes? If not, why would his family immediately want him to come back after he retired?

"Retiring doesn't mean anything. You outsiders wouldn't understand." Ye Xiu said.

"Retiring..... Even if you want to come back, it will still take a year, no?" Ye Qiu said.

"Oh, you even know of this?"

"It's not like you have anything to do this year. Why not come back home and take a rest?" Ye Qiu said.

"I can rest anywhere. It's all the same." Ye Xiu said.

"Father's health hasn't been too good recently....."

"That's what you always say....."

"Fine! Actually, mother's....."

"You're lying!"

"Little Dot died!"

"It's about time. He's already lived long enough!" Ye Xiu said coldly.

Chen Guo couldn't listen any longer, but she felt like she had to understand something: "Who's Little Dot?"

"A dog." Ye Xiu said.

“.....” Chen Guo suddenly realized the brother deserved to be the brother. Twins really were twins. These two people had some understand with each other on some areas. The specifics would need more observation. Chen Guo pondered. She retreated two steps and sat in the chair behind her. She took two sips and continued to watch the show.

“Should I record it?” Chen Guo felt the phone in her pocket. She had even thought of doing this.

“You really should come back.” Ye Qiu continued to urge him.

“Heh.....” Ye Xiu chuckled, “If I go back, it’ll make it easy for you to run away. Is that it?”

The very proper Ye Qiu had maintained his poise the entire time. This time, it seemed like his heart had twisted. Chen Guo watched as he suddenly shot forward like an arrow towards Ye Xiu and grabbed Ye Xiu’s clothing with his two hands.

Chen Guo started. She stood up and then heard Ye Qiu say angrily: “You shameful brother! That year, you stole the luggage that I had meticulously prepared. You went too far!”

“It’s more like I promptly discovered that my stupid little brother was about to run away from the family like an immature child and decided to take his place to teach him a lesson by example.” Ye Xiu answered.