

The Great Thief Chapter 21 - Massacre

Chapter 21: Massacre

After only a Shadowstrike, the poor Warlock was already at half HP, in addition to being stunned. After 2 normal attacks, the Warlock followed the fate of the Magician before he could even summon a small demon.

The party's priest had raised his Magic Staff twice, but still hadn't cast a single skill.

His expression was pale, what kind of Thief was this? Both of his friends were already level 4, and they didn't even stand a chance against him.

The party of 5 watched as 2 of them fell. There was only the Druid, Hunter and Priest remaining.

The Druid as the Main Tank put all his points into Constitution for the sake of survival, so his attacks were pitiful. The Hunter had no pets and he hadn't reached level 5 yet. As such, he didn't have Bow Proficiency so his attack speed was greatly inhibited. As for the Priest, would you expect him to use his Magic Staff to beat someone to death?

"Big brother, this is a misunderstanding" The priest called out: "We were only passing by"

Lu Li completely disregarded him, picking up the Common Equipment that the Warlock dropped and slowly disappearing.

With his opponent going invisible, this told him that Lu Li had no intention of sparing anyone.

The Priest's face darkened and called out: "We are all part of the Imperial Secret Service, please examine us objectively and don't mess with people you don't know..."

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The Imperial Secret Service sounded funny, but those who ran into these people would be unable to laugh. Their union was great in number and they all enjoyed PVP, so being targeted by them would be very troublesome.

Lu Li tightened the grip on his dagger and took a deep breath.

So it was them!

The Imperial Secret Service!

The dagger flashed before the Hunter's neck released a spray of blood.

The Druid let out a roar and started charging towards Lu Li, but Lu Li circled around the Hunter to dodge and go back into hiding.

This time, the Priest had finally found a good opportunity.

Hunter: +35, -62, the heal wasn't as much as the damage taken. Who says that having a Priest means you'll never die? In the face of all these skills and equipment, anything could happen.

In close range, the Hunter could only use melee weapons or engage in hand to hand combat with Lu Li. The Druid on the other hand, who busying circling the Hunter to chase Lu Li, couldn't find a way to engage him.

After the 6th hit, he had only managed to achieve 50% on Backstab's Skill Completion. But it was still more than the Hunter could bear, and he yelled as he fell onto the ground.

"Run!" The Priest despaired and turned around to escape.

Lu Li sprinted forwards; he was behind the Druid and he used both daggers to repeatedly attack the back of his head. 3 down 2 to go, and after attacking the Druid to death, he moved onto the Priest. He could only Heal and had short legs, so there was no way he was going to make it far. Lu Li quickly ended the fight with the use of his 2 daggers.

Now that he had cleared out the area, he continued fighting the Giant Wolf.

"They were from the Imperial Secret Service and you didn't give them any dignity." Lonesome Flower sighed; she had only been in the game for 2 days but she knew that messing with the Imperial Secret Service was a bad idea.

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"Yeah I killed people from the Imperial Secret Service." Lu Li's eyes were a little bloodshot. There seemed to be a glint on the dagger in his hands and he obviously was affected.

In the previous life, he had many unions hunting him, one of which were the Imperial Secret Service. For the sake of raising money to treat his sister's illness, he asked a friend to be a middle-man to apologise to a high level Imperial Secret Service member. He apologised and even promised to do the same on a public forum, but he never

thought that the Imperial Secret Service member would agree and then later set up an ambush to kill him once.

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Until this day, he still hadn't understood how he offended this Union, and would take that question to the grave.

In terms of who he hated, the Gangnam Royals were first and the Imperial Secret Service was definitely second.

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What those unfortunate eggheads didn't know, was that once they spoke the words Imperial Secret Service, they had sealed their fates. As long as a person was part of the Imperial Secret Service, Lu Li was determined to immediately kill them.

In this life, this was one of the reasons he chose to play Thief.

The Thief was not the strongest in PVP, but in terms of mobility, or quickly eliminating someone, he was unrivaled.

The escaped Giant Wolf didn't have much HP left and after short flurry of attacks, it cried out before falling onto the ground.

The wild Elite Monster didn't drop things that were as good as the Elite Instance Dungeon, but he was lucky. It dropped a Bronze equip, and three "Head of escaped Pet".

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Obviously within the game, it was impossible for the players to take out a knife and actually decapitate the wolf.

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"We just need to take the quest item, we don't want the equipment" March Rain timidly said. He didn't even dare look at Lu Li and was completely scared, not knowing if he was going to have nightmares about him.

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"This is a Priest item, you can have it." Lu Li picked up the items and lightly said: "PVP is a very normal thing in the game. Go quickly, there's going to be many Imperial Secret Service members here soon. You didn't enter a war so they won't be able to find you."

2

"I still need to find an NPC for a quest" Lu Li said.

"What kind of NPC? We've explored this nearby area, and we're quite familiar with it" March Rain didn't dare participate in PVP, but he didn't want to just leave, instead looking for other ways to help out.

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"Moon Shadow Valley's Sentinel Captain Carolina" Lu Li responded.

"Carolina? We've seen her before, she was by the small river saddled on a horse. If you walk west along the main road, you should be able to catch up to her. "

"Let's add each other as friends, we can play together later if we're free." Lu Li put the Quest Item in his bag and slowly escaped back into the shadows.

"Goodbye Big brother Lu Li" March Rain bit his lip, and made a fist: "Next time we will definitely be stronger, we won't hold you back."

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"Okay, if you want to be stronger, next time, I can take you to an Instance Dungeon" Lu Li's voice sounded from afar, slowly dissipating.

The breeze ruffled the grass, undoing the footsteps that he left behind. The yellow flowers in the grass waved in the wind and you couldn't tell that someone had walked through this area.

"Oh" Lonesome Flower pat her thigh: "Speaking of Instance Dungeons, was brother Lu Li the one who got the first clear on the Spider Lair? It had to be him: his equipment was so good and his technique seemed too strong."

With such a big gap in skill, March Rain's eyes darkened but quickly lightened up again: "I will definitely learn to play the Priest well; I want to be Dawn's number 1 Priest!"

Occasionally you could see Silver Leaved Grass by the side of the road, but Lu Li didn't stop to pick them. He quickly moved while invisible, wanting to find the NPC quickly and hand over the letter. Then he could return to kill those Imperial Secret Service members who were doing their job.

His equipment was good, but that didn't mean that he was immortal. As long as the party was ready for battle, it was possible that he would be affected by crowd control until his death.

However, as Lu Li understood better than anyone: becoming an expert comes only from killing others. In Dawn, PVP accounted for a large proportion of gameplay. It taught skills that could not be learnt by merely training with the NPC.

Carolina was riding a white leopard, leisurely walking along the road. There were a few players following behind her.

Carolina was a famous Demon woman; her stature was fantastic and she only wore enough clothes to cover the important parts. There were many perverted people here who would just follow her all day, not doing anything else.

Of course, her beauty was one thing, but her temper was considered bad.

Those who gathered in front of her were killed instantly and their deaths cost double exp.

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"Your excellency, I have brought news from Tap" Lu Li revealed himself in front of Carolina with a hand on his chest. Her expression was solemn as he performed this act of courtesy. In the face of a superior demon, politeness would only serve as an advantage.

"Oh, so it's a Thief. It has been a few days since I have seen Tap, how is he?" Under the gaze of numerous players, Carolina not only did not instantly kill this person obstructing the road, but instead sat up from her saddle and spoke with a delightful voice.

The Great Thief Chapter 22 - Kills In Ten Steps

Chapter 22: Kills In Ten Steps

"I'm very sorry to have to tell you; my kinsman has found himself in trouble and has sent me to deliver this letter." Lu Li took out the letter Tap gave him, using the game function to organise his sentences.

In the previous life, there were countless experts who wrote guides which all basically said: Interacting with an NPC in this way is the best way to garner approval, thus resulting in more quest clues and bigger quest rewards.

For example, if an NPC had a piece of Steel equipment and Silver equipment in hand, both could potentially be quest rewards.

To them, they would be equally worthless, but to the players, these two items were significantly more valuable.

Carolina's gaze only stayed on Lu Li's hand for a moment before she started to open the letter.

"I'm surprised those low life Cynocephali could hurt Tap; it looks like the Sacrificial Altar in the mines could summon something else. Thief, are you willing to help me?"

"Esteemed Carolina, your wish is my command," Lu Li said without hesitation, though he knew this could be troublesome.

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Other people might have thought that Carolina was just a Sentinel Captain and a beauty of the Night Elves, thus not issuing any good quests. Lu Li knew better because of his rebirth.

In two years' time, a band of Orcs would enter the Whispering Forest with the intention of invading Darnassus, but on the way there they would run into the sentry team of the Moon Shadow Valley.

This was a team of three that could vanish with the wave of a hand. Together they almost destroyed the entire Orc band.

Carolina had summoned a Moon God!

Moon God Elune, was one of the Gods that the Night Elves believe in. There were many Gods that appeared in Dawn, but a large majority of them were demigods or demons. There were only a handful of real Gods like Elune.

If it weren't for the fact that Elune never killed, there wouldn't be a single Orc that would have left the Whispering Forest.

Speaking of which, the Supreme One Ring on Lu Li was actually forged by the Moon God's son, Cenarius - a demigod with supernatural power.

Some people say that Carolina was actually Tyrande Whisperwind- the Night Elves' great leader and wife of Malfurion, a strong Druid. However, this has never been officially confirmed.

Carolina smiled at Lu Li as she said: "My subordinate is stuck in a dangerous situation, but I have a quest that I need to complete so I am unable to save him. Can you go and bring him back?"

System: Accept Quest: A female Priest's request: go to the Cynocephali mine and escort Explorer Tap back to Moon Shadow Valley. Time Limit: 24 hours. Reward: Unknown.

As expected, Lu Li bowed without hesitation: "Moon God on high, Esteemed Female Priest, as an Elf I will pursue this wholeheartedly!"

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This quest was going to be difficult because Lu Li was only level 5, but needed to fight level 8 monsters. In addition, he would need to get through a forest that was densely packed with monsters.

However, this wasn't the end of the road. It was not an Instance Dungeon, so he could ask for others to help him.

"@#!@!..." Carolina said something in Elven that was incomprehensible to Lu Li before mysteriously leaving.

Lu Li respectfully took two steps backwards, before fading out of sight.

Where he was standing was now covered in arrows and signs of magic.

The formalities took so long that members of the Imperial Secret Service had received news that he was with Carolina.

When Carolina was there, no one dared to do anything, but once she left, no one could wait any longer.

The dozens of members of the Imperial Secret Service immediately attacked, but Lu Li also immediately withdrew. To stave off evil required constant vigilance; if he was 2 or 3 seconds late he would have been killed.

In the previous life he didn't play as a Thief, but he experienced a lot of PVP, so this ability to hide and escape was one that was very convenient to have.

"Everyone spread out and search, but be careful. The moment he shows his face begin attacking" The commander directed his subordinates, while also loudly exclaiming to the surrounding players: "The Imperial Secret Service is performing its duties. Those who don't want to die, leave the area immediately"

"Crazy, thinking you're so great," Soy Sauce Party scolded, but only loud enough for the 2 to 3 people near him to hear.

"Don't mumble, and quickly get out of here. The Imperial Secret Service are the most unreasonable. If we aren't careful they might attack us."

“I don’t even know how the Thief from before offended these people, but it doesn’t look good at all.” Most people who were watching joked about it; only some people were sympathetic with Lu Li.

“With so many people searching, they’ll find him sooner or later” a busybody said. “I bet this Thief won’t last more than 5 minutes”

“Rubbish. If you want to bet on something, bet how long it’ll be before he gets killed,” another busybody said, rummaging around for a copper coin to gamble with.

Nobody thought that Lu Li could run away, let alone kill anyone.

On the other side, the Imperial Secret Service had over 20 members present, all wielding weapons. They were densely packed and swinging all over the place, hoping to flush out Lu Li from hiding.

After 2 minutes, when the Imperial Secret Service players were about to lose their patience, a miserable cry came from behind a tree.

Several nearby Imperial Secret Service members rushed over, but all they saw was a corpse that was disintegrating into data.

Everyone looked at each other in dismay, trying cast some area of effect spells, but to no avail.

“Look, on that side!” Soy Sauce Party who was nearby called out, pointing in the direction for his friend.

His companion saw where he was pointing, and saw a Warlock player with his head low, completely still. Behind him was a Thief wielding his dagger; there was a spray of blood and in one burst the Warlock was killed.

The entire process took less than 10 seconds!

But this the 10 seconds was enough for the Imperial Secret Service players to discover where Lu Li was.

Seeing a Thief rush at him, he smiled before rushing towards him as well.

The Stealth skill was on cooldown, so both Thieves directly confronted each other. Neither of them cast Stealth.

System: Successful parry, damage caused is reduced by 50%!

System: Shadowstrike Skill Completion 81%, causing 92% damage, target will be stunned for 1 second.

When the skill had been cast, the dagger was put back into its sheath. As it was sheathed, a bloodstain appeared on the back of the other Thief. Before he could even draw, Lu Li had turned and plunged the dagger into him.

During the stun duration, Lu Li performed 3 normal attacks. When the other Thief finally came to, he could only feel the coldness in his throat before falling to the ground.

Lu Li picked up some equipment that fell on the ground while the person underfoot disappeared. Before he even stood up, he had faded away once again.

The viewers around who were whooping were now speechless, with shocked expressions on their faces. Most of them were staring at the body of the Thief who was taken down in one shot as it faded into light, returning to the spawn point.

They were the same occupation; was the disparity between a master and an ordinary player so large?

The shock was unexplainable.

They all knew that masters would be very strong, but they had never seen one battle in person.

The uniformed commander of the Imperial Secret Service roared: "Mages, spread out and cast Blizzard. Warlocks cast Charm. Those who have the Charge skill don't save it. All Thieves go into Stealth and wait for an opportunity"

After several minutes, the members of the Imperial Secret Service hadn't done or said anything and the viewers surrounding were getting impatient.

Could the Thief have secretly run away?

The Great Thief Chapter 23 - Tutorial

Chapter 23: Tutorial

Even if Lu Li had secretly escaped, no one would blame him.

In Dawn, the specialties of the Thief occupation was hotly debated, but most people would concede that these dishonorable moves were definitely one of them.

Kills in ten steps and travels great distance with ease!

The former describes the burst potential of a Thief while the latter describes a Thief's mobility.

"Come out if you're worth anything!"

"This hiding business takes no skill, come out and fight..."

"Go home to your mother, stop pretending to be Sun Tzu!"

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The Imperial Secret Service members were clamoring, but neither Lu Li nor the surrounding players paid attention to them.

After a good few minutes, the Thief still hadn't shown his face.

Some people thought that he had already left, and yet some were still here foolishly searching.

They may as well have used this time to go and surround Carolina once again.

The surrounding players were watching and laughing as they slowly left, as the Imperial Secret Service members continued with shame and resentment. They didn't have a choice in all this; they wanted to train instead of wasting time too, but this was a greater priority.

"Let's return; this one person isn't worth the trouble. We'll wait for another opportunity to take him," the commander ordered, but politely this time.

There were 30-40 members of the Imperial Secret Service that turned up so quickly. Even with this many people, they weren't able to drive Lu Li into a corner and had instead turned into a laughing stock. No one wanted to continue this futile effort, and upon hearing the instruction, they started to take out their Hearthstones and activate them.

The activation time for the Hearthstone was 15 seconds with a cooldown of 30 minutes. It allowed the players to return to their designated village or city.

While the Hearthstone was being cast, light is shone around the user to signal their return.

The commander watched the changing sight before him as he teleported and in his vision, buildings materialized before the trees of Moon Shadow Valley. After relaxing, he found himself tired, letting out a sigh. This was truly a failed task.

Hearing that his members had been killed by the same person who got the first clear in an Instance Dungeon, he immediately set out to take revenge, hoping to also gain some respect from the players in the area. This had backfired badly, and now the reputation of the Union had been destroyed.

The members of the Imperial Secret Service didn't stand a chance against the guy who took the first clear of an Instance Dungeon!

If he was able to take the first clear, he must have received good equipment. He also must have cleared the dungeon a few more times after that.

Who thought that they would find themselves in this kind of situation?

As he was muttering these reasons for his defeat to himself, a cry could be heard from his members.

"It's that Thief, he hasn't left!"

"Help, I can't move!"

"Dammit, my return port was disrupted. Everyone don't return yet, quickly come and help!"

There were 3 people; one was hit by Sap, another by Cheap Shot and the last was kicked, so all of their return ports were disrupted. The others had started their ports so early that they had all returned to Moon Shadow Valley.

What is this!

How can you play like this?

The return point was densely packed with members of the Imperial Secret Service. In such a small space, this was enough to display their strength, causing ordinary players to keep their distance.

But today, there was a chill in the air around them.

Until now, there were members who were arrogant about their ability, even though they hadn't done anything. Numerous members had this mentality, however, now that they had faced that Thief, they were too ashamed call themselves experts.

He was the real expert.

He first killed an entire party, and then, under the noses of dozens of other members, he had butchered another three!

Can we not play with you anymore?

Nope!

They had to ask the expert whether they could leave!

Lu Li kept 3 Mages behind. He didn't need to manage the ones that had been hit by Sap or Cheap Shot because of the stun. The one he was facing was the most important; he needed to finish the fight in 20 seconds before the other player returned from the effects of Sap.

Mages learned a teleportation skill at level 10 called 'Flash'. Before they cast it, their movement would be significantly reduced. If someone were to come into close range, they would have no hope of escaping. Their only option was to keep at it.

What Lu Li found was strange was that the target that he was attacking right now was not only in a complete mess, but didn't know how to retaliate at all.

Lu Li didn't know how strange what he had done to the other player was. After disrupting his port and immediately attacking his face, he had no idea how to respond.

After 6 seconds, the second player who used Ice Arrows woke up. Lu Li had already dealt with the first Mage.

The Ice Arrows hit Lu Li's body, exploding into shards of ice and dealing 35 damage. It also applied a 20% movement speed debuff (it was a debuff spell, the opposite of a buff).

This didn't matter, as Lu Li was already close by and could easily approach the Mage. He stabbed the opponent in the stomach like a viper and immediately pulled back. Lu Li then disappeared as he tumbled and reappeared behind him, casting Shadowstrike!

The other player had just finished loading the next Ice Arrow when Lu Li had disappeared from view. He then felt like he had been stabbed, which interrupted his skill and stunned him.

This Mage that had been stunned was not bad; the moment he recovered from the stun he knew exactly what he needed to do and immediately began his attack when the opportunity presented itself. It was too bad that his opponent was Lu Li. It was as if his mind was read, and when he quickly turned around after he recovered, Lu Li was already behind him again.

With your back to a Thief, this was one of the most brainless ways to die!

Immediately after Lu Li had killed his target, he immediately entered Stealth.

The last player that woke up was nervous, brandishing his Magic Staff and calling out: "Don't come over here, don't come here..."

After a few seconds, a light shone behind him and the Cheap Shot skill was successfully cast. He was stunned for 4 seconds!

The result had already been determined/ Lu Li quickly dealt with this kid who was scared out of his wits and picked up the items that were dropped before fading into the shadows...

This time he really left.

It sounded like this all happened over a while, but the process of Lu Li interrupting their return ports and killing them actually occurred in under a minute.

In the return point, the three unlucky kids appeared. Their faces were sullen and restless.

The others were completely silent; no one made a sound in that return area.

The commander looked at everyone and shook his head as he said: "Forget about today, everyone should go back to training. If you see this Thief then run away and wait for a later opportunity. However, we should all pay extra effort to gather more information about him."

The morale of the troops was lost, so any further attempts would only be humiliating.

"Boss, quickly check the forums!" Just as he was about to tell them to disperse, someone called out.

In Dawn, you could directly access the game forums. You only needed to instruct the interface and it would appear before your eyes on screen.

The hottest post currently on the forums, with a hit rate increasing at over 1000 per second read:

Moon Shadow Valley God level Thief, tutorial included!

The Great Thief Chapter 24 - Enchantment

Chapter 24: Enchantment

A PVP incident had occurred today at Moon Shadow Valley, which was fairly common. But what the original poster of the forum post saw was absolutely extraordinary!

The poster and a few other enthusiasts were gathered, watching the beautiful NPC, Carolina. Suddenly, their surroundings were filled with 41 members of the Imperial Secret Service, all with the intention of getting rid of some nameless Thief. It was 1 v 41, and in plain view of everyone there, the Thief managed to kill 3 people while taking less than 100 damage himself before escaping...

The original poster saw this with his own eyes and was shocked; his hands were still shaking as he made the post.

The original poster was actually recording Carolina at the time, and so was fortunate enough to record the whole scene.

He said that this Thief was godlike, and every move he made was worth studying.

There was link that followed, and when you opened it, it would play the scene before the members of the Imperial Secret Service ported home.

The video had only been up for a few seconds, but comments were already appearing.

1: Jade Flower Lover – As someone who is a professional gamer part of the 'MLG', seeing this gives me the chills. Did this guy edit the video so it looks like this?

2: Painted Feathers – SECOND!!!!

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3: Roman Vanguard – The Great Qin Empire Union are hiring. If you are the brother who is in the video, please add me as a friend. The yearly salary is greater than that of elders in a big company and our union consists of people who are strong and ruthless. Together we will dominate Dawn!

4: Midnight Melody – The Imperial Secret Service got smashed, woo hooo!

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68: Water Fairy – To the one in the video, do you want to meet up somewhere to PVP?

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71: Storm Warrior – To the 68th comment, Water Fairy, you are beautiful and I love you!

72: Interstellar boy – I have a car, room and all sorts of household appliances. My bank balance exceeds 8 figures. Please be my girlfriend Water Fairy!

73: Old man next door – How many PVPs does Water Fairy want to participate in, 3 or 4? Count me in...

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320: Amusing Funeral – The original poster's video is incomplete, it gets even better at the end. Please see my post: The wretched way is king, the ultimate path of the Thief!

The lower the comments, the crazier they became, but there were still numerous people who could see the value of this Thief, including renowned Thieves such as "Midnight Ghost", "Blood Dagger" and "Song of Sorrow". They all praised Lu Li's technique and positioning, and each one held it to high esteem. But the top Fairy Thief, Water Fairy, in asking for a battle caused discussion to ignite in this forum.

The Imperial Secret Service then became an example of what not to do, and for a long time, their members had to keep their heads down when facing other players.

As Lu Li's appearance was brief, while the video was taken from afar, no one could clearly see his name and so for a long time they just called him 'nameless'.

Lu Li didn't know about any of this, and after he left, he went straight to the Moon Shadow Village.

He was afraid that he was being followed, so he stayed in stealth. He only revealed himself when he had entered the Dwarf's blacksmith.

"You sneaky Thief, are you here to steal something?" the Dwarf's blacksmith could be found commonly in the game: after all, Dwarves forge the highest quality metals. However, in this kind of place like the Moon Shadow Valley, only Qum's Blacksmith could be found.

The other blacksmiths in Moon Shadow Valley were all managed completely by elves.

"Master Qum, you misunderstand." Lu Li took a step forward and saluted the Dwarf.

"Humph, Elf hypocrite, there's nothing for you here." There were large swords and shields hanging on the walls of the blacksmith; he wasn't lying.

"I heard you've reached some troubles in your research, so I specifically went and looked for a piece of Superior Quality Copper for you." Lu Li turned his wrist and pulled

out the Superior Quality Copper Ore from the mines, placing it gently on Qum's workstation.

"Superior Quality Copper ore?" Qum chuckled with disdain: "How can the deserted Whispering Forest produce a Superior Quality Copper ore? Ever since I was sent to this damned place, I haven't seen any high quality ores."

Although his mouth spoke with spite, his hand still reached out and picked up the ash covered copper piece.

"Well" Qum was surprised as he felt it, hastily picking up his magnifying glass to study it.

"Quality 86, it's pretty good even for a Superior Quality Copper Ore" Lu Li said.

"You have a good eye..." the Dwarf gripped the copper ore tightly, clearly satisfied.

This wasn't true though, as the system directly told the player the grade of the ore. No visual observation was required of the players, but he obviously didn't tell the NPC that. Lu Li smiled as he took out a dagger from his backpack. "Master, you can keep the ore. All you need to do is enchant this weapon of mine."

Enchantment, involved using magic to attach an effect to a weapon, helmet or other equipment, either temporarily or permanently.

Lu Li did not know whether Qum from the Moon Shadow Valley was an Enchanter, but according to the guide he knew, Qum was the only one willing to undertake tasks for the player.

"What a surprise, you know about enchantments?" Qum asked.

"It is a great art, graciously given by the Gods," Lu Li patiently flattered. In fact, the current players hadn't even heard of enchanting. The life occupations that were officially listed only included Forger, Potion Crafter, Tailor and Forager (picking medicinal herbs, mining or hunting for skins).

Others such as Enchanter, Jeweler, Scribe, Builder and Cook would only appear in the next update of the game.

When the players reached a big city, they would come into contact with an Enchanter. With a ridiculously high price, they could add an attribute to a piece of equipment. This could make a small or big difference and could also be good or bad.

Lu Li's flattering made Qum feel more comfortable; the Elf before him didn't seem so bad. He picked up the dagger and flicked the blade with his finger: "Crafted by Elves, looks good but functionally useless."

Broodmother's Kiss (Bronze): Damage 8-15, Agility +2, Equipment Requirement LV3, Durability 18/18.

This bronze weapon wasn't too bad; it was a weapon that could be used when you were level 3, but was nothing compared to what the Dwarves could produce. Lu Li didn't really address the criticism, just smiling with embarrassment: "Master Qum, can you give it a new life?"

"Of course, I'm not only a Dwarven Blacksmith." Qum was also a special Enchanter.

"Khaz'Goroth on High, your generosity is to be admired." Lu Li bowed in gratitude, successfully enticing the Dwarf to take on the job.

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Dwarves place great importance on their image, and as he had already been praised in addition to being given the ore, it wasn't too difficult for him to accept the request.

After taking out a few odd pieces from behind his workstation and laying them in a certain order around the dagger, both of Qum's hands emitted a colored light, the outline of his fingers flickering. Symbols then appeared and flew towards the dagger without entering it.

After a while, Qum sighed with relief and returned the dagger to Lu Li: "The original material isn't too great. This is best I can do."

Broodmother's Kiss (Steel): Damage 10-22, Agility +4, Special Effect: Target will be poisoned if they are hit, dealing 20 damage per second, lasting for 5 seconds. Equipment Requirement LV5, Durability 30/30.

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Woah, in the blink of an eye the sparrow had become a phoenix; the Bronze equipment became Steel. If this was considered bad, what kind of Enchanter was? Lu Li had never heard of enchanting that changed the rank of an item.

Lu Li was completely filled with gratitude this time: "Master Qum, this is the best dagger I've ever seen. The greatness of your enchantment is amazing."

The Great Thief Chapter 25 - Aegwynn's Tome

Chapter 25: Aegwynn's Tome

“The art of Enchanting has been on the decline,” the old Dwarf said dejectedly, as if Lu Li’s words caused him to remember something sad.

“No way, there are lots of people who know about Enchanting. There’ll be more and more Enchanters in the future. Don’t worry maestro, you won’t be lonely,” Lu Li said.

“Those Enchanters,” Qum said as he shook his head, “They have blasphemed Enchanting, and blasphemed our Ancestors.”

Lu Li had no idea what Qum was saying. In his ‘past life’, he liked to read guides, but none of them could explain this Dwarf’s inexplicable words. However, his experience in games told him that this was an opportunity!

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“Maestro, I can’t quite understand what you’re saying. I am but a young Elf, and do not know much.”

Perhaps it was because Qum had been holding all of this within him for so long, and upon seeing Lu Li’s respectful attitude, he replied, “The history of Enchanting started with a Magician in the ancient times, and has been developed for tens of thousands of years... modern Magicians strive for efficiency, and try to minimise materials used while maximising their effects. But they’re wrong. As the quality of materials go down, Enchanting will become more and more worthless...”

“The glory of Enchanting has been instead covered with dust and dirt. What a pity.” Lu Li didn’t really know what to say in response.

In the olden times, the materials used for Enchanting were far too valuable, so Enchanting was a very limited discipline. As time passed, Magicians researched how to use lower grade materials or less materials, causing Enchanting to become more widespread and popular.

There were advantages and disadvantages to both approaches, but to Qum, those modern Magicians had ruined Enchanting.

Young Elf, thank you for listening to my story. When one grows old, it’s hard to see from a new perspective.” Qum was indeed quite old. Although Dwarves had quite a long lifespan, even they were not immortal.

“It was my honour. You are a great and respectable Enchanter.” Lu Li sincerely said.

Even in his ‘past life’, Lu Li had never even heard of an Enchanter being able to raise an equipment’s grade simply by Enchanting.

“The river of time has washed away the past; I wonder how many Enchanters there are who also stick to the olden ways. Elf, are you willing to follow my path and continue walking down it for me?” The Dwarf’s eyes were filled with a slight look of helplessness and hope. Lu Li wasn’t someone he was extremely satisfied in, but there were no other options available to him.

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Who would have thought that things would have turned out like this? Lu Li came here simply to Enchant his Dagger, but now he had been presented with a rare opportunity.

A rare Trade Skill!

If he said no, he would definitely be a fool. Of course he was extremely willing! “That would be my honour. I am willing to devote my life to this path.”

This seemed to move the old Dwarf and the last trace of hesitation in his eyes vanished. Qum limped into one of the inner rooms of the smith. When he came back, he was holding an incredibly thick and ancient-looking book.

“A Lord Magician gave this Enchanting book to my ancestor, and it was passed down to me. Now, I will pass it to you, Elf. I hope that you will take good care of it.” He passed the ancient book to Lu Li and instantly looked like the burden on his shoulders had been greatly eased.

System: You have received Aegywnn’s Tome (Special). With this book, you can learn the ancient discipline of Enchanting.

The book was very old, but it was not torn or missing any pages. The title page was quite plain, and there was a small string of words in the bottom right corner.

My life belongs to myself, and I make all my decisions willingly and freely. I have never been controlled by anyone; not even gods can do so! I lower my head to others out of respect and admiration, but never out of subservience! – Magna Aegwynn.

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What a domineering quote!

Aegwynn... Aegwynn... Lu Li’s mind was blown.

He had guessed that it was some grandmaster who wrote this Enchanting book, but he never would have thought that it was actually Aegwynn.

Aegwynn was called the most powerful Magician and was the Guardian of Tirisfal. She had protected this continent by killing monsters and demons. Together with the Blue

Dragonflight, she defeated the strongest Boss in Dawn- the Dark Titan Sargeras, who was described to be the source of all evil. She then sealed his corpse under the Abyss.

Within the players' hearts, this female Magician was the pinnacle of all existence.

Grand and majestic!

However, Aegywnn decided that she did not want to continue being controlled by the Tirisfal Council and wanted to pass on her power to alter generations. As such, she chose a man- Nielas Aran, the genius court Conjurer. They gave birth to an even greater son- Medivh!

This Aegywnn's Tome didn't have any stats, and apart from Enchanting offered nothing else. Nevertheless, it was worthy of its name.

Of course, when Lu Li opened this Enchanting book, what he saw was not only powerful Enchanting formulae, but also lists of required materials that shocked him. He completely understood why the ancient ways of Enchanting had been abandoned.

It was a pity that he was not a Magician- if he was, he could have maximised the potential of this incredible book.

Who would have thought that the Novice Village in the Moon Shadow Valley held so many secrets.

In actuality, there were many secrets hidden in Dawn. Every race had powerful heroes who had left behind secrets to be found in various villages.

Lu Li knew that he did not have much of a lead on other people, and that there were definitely other players who also had incredible equipment and items.

However, he knew more than others, and put in more effort!

After saying goodbye to the Dwarf Qum, Lu Li left the smith and handed in the Collection quest for the Silver Leaved Grass.

As expected, the reward was the Alchemy Skill. This skill was important for any player, and especially essential for any solo Thief.

This was because Alchemy had a branch called Poisons. This allowed players to create poisons which could be applied on Daggers, causing them to deal extra damage. Some poisons could even apply Debuffs, such as lowering Movement Speed, Paralysing the enemy, lowering the effect of healing, etc.

From morning until night, Lu Li had been online for over 12 hours. He hadn't eaten or rested, and was completely worn out.

After learning the Alchemy skill, Lu Li planned to log off, but the World Announcement suddenly shone out with a chain of gold letters.

System: Under the leadership of player Indifference, Capcoman, Yew, Still Water Flowing and Hunderhunch have set a new record for Spider Lair (Elite level). Current record: 1 hour 12 minutes 32 seconds!