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Chapter 601: Breaking Perception! (Five Thousand Words)_2

It wasn't exactly a coincidence; Chen Mo was actually assigned to a group of people with top-tier SSS-level infiltration methods. What was even more outrageous was that the area where Zhui Yi resided still had one hundred competitors assigned to it. It was clear his existence was indeed of a unique unit type. An area was set to host a maximum of one hundred competitors, but no restrictions were put on the number of unique units. This resulted in one hundred and one people being present in this area. However, due to the rules of this layer, those in the hundred-person groups had generally lowered their guard somewhat. At least the weird second-transition wasn't in their area with them. As long as the adversary couldn't use their thousand-mile attack in a crowd, the group of a hundred would be safe. Now, the only concern was whether he had any other special methods if he was nearby. So, everyone was most wary of those three areas with ninety-nine people each.

Soon after, both Chen Mo and Zhui Yi emerged from the rewards zone. As soon as they emerged, they saw a large number of people around. However, since the map was disabled, they had to individually identify whether their prey was among the crowd. In a hundred zones, it was quite difficult to have one's prey assigned to the same zone as oneself. Chen Mo didn't find his prey, but Zhui Yi was surprisingly lucky; Chen Mo's prey, No. 1582, happened to be in his area. Seeing prey nearby, Zhui Yi naturally didn't hold back. With a single thought from him, the hundreds of millions of Skeleton Monsters he always carried with him attacked No. 1582 in unison.

Everyone was initially engrossed in reviewing the chat group on the Heavenly Dao interface when suddenly a flash of Golden Light in the crowd shocked them all. Their gazes turned towards the direction of the light.

"No. 1582, what are you doing?"

At that moment, No. 1582 first looked bewildered and then terrified. "It's him! He's the one who attacked! Within a blink of an eye, I was knocked out of resurrection. Thank God I used my invincible skills quickly; otherwise, I wouldn't even have had the chance to speak! You guys, quick, give me some buffs!"

"What!?"

All the people around were utterly horrified.

"Who attacked? That second-transition? How is that possible? We've reached our maximum capacity here!"

Everyone wore faces of disbelief.

For a moment, no one quite understood the situation, and they hesitated to give No. 1582 buffs. What if, after they all cast powerful buffs on him, he turned around and used that advantage to kill everyone present? After all, everyone was from different Star Systems and had only collaborated due to a common enemy. It was possible that someone might harbor ulterior motives. Given that the area was already at full capacity, the claim from No. 1582 that he was suddenly attacked by the weird second-transition... was it possible?

To be fair, there was a certain possibility, they reasoned. After all, that guy had the ability to kill from a thousand-mile range, ignoring the rules. However, the likelihood of this happening at this particular moment was rather low. After all, it had been a long time since Chen Mo had last killed anyone. Their collective analysis suggested that his method couldn't be used when people were gathered in a crowd. If he could kill in a crowd now, then he could have done so before, they further reasoned. This, combined with his previous actions of killing the first and second person without any regard for points—simply killing them directly—led them to analyze that he killed whomever he wanted, whenever he wanted, without considering points. Given all this, it seemed very strange that Chen Mo, despite apparently being capable of killing all this time, hadn't done so. Therefore, it also seemed exceedingly strange that No. 1582 was attacked at this point.

Logically, if Chen Mo indeed possessed the ability to kill from a thousand-mile range even within a crowd, then after he had killed the first two, this third person (No. 1582) should have died shortly thereafter. Yet, surprisingly, he hadn't died; he had reached the seventh layer without any casualties or danger. And now, suddenly, that weird second-transition had attacked someone in the crowd? However one looked at it, the situation seemed odd. This was why no one instantly or fully trusted No. 1582. After all, everything should make sense. They had analyzed the logic clearly before; for someone to be killed in the crowd at this time was simply too illogical. Naturally, it was hard for people to believe him.

Seeing that he had clearly stated he was attacked and was seeking help, only to be met with suspicious looks, No. 1582, whose life was hanging by a thread, didn't have the mental capacity for the complex thoughts of those around him. He simply wanted help.

"What are you all standing around for?" He didn't understand the meaning behind their doubtful expressions. At the brink of life and death, his mind was entirely consumed with seeking help. He

couldn't comprehend how his claim of being attacked by Chen Mo could seem strange or illogical at that moment.

However, the more desperate he appeared, the more the others felt his supposed 'trick' had been exposed. Although, they didn't really believe that he alone, even if they all buffed him, could annihilate all ninety-nine of them. But in this event, since the perverted second-transition—such a bizarre character—had already appeared, the emergence of another heaven-defying individual wasn't out of the question. Naturally, people wouldn't want to shoot themselves in the foot by buffing someone else only to be killed by them.

At this moment, No. 1582 was growing truly desperate.

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His three life-saving abilities had been completely sealed, and his one remaining Immortality Skill had been instantly triggered. At most, he could only rely on three invincible skills to stay alive, but these combined wouldn't last more than 10 seconds!

"That second-transitioner has made a move! What are you all standing around for? Are you all scared stiff? At least try to detect stealth!" Seeing everyone around him staring blankly, Contestant 1582, whose composure had shattered, roared.

Upon hearing this, those with high-priority stealth detection abilities immediately attempted to reveal any hidden figures. However, they found absolutely nothing. Now, the impression that Contestant 1582 was staging a one-man show deepened.

According to their previous analysis of Chen Mo's behavioral patterns, his Thousand-mile killing ability couldn't be used in a crowd. Whether he possessed other abilities for close-range slaughter within a crowd was unknown. Even assuming he did, he would first need to get close. Yet, each area on the seventh floor held a hundred people, and their area was clearly full. Even if that weird second-transitioner could ignore the rules due to his unusual behavior, and even if they assumed he ignored the rules for this floor as well... But he was clearly the first to arrive on this floor. He could ignore the rules, but others couldn't. If others had arrived first and an area was filled with one hundred people, it would be understandable if he could ignore the rules and join, making it one hundred and one people. However, since he arrived first, his presence meant the area already contained one person from the perspective of others. Therefore, it should only be able to accommodate a maximum of ninety-nine more.

Logically, this was the correct deduction. However, it wasn't entirely impossible to forcibly argue that even if he existed there, the rules wouldn't recognize his presence, thus allowing one hundred people to be crammed into an area he already occupied. But this line of reasoning was truly too far-fetched. Most people still found this unacceptable and, naturally, were even less inclined to believe such a situation could occur. And now, after the highest-priority SSS-level stealth detection ability had been used without finding any other figures, the idea that Chen Mo was present among their group of one hundred became even more unbelievable. Because the behavior of Chen Mo, as described by Contestant 1582, didn't align with their previous deductions at all, it was naturally very difficult for them to believe him.

At this moment, Contestant 1582 was inwardly lamenting his plight. I've clearly been attacked, so why won't anyone believe me? It's not like you don't know that second-transitioner has the ability to kill from a Thousand-mile distance!

He reluctantly activated another invincible skill. To save his life, he had no choice but to publicly disclose all his information. What was personal information compared to his own life?

Although exposing all his information now would put him at a huge disadvantage in future battles, like a blind man fighting someone with sight, it was unavoidable. He would rather die later than die now! Moreover, his disclosure might make others perceive him as less of a threat. It wasn't impossible that they'd decide to let him 'fatten up' before killing him, choosing to eliminate more significant threats first. No matter what happened later, he had to survive now!

After Contestant 1582 shared all his attributes in the chat group, everyone around finally understood what he was truly facing. His three powerful life-saving abilities were completely sealed, his sole remaining Immortal Ability had entered Cooldown, and only two of his three invincible skills were left to keep him alive. It was clear his life-saving abilities were genuinely close to being exhausted. One couldn't just exhaust their life-saving abilities at will. Coupled with the fact that he had publicly revealed all his attributes, it was evident he was truly in a moment of life and death, desperately needing rescue.

Finally, everyone chose to believe him. Instantly, various buffing skills rained down on Contestant 1582.

Seeing the others interfere, Zhui Yi was somewhat annoyed. If not for the fact that killing them now would only yield half the points, I would have wiped out everyone here. He ignored the buffs they were applying. Under the Almighty Converter, the Skeleton Monster dealt true damage, rendering any damage reduction or shield abilities useless. Unless they possessed final damage reduction or a true damage shield. But such abilities were exceedingly rare. This was especially true for final damage reduction, which typically didn't exceed 50%. Even if only 50% of the true damage dealt by hundreds of millions of Skeleton Monsters got through, it would be enough to instantly kill Contestant 1582 countless times over. Adding these buffs was utterly useless.

As for invincibility effects, no one was willing to use them on others. What if Contestant 1582 was killed and it was their turn next? Using such a crucial life-saving measure on someone else would be asking for trouble, wouldn't it?

In the end, although everyone did intervene, they only managed to significantly increase Contestant 1582's resistances and durability. However, these buffs proved to be completely useless.

"Army... army array..." An Yin tried to call for the deployment of an army array before he died. Unfortunately, it was too late; by the time everyone reacted and was about to deploy it, his invincibility period had ended.

The instant Contestant 1582's final period of invincibility ended, black fog suddenly erupted from his body. Then, as the fog dissipated into thin air, he died on the spot.

"Dead... He's dead?! Just like that?" Everyone looked at Contestant 1582's corpse, shocked and terrified.

"It's just like the rumors! Silent, traceless, capable of killing from a Thousand-mile distance! Too... too terrifying!"

"Isn't that too powerful? Doesn't this mean he can easily kill anyone he wants, regardless of whether there are people around or not?"

Everyone exchanged glances, silent as if something was caught in their throats, daring not to speak further. The more they analyzed, the more his strength drove them to despair. At this moment, they all felt an intense, unnerving pressure, as if they could be next at any second.

The fourth-transition's strength was too weak; Zhui Yi directly dispersed Contestant 1582's Special Undead. As for using his newly learned Ghost Resurrection Skill to claim it as his strongest Special Undead, its abilities were still somewhat lacking—it wasn't qualified.

Soon, Chen Mo received a Heavenly Path's Hint.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations, you have successfully killed your prey. You have received a hunting reward of 10,000 points and all the 50,000 points accumulated by your prey!]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: As you have killed your prey, you will inherit your prey's hunting target. Your new hunting target is Contestant No. 369.]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: All data related to deceased participants of the Demon Tower exploration event will be completely removed and recovered from the instance. Loot recovery is complete. Based on the total value of the deceased's dropped items, you have received 4,000,000 victory points! These can be used to exchange for rewards at the end of the event. Please note, if you are killed, these points will also be transferred to someone else!]

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: An Yin (Contestant No. 1582), a Thousand-Mechanism System contestant—Level 100 (Fourth-Transition, 25th-Star Profession 'Prisoner of Life and Death')—is dead! Current number of remaining contestants in the instance: 9,997!]

As soon as he died, the entire seventh floor burst into an uproar! Because Zhui Yi's act of killing this time shattered all their previous deductions!

Wasn't it said that his ability to ignore rules and kill others from a Thousand-mile distance had limitations? Why did he suddenly strike again, killing someone in a crowd? This is too bizarre! And why would he choose to act at this particular moment? This was what truly baffled everyone.

If someone could kill from a Thousand-mile distance and there was no point requirement for the target, why hadn't he killed anyone before? For those who prided themselves on logic, this presented a massive logical challenge. Everyone was completely unable to comprehend Chen Mo's behavioral logic. And it was precisely this incomprehensible behavior from Chen Mo that terrified them even more.

An enemy whose actions could be analyzed, even a very strong one, wasn't so terrifying; at least one would have some basis for how to face them. But encountering an enemy whose patterns were completely unanalyzable—that was truly terrifying. Because you had absolutely no idea what their behavioral pattern was, you were facing a completely unknown, and therefore more terrifying, fear!

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With the appearance of the long-absent third victim, this time, it seemed even more bizarre. People inside the instance couldn't see Chen Mo's position, but those outside could see it clearly. Despite knowing that Chen Mo wasn't within the range of the hundred-man team, someone from the team still got killed.

Originally, they found Chen Mo's lack of killing on so many levels quite peculiar. Many people made the same speculation as those inside the instance, because they clearly identified that these fourth-transition individuals had formed an alliance. At first, they were quite shocked by the alliance of these fourth-transition individuals. After all, as observers, they didn't experience the direct fear that the participants did, especially after they watched Chen Mo kill people remotely twice in a row. The first time, the fourth-transition individuals did not intend to band together, but after the second time, they did. As for the fourth-transition individuals in the instance, they only directly witnessed one such incident, and its display was extremely horrifying: people died without any visible attacks occurring. The audience outside, looking at the small icons, could not discern the details. They merely saw that people died, but how they died was completely unclear. Naturally, they couldn't truly comprehend the horror of the situation.

Hence, the audience found it quite astonishing that after just two deaths, a large group of fourth-transition individuals had decided to form an alliance. After all, these were top fourth-transition individuals; why did they decide to band together after just two of them were killed? This made the audience somewhat surprised. Despite Chen Mo's remarkable and somewhat unusual performance, it shouldn't have been enough to make everyone agree to an alliance so quickly. Were there no unrivaled geniuses among the top fourth-transition individuals who looked down on the world? Theoretically, each one considered themselves no weaker than anyone else. Yet suddenly, they all united so completely. This struck the audience as the strangest point. Not only the ordinary audience, but even the higher-ups found it very surprising. They knew such a weird second transition existed. As he continued to display his power, the remaining people would inevitably need to unite against him, but they never expected them to gather so early.

With the early gathering of the top fourth-transition individuals, Chen Mo's subsequent performance seemed rather mediocre. The audience found that Chen Mo, who could initially ignore the rules and perform Thousand-mile kills, surprisingly stopped killing anyone after that. Only then did they feel that the pre-emptive alliance of the top fourth-transition individuals made some sense. At least it prevented his Thousand-mile assaults.

Meanwhile, the crowd who originally found Chen Mo's actions unpredictable now gave a lower evaluation of Chen Mo for his subsequent behavior of seemingly backing down and hesitating to act. To them, it seemed Chen Mo, originally viewed as incredibly impressive with bizarre abilities, was merely average after all. Once people united, his Thousand-mile killing techniques were useless; he was

apparently too scared to even make a move. Everybody maintained this mindset until the current fifth level.

It wasn't until Chen Mo chose to reveal his coordinates that the audience had a different perspective on his previous passive behavior. But some people thought Chen Mo already knew that the others had formed an alliance. Given there would always be hunters among them who knew his coordinates once they teamed up, he wouldn't care whether his own location was revealed. As someone proposed this argument, the recently improved evaluations worsened considerably again.

After that, it wasn't until Chen Mo's kill on the seventh level that all critics were truly silenced. Whether previous theories suggested Chen Mo lacked strength, was being overly cautious, had his abilities limited by the number of opponents, or was afraid to face the alliance of numerous top fourth-transitions—all these conjectures vanished in an instant. This time, the person was killed while surrounded by a crowd. Even at the moment of death, Chen Mo's coordinates were a great distance away from the victim. This indirectly proved that Chen Mo's Thousand-mile killing ability had no such limitations whatsoever.

At this point, everyone, much like those inside the instance, couldn't help but wonder: why hadn't Chen Mo acted sooner? This was a question that left everyone extremely puzzled. The primary reason for this puzzlement was that Chen Mo had killed his prey on both the first and second levels. He had shown no inclination to be picky about points. It was only after everyone on the second level united that he stopped making moves, which naturally led people to believe he was either intimidated or his methods were restricted, rendering him unable to act. But now, the victim was still in a crowd, yet was killed from a Thousand-mile distance. This was truly incomprehensible.

With Chen Mo's performance this time, the people from Earth grew increasingly excited as they watched. While they had harbored some unspoken criticism about Chen Mo's prolonged inaction before, now they were all cheering for his sheer awesomeness.

Inside the Academy Alliance Headquarters, the three Alliance Hierarchs were all smiling as they watched. Chen Mo's abilities had far exceeded their understanding; the more this was the case, the happier they became.

In stark contrast, the Yongming Star System had a completely different reaction. At this moment, their expressions were extremely grim. Originally, seeing Chen Mo's apparent concession, they had thought that no matter how strong he was, he still had weaknesses. But then, he effectively slapped them in the face, demolishing that argument.

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What weaknesses and limitations? He just acts as he pleases, doing whatever he wants whenever he wants. The fact that he hadn't acted before had nothing to do with any other reason; it was purely that he didn't want to.

The already intense sense of crisis had now intensified. This 'Immortal'—he's truly going to be the cause of sleepless nights in the future!

Not only did the Yongming Star System think this way, but other powerful Star Systems that would join the second region in the future also shared this sentiment.

Such monstrous power at the second-transition was unprecedented throughout history.

If not for the Divine Power that defined the fifth-transition, they would even suspect that Chen Mo might be able to thrash some fifth-transition individuals by the time he reached the third-transition.

Chen Mo's actions had caused an uproar outside the instance, so naturally, the commotion inside was even more intense.

His recent actions completely overturned all previous theories, plunging everyone into a state of terror, devoid of any sense of security.

Even with people all around, it still sent shivers down one's spine.

Just before her death, An Yin had fully disclosed her attributes and abilities in the instance exchange group.

Based on the attributes and abilities she had disclosed, it was clear she possessed formidable combat power.

Additionally, her life-saving abilities were considerable, yet she was still killed so easily.

This was truly terrifying.

Everyone present couldn't help but subconsciously compare themselves with An Yin. Many individuals, whose life-saving abilities were comparable to An Yin's, couldn't help but wonder: if they had been targeted, could they have survived that mysterious attack? But the answer was no. If she, with similar life-saving abilities, couldn't survive, what made them think they could?

What in the world is going on with this second-transition individual? His power is just too terrifying!

Soon, the thirty seconds passed, and everyone temporarily entered the reward space, gaining a moment's respite.

They truly wished they could stay in the reward space forever. Leaving it meant facing endless, unknown terrors.

When they were outside, they had no idea when they might be attacked and killed. This feeling, like a knife at one's back, was sheer torture.

They genuinely wished Chen Mo would proceed to the next floor while they spent their time in the reward space. That way, they wouldn't have to worry about him making a sudden move.

Unfortunately, for those on this floor, no matter how long they stayed in the reward space, only ten seconds would pass in the outside world each time.

This fact alone meant they couldn't stall for time in the reward space.

The ten seconds passed quickly. While Chen Mo was briefly lost in thought, these people all emerged.

As they came out, Chen Mo and Zhui Yi immediately began searching their current area for any remaining prey.

Since map information and perception ability were disabled, they could only rely on their naked eyes to find them.

However, after searching the area, they still found no new prey, so the two of them gave up.

They decided to wait quietly until the eighth floor.

While Chen Mo chose to bide his time, others felt differently.

They were terrified now, constantly feeling like they could be the next to be killed.

Regardless of which zone people were in, after the presumed limitations on Chen Mo's ability—to kill from a Thousand-mile distance, tracelessly and ignoring the rules—were shattered, everyone felt the same lack of security.

They had no idea that Chen Mo actually possessed an outer incarnation; they only saw people dying inexplicably.

These kinds of deaths had brought great unease to everyone.

They originally thought that since Chen Mo had started to act, a second victim would appear soon.

Unexpectedly, that wasn't the case at all.

After the first person died, they entered the reward space several more times.

Yet, during this period, astonishingly, no one else died.

Instantly, everyone was bewildered once more.

In the instance exchange group, heated discussions erupted again, and someone proposed a rather plausible theory.

"Guys, I just figured it out. His ability to kill from a Thousand-mile distance, ignoring the rules, probably has a random Cooldown time limit. After killing one person, it enters an irregular, random Cooldown period."

"When he killed Wipha, number 5,588, on the first floor, he encountered a shorter random Cooldown, which is why he was able to use this method to kill again so quickly on the second floor."

"But when he killed Mother Zhua, number 3,745, on the second floor, he encountered a longer random Cooldown. That's why such a long time passed after the second floor without him killing anyone else."

"This entire period was because his ability was on Cooldown and unusable, not because he was wary of us grouping up or any other reason."

This person's analysis immediately struck everyone who heard it as very reasonable.

It offered a very logical explanation for the other party's behavior.

Immediately, someone continued, "So, you're saying that after killing An Yin this time, he didn't act again because his ability went into Cooldown and became unusable?"

"That must be it. So, everyone, rest assured. Since his ability can enter a long Cooldown, he can't possibly kill everyone. Ultimately, once he reaches the tenth floor, he'll have nowhere to hide."

"I almost forgot about the final exploration on the tenth floor."

"Let him have all the secretive methods he wants; eventually, he'll still end up in our hands."

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For a time, everyone began planning to catch the 'rat' on the tenth level. However, it would be best if they could resolve this issue on the eighth level.

With this reasonable explanation, the fear in their hearts significantly decreased for the time being. Although the opponent's Cooldown time was unpredictable, at least his ability wouldn't lead to a killing spree like a machine gun. What they feared most was a series of consecutive kills. In that scenario, the likelihood of any one of them being killed was very high. This was what truly terrified them.

Things were much better now; after all, 9,997 people were still alive. The odds of being chosen were merely one in 9,997. These odds were not high.

As time passed and no further assassinations occurred, everyone grew more relaxed. They couldn't help but think that Chen Mo might have randomly acquired another long Cooldown time. This made everyone feel much safer.

Twenty minutes after Chen Mo arrived on the seventh level, the right to enter the staircase to the next level finally opened to him.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations to Solar System Contestant No. 6659 for being the first contestant to enter the eighth level of the Demon Tower. As he was the first professional to enter the seventh level of the Demon Tower, he is awarded 210,000 points as a reward.

Others should also seize the time and strive for good placements. Consecutive high placements will increase the reward multiplier for subsequent rankings.

Currently, if Solar System Contestant No. 6659 is among the first three contestants to enter the ninth level, he will receive double the corresponding reward as an additional bonus.

The first contestant to enter the ninth level will receive an 80,000-point reward, the second will receive a 70,000-point reward, and the third will receive a 60,000-point reward.]

It wasn't until The Heavenly Path's Hint announcing Chen Mo's entry into the eighth level sounded that everyone on the seventh level truly relaxed their tense emotions and breathed a huge sigh of relief.

Even though they had tried their best to appear unafraid and indifferent, in reality, an infinite sense of insecurity still gnawed at their hearts. After all, Chen Mo's Cooldown time was unpredictable. One second it might not be ready, and the next, his Cooldown could be complete, and he could be targeting them.

This invisible killing intent was like a sword of Damocles hanging over everyone's head, preventing anyone from feeling at ease. Only by confirming he was no longer on the same level as them could they truly feel this crisis had been averted.

The thought of Chen Mo possessing such a monstrous long-range sniping ability made everyone despise him even more and wish for his death. They desperately hoped the eighth level would provide an environment where everyone appeared in the same area. That way, they could use their highest-priority Stealth-Breaking abilities to detect him. This was unlike the current situation, where some areas had such skilled individuals while others did not. And he, as luck would have it, had been assigned to an area lacking these skilled individuals, allowing him to hide safely while launching long-range snipes across the entire map.

This situation made them feel utterly powerless.

After all, no one would have expected a mere second-transition professional to possess an invisibility ability surpassing SSS-level. They naturally felt that if they just had the chance to use their highest-priority Stealth-Breaking abilities, they could definitely catch this detestable rat hiding in the shadows!

They had only been a few seconds behind Chen Mo when he entered the seventh level. So, after Chen Mo entered the eighth level, they too quickly followed!

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As Chen Mo arrived at the eighth floor, he found himself surrounded by pitch darkness the moment he stepped in. Beneath his feet lay a semi-transparent block, with more such blocks spreading infinitely across the entire floor.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations on reaching the eighth floor. The rules for this floor are as follows: your attack range is limited to within one hundred meters of your body, and the maximum damage range is also one hundred meters. All perception, Teleportation, Flying, jumping abilities, and

similar skills will be disabled on this floor. You can freely choose which block to move to, but on this floor, you can only move one block forward at a time. Among the semi-transparent blocks around you, there may be special effect blocks, trap blocks, reward event blocks, and more. Critically, there are also fallen blocks. If you step on a fallen block, you will immediately fall back to the seventh floor. Please take special care!]

No wonder the seventh floor was about waiting for an opportunity to enter the next floor. It's connected to the eighth floor; if you step on a fallen block here, you'll be sent straight back to the seventh floor and have to wait all over again. Right now, everyone ascended quite quickly, so the poison fog couldn't catch up. But if the fog had reached the seventh floor, falling back into it would mean certain death. This is a bit terrifying.

Understanding the rules of the eighth floor, Chen Mo's Moluo's Brain began working at high speed, quickly determining the optimal route. Immediately, Chen Mo and Zhui Yi started moving forward.

Effectively cheating, they moved as if treading on flat ground, weaving left and right across the blocks to cover a significant distance.

At this point, a large number of other competitors had already appeared around the periphery of the eighth floor's tiled expanse. They were arranged in an encircling formation, evenly distributed along the outermost edges of the area.

Upon learning the rules of the eighth floor, everyone found this level to be quite treacherous. Capturing the second-transition player here wouldn't be so easy. Although opening the map could show the second-transition player's location, facing a large area of unknown transparent blocks made it incredibly difficult to decide where to step.

Fortunately, they had strength in numbers; if they didn't know where to go, they would just have to proceed by trial and error.

After communicating in the Dungeon Chat Group, everyone began to advance. With so many people moving together, even if someone triggered a trap, it wouldn't affect all of them.

However, dealing with the second-transition player on this floor seemed nearly impossible because it was very difficult for everyone to gather. This made locating him even more unfeasible.

Still, thanks to Chen Mo's movements, they managed to piece together a walkthrough. As long as they could reach any block Chen Mo had already traversed, following the path he took would ensure safe forward movement, free from the worry of traps.

Everyone, using the coordinates Chen Mo shared for the special hunt mission, recorded his movements while trying their best to reach the blocks he had already crossed.

Meanwhile, Chen Mo proceeded at a leisurely pace, stopping here and there to collect reward points. Through the map, he had also found his prey's location, but the distance was too great, so he had no interest in taking a detour to eliminate him.

As time passed, hundreds of people had stepped onto the blocks Chen Mo had traversed. These blocks were not of a fixed size; each time an additional person stepped onto the same block, that block and its adjacent connected blocks would expand. There was no issue even if hundreds of people stood on a single block simultaneously.

As soon as these hundreds of people gathered, they immediately formed an army array to prevent Chen Mo from picking them off with some strange trick. Only then could they confidently advance together.

At this time, Chen Mo, walking ahead, was already nearing the stairs to the next floor. If it weren't for Chen Mo's presence, who knows how much time it would have taken to get from the first floor to the eighth-floor staircase. Now, with Chen Mo—who seemed to possess his own walkthrough—leading the way, and everyone working together to clear the challenges, the entire group progressed through the floors at an extremely high speed.

Of the five competition zones, only theirs had currently reached the eighth floor and was approaching the ninth. The fastest among the other competition zones had only made it to the fourth floor. This meant they had cleared twice as many floors as the next fastest zone.

However, many people had noticed something strange about Chen Mo. From the first floor to the eighth, his pace seemed utterly unaffected. After reaching this eighth floor, he hadn't stepped on a single fallen block. If one considered only this, it could be attributed to good luck. But when combined with his previous performances, it was clearly not luck but skill.

"It seems like our capable man from Earth has a walkthrough. He breezes through each floor! And look at the blocks he's stepping on this floor—aside from normal blocks, they're all reward event blocks. He's avoided all the trap blocks, abnormal blocks, and fallen blocks. Surely this can't be a coincidence?"

"Indeed, he's seriously incredible! It was the same for the previous floors; it's like he's carrying a walkthrough."

"No wonder he's the one who triggered multiple Above SSS-level rewards. He must possess all sorts of abilities we don't know about. I reckon those abilities must have been granted by the Above SSS-level rewards."

"That must be it. Only Above SSS-level rewards are beyond our comprehension. All his performances have been beyond our understanding. It would clearly be impossible without the involvement of Above SSS-level rewards."

Once everyone realized that Chen Mo possessed multiple Above SSS-level rewards, they found his extraordinary performance somewhat more understandable.

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However, most people within the instance had no idea that Chen Mo possessed an Above SSS-level reward, so they could hardly fathom his immense abilities. Consequently, the more they witnessed, the more terrified they became.

Chen Mo led the charge, becoming the first to step onto the ninth floor, with the others following closely. Out of the original 9,996 individuals, at least three thousand had fallen back to the seventh floor. This left just over six thousand to accompany Chen Mo into the ninth floor.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations to Solar System contestant No. 6659 for being the first to enter the ninth floor of the Demon Tower. As he was also the first professional to enter the eighth floor, he will be awarded 240,000 points.

All other contestants, please hurry and strive for good rankings. Consistent high performance can increase the reward multiplier for subsequent rankings.

Currently, if Solar System contestant No. 6659 is among the first three to enter the tenth floor, he will receive double the corresponding reward as an additional bonus.

The first contestant to enter the tenth floor will receive 90,000 points, the second 80,000 points, and the third 70,000 points.

Additionally, those who have ranked in the top three on previous floors will receive bonus points based on the number of times they achieved those ranks:

Number of first-place finishes x 100,000 points.

Number of second-place finishes x 70,000 points.

Number of third-place finishes x 50,000 points.

Number of fourth to tenth-place finishes x 30,000 points.

Number of eleventh to fiftieth-place finishes x 10,000 points.

Furthermore, upon entering the tenth floor, if a contestant has achieved first place more than five times consecutively on previous floors, their final settlement reward points will be increased by 100%.

If a contestant has achieved second place more than five times consecutively, their final settlement reward points will be increased by 50%.

If a contestant has achieved third place more than five times consecutively, their final settlement reward points will be increased by 30%.]

Upon entering the ninth floor, Chen Mo noticed a significant change in The Heavenly Path's Hints.

Once the tenth floor is reached, the rewards will be incomparably higher than before. In other words, it would be best to save killing those in the top fifty for the tenth floor to maximize their point value.

Considering this, Chen Mo wasn't keen on killing anyone on this floor. They were already on the ninth, with the tenth just a step away; it made more sense to fatten them up before the slaughter.

However, the ninth floor presented an outright kill rule, a clear, deliberate move by the Heavenly Dao. The rewards seemed generous, yet it felt as if they were given reluctantly.

Overall, the ninth floor bore some resemblance to the seventh, but its rules were vastly different.

[The Heavenly Path's Hint: Congratulations on reaching the ninth floor. The rules are as follows: This floor has one hundred effective areas. You can freely move to any effective area. Remain in any effective area continuously for 10 minutes to proceed to the next floor. Every minute spent alone in an effective area on this floor grants a reward of 10,000 points...]

So far, the rules seem pretty similar to the seventh floor, Chen Mo mused. On the seventh, we were randomly assigned, but here, we can move and choose our own areas.

The Heavenly Path's Hint continued:

[However, if other contestants are present in your effective area, the timer for your stay will pause. It will only resume once you are the sole contestant in that area. Furthermore, if you switch effective areas during your accumulated stay time and then return to the original area, all previously accumulated time there will be reset.]

With this rule announced, it became clear that this floor's survival mode was entirely different from the seventh. On the seventh floor, one merely had to stay long enough to advance; there were no conflicts of interest, allowing everyone to coexist peacefully and proceed together.

However, the ninth floor's rules forced contestants to fight. Without eliminating all other contestants in one's effective area, advancing was impossible.

This rule is such a blatant setup, Chen Mo thought, annoyed. The Heavenly Dao clearly isn't even giving us a chance to fatten them up before the slaughter!

Perhaps only those in their event zone who had reached this stage would think this way. In other zones, massacres had likely started long ago, making peaceful coexistence difficult even on the seventh floor.

[Limitation Rules: In non-effective areas or when alone in an effective area, there are no ability restrictions. However, all abilities are prohibited from affecting other areas. Every five minutes, an additional one hundred effective areas will open, up to a maximum of one thousand.]

So, no matter how wide the range of an ability, it can only affect one area at most? And no matter how strong a Teleport ability is, it can only be used within a single area? Chen Mo pondered.

He immediately tried using Divine Flicker. As expected, he could flicker to any corner within his current area but couldn't directly teleport to another. However, upon reaching the edge of his area, he could simply step into an adjacent one, meaning he could leave his current area freely.

But the moment he left, his accumulated stay time would reset.

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After all, the rules clearly stated that one must remain continuously in a certain region to accumulate duration.

If you stay in each region for 1 minute, even if you stay in 100 regions for 100 minutes, it's all in vain.

After Chen Mo read the rules, he glanced at the various regions around him. He saw that these regions had diverse environments: high mountains with flowing water, ice regions, volcanic regions, and forest regions. He could choose a region based on his own preferences. The area Chen Mo currently occupied was a grassland, and the adjacent one was a gravel wasteland. He felt it was more comfortable to stay on the green grass, so he didn't move, simply waiting quietly in his current region.

At the same time, he looked at the Heavenly Dao counter, mainly wanting to test whether Zhui Yi staying in the same region with him would affect the count.

As it turned out, it had no effect at all. His and Zhui Yi's counts were rising simultaneously.

It was clear that the Heavenly Dao treated Zhui Yi as a completely unique existence.

As Chen Mo quietly watched the counter increase, the more than 6,000 individuals quickly entered the ninth level.

As soon as they entered, they immediately received The Heavenly Path's Hint and also found Chen Mo's location through the coordinates publicly revealed by the special hunting mission.

But for a moment, they suddenly felt reluctant to kill him.

According to this level's rules, if Chen Mo entered the tenth level, he would receive over one hundred thousand extra points and a 100% increase in his final settlement reward points.

This reward was too tempting. If they killed him on this level, then no one could obtain this reward.

After all, Chen Mo had taken first place in all the previous levels. If he died, no one could get the 100% increase in settlement points.

Seeing this, the crowd immediately began communicating in the instance chat group.

"Killing him on this level seems like a waste. Why don't we wait until the next level to kill him?"

"But on the next level, the special hunting mission might expire. After all, according to this level's rules, only 100 people can advance every 10 minutes. Even if additional areas open up, bringing the total to one thousand, it will take at least two hours for everyone to reach the tenth level. It's impossible for all of us to go up and kill him together."

"This is the first time I've seen such a dilemma on the ninth level of this event. In the past, when I watched this event, everyone was thrilled if even over a hundred people made it to the ninth level alive."

"So, what do we do? Kill him now?"

"Let's do it on this level. He currently has over three million points. Killing him now would be a huge gain."

"Alright, let's make our move on this level. Everyone, form an army array and attack together!"

Once the discussion concluded, over 6,000 top-tier fourth-transition experts formed an army array. Then, using Chen Mo's coordinates shared by the Heavenly Dao mission, they charged into the region where Chen Mo was located.

As soon as they entered, everyone who possessed an SSS-level stealth detection ability with the highest priority used it, determined to expose Chen Mo.

However, despite their best efforts, they still couldn't see anything.

At this point, Chen Mo felt quite speechless watching the large, dense crowd around him.

What's wrong with you people? There's so much empty space nearby, why are you all crowding here to make a scene?

Chen Mo was rendered speechless. He directly used Divine Flicker to reach the edge of the grassland area and stepped into the neighboring Loess stone wasteland area.

He had already decided not to kill anyone on this level, so he couldn't be bothered to deal with these people.

However, as soon as he switched regions, someone in the instance chat group immediately shouted, "He ran to the neighboring area!"

"When did he run? He was clearly in this region when we activated our exploration skills, wasn't he?"

"He ran after the exploration was complete."

At these words, everyone suddenly fell silent.

"We didn't detect him even after the exploration was complete, so why did he run?"

"Presumably, we were preventing him from advancing to the next level."

"Oh, it seems that because we formed an army array, he really couldn't do anything against us and had no choice but to run to another region to advance to the next level," someone immediately said, seeing Chen Mo's reaction.

"What's the use of that? The crucial point is that we can't detect him in his invisible state! If we can't see him, everything is futile!"

"What on earth is going on? My stealth detection ability is described by the Heavenly Dao as having the highest priority among SSS-level abilities, so why can't I detect him at all?" someone immediately asked curiously.

Hearing this, Slok of the Yongming Star System immediately said in the group chat, "This guy has a set of Above SSS-level rewards. I'm afraid this invisibility ability is also Above SSS-level."

"What!? Above SSS-level? Even fifth-transition experts rarely obtain rewards of that caliber! How can a second-transition possess an Above SSS-level reward? How do you know that?"

Members from other star systems in the Milky Way, who were relatively distant from the Solar System and the Yongming Star System, were unaware of the grudges between them and thus asked in confusion.

"Our Yongming Star System and their Solar System were in the same first area on the first floor of the Tower of Eternity, so we've always been competitors. We had someone infiltrate the Life Planet Earth in their Solar System and learned something from the broadcast of the sound of the great path within their star system: he activated an Above SSS-level Realm Breakthrough Assessment. Passing it grants Above SSS-level rewards."

"An Above SSS-level Realm Breakthrough Assessment? What's that? Is there such a difficulty tier within the Realm Breakthrough Assessment?"

"An Above SSS-level Realm Breakthrough Assessment? We've never even heard of such a thing! How can there be a Realm Breakthrough Assessment of that difficulty tier? The SSS-level Realm Breakthrough Assessment already has an extremely high mortality rate. Few can pass it, and those who achieve a perfect clear are even rarer. To think there's an 'Above SSS-level' difficulty on top of that insanely hard SSS-level... It can't be true!"

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"It's true. We've all come this far; do I still need to deceive you? By the way, there are people from our neighboring star systems among the competitors. They should know about our competitive relationship with the Solar System."

At this moment, a competitor from the Fairy Star System, Fuhe, spoke up, "Indeed, I heard something to that effect before participating in the event. The high-ranking officials of the Yongming Star System once called for everyone in the surrounding Zone One regions to unite against the Solar System. This was because of the emergence of a Lich-like figure there. I also heard about him initiating an Above SSS-level Realm Breakthrough Assessment, but our high-ranking officials are still investigating this matter and haven't confirmed it yet."

Upon hearing this from the competitor from the Fairy Star System, Spike immediately continued, "Everyone, there's no need for confirmation now. You've all used your highest-priority SSS-level stealth detection abilities to search for him, and none of you found him. Isn't that enough to prove he possesses an Above SSS-level ability?"

Although for Star Systems that had never encountered an Above SSS-level Realm Breakthrough Assessment, this matter was incredibly hard to believe, Chen Mo's current actions clearly demonstrated he possessed an Above SSS-level ability. They had no choice but to believe it.

Someone promptly asked, "If that's the case, what else can we do to deal with him? He has Above SSS-level capabilities; our abilities are useless against him. We can't even detect him with stealth detection, so how can we even talk about using other means against him?"

"We could try a Forbidden Range Curse."

"An SSS-level invisibility ability already provides damage immunity. Wouldn't an Above SSS-level invisibility ability do the same? I doubt using a Forbidden Range Curse will make any difference."

"We won't know until we try."

Immediately, someone with a powerful forbidden curse entered Chen Mo's region and, astonishingly, instantly cast the forbidden curse. This showed that this person's strength was also quite terrifying. Everyone watching this scene was also horrified. Anyone capable of instantly casting a forbidden curse is a monster. Fortunately, this person is currently on our side. If we were to fight him, we'd really be in for it.

As this person unleashed their forbidden curse, a thundercloud storm immediately formed in the area where they and Chen Mo were. The sky above the wasteland where Chen Mo was located suddenly turned dark. Dense clouds gathered, lightning intertwined within them, and the thunder roared deafeningly. A violent storm began to ravage Chen Mo's area. Fierce winds howled, whipping up clouds of dust and gravel, forming a terrifying whirlwind. Intertwining arcs of electricity spiraled in the sky, emitting explosive CRACKS like a roaring dragon. This was followed by intense flashes of lightning raining down, spreading throughout the space and illuminating the entire area so brightly that people couldn't keep their eyes open.

After the arcs of electricity, KRA-BOOM! KRA-BOOM! Giant, arm-thick bolts of lightning struck the ground! As the terrifying, giant bolts of Thunder struck the ground indiscriminately, the earth trembled, rocks shattered, and the ground cracked. A terrifying Energy radiated outwards from the center of the forbidden curse, enveloping everything in all directions.

People in the adjacent region watched this powerful and oppressive force relentlessly pounding the wasteland region. It seemed as if the area Chen Mo was in was on the verge of destruction. In a short while, under the influence of the forbidden curse, Chen Mo's region was enveloped by Thunder and fierce winds, causing visibility to become extremely low, as if it had transformed into a mysterious and dangerous domain. Arcs of electricity raged in the air, Thunder struck the ground from time to time, and searing electrical currents coursed through, releasing destructive power.

Chen Mo, standing in the midst of it all, seemed completely unaffected by this destructive aura. His eyes only showed annoyance that someone had entered his region, causing his timer to stop. Killing intent began to rise within him.

The power of the forbidden curse gradually peaked, plunging the entire region into a scene of chaos and destruction. The scorching light of the Thunder flickered, and arcs of electricity intertwined into a massive web, ensnaring everything within. The storm swept through, transforming the wasteland where Chen Mo was into a scorched, foul-smelling, and searing desolate land.

Seeing the unparalleled power of the forbidden curse, yet still not hearing any Heavenly Path's Hint about Chen Mo being in trouble, everyone realized that, just as they had previously speculated, an Above SSS-level stealth ability possessed damage immunity. Furthermore, it provided a higher level of damage immunity than an SSS-level stealth ability. Even such an outrageous forbidden curse could not harm him. Killing him is simply out of the question!

Just as this top-tier fourth-transition expert, after unleashing his ability and finding no Harvest, was preparing to try another forbidden curse, he inexplicably felt a chill run down his spine. He deeply sensed that staying in this region for even one more second would put his life in danger. Terrified, he immediately fled at top speed back to the adjacent grassland region.

"It's no use. Even a forbidden curse can't affect him."

"Does anyone else have any other methods?"

"I have an indiscriminate locking ability that can lock onto any target within a designated area. This locking ability just needs a unit to be present, regardless of whether they're using an invisibility ability or not. And isn't it perfect that he's the only one in the adjacent area? My ability should reliably take effect. However, after it takes effect, you all must heal me while simultaneously attacking me. That's the only way to transfer the maximum amount of damage to him. Perhaps we can kill him this way."

"That is indeed a good method! It's worth a try!"

"However, he possesses an Above SSS-level ability, after all. Whether it will be effective is still debatable."

"Let's try anyway. If it doesn't work, we can only rely on the ultimate exploration on the tenth floor. In the ultimate exploration, there's no such thing as being invisible or not."

"Then I'll go over."

"Be careful. If you sense anything wrong, retreat immediately. Abilities don't work across regions. If you run fast enough, he can't kill you. Just now, I ran back immediately because I sensed something was wrong."

The one who had just cast the forbidden curse was still feeling some lingering fear. Because just moments ago, he had clearly felt an inexplicable killing intent. Fearing he would die if he stayed even a second longer, he had quickly and dejectedly run back.

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Na Zhua quickly entered the wasteland area.

This individual had a peculiar appearance: a shark-like face, a fishtail, yet four human-like limbs, distinguished only by webbed fingers and toes.

He was an intelligent lifeform from a planet dominated by extraordinarily vast water bodies.

Realizing another person was heading their way, Zhui Yi spoke to Chen Mo, "Lord, it's better to make an example of him. Otherwise, we will be continuously harassed. I specifically checked the leaderboard earlier; he has never appeared in the top fifty."

"Alright." Chen Mo nodded.

Possessing Moluo's Brain, they had infallible memories. They knew clearly who had been in the top fifty on the leaderboard.

Killing those who hadn't appeared in the top fifty yielded only half the reward points.

At Chen Mo's mental command, a cluster of Skeleton Monsters immediately attacked Na Zhua. Simultaneously, a strange light flared from Na Zhua's body. Chen Mo suddenly felt himself ensnared by a strange energy rope, linking him to Na Zhua.

The moment he connected to Chen Mo, Na Zhua immediately exclaimed excitedly, "Caught! I've caught you!"

But the instant his voice faded, he died. At the same time, a figure appeared before everyone in the wasteland.

"Is this that Chen Mo?"

Seeing the figure appear, someone excitedly said, "He finally revealed himself! Everyone, quickly, follow me to kill him!"

"That's not right, he doesn't look like this... Why is he a child? Did he purposefully shapeshift?"

Only Spike had seen Chen Mo's image before, and the figure before them did not resemble the Chen Mo in that image.

But at this moment, that didn't matter to the others. As soon as they saw the figure of the accursed second-transition, they all rushed into the wasteland area to hunt down Zhui Yi.

As they began to rush forward, Na Zhua had already dropped dead on the spot!

He died so suddenly that no life-saving abilities had a chance to activate.

This was because he had fallen victim to the strongest sealing effect of Zhui Yi's Sealing Treasure Ring—the Ultimate Seal!

The Ultimate Seal could completely seal all of the target's abilities along with Zhui Yi's own.

That was why Zhui Yi had suddenly appeared. His divine stealth ability was also caught and sealed by his own Ultimate Seal, rendering him unable to remain invisible.

Normally, using this ability against a single opponent was not a very cost-effective trade.

But it was different now, as Zhui Yi and Chen Mo were together.

Once they joined forces, they could execute a combo.

This involved Zhui Yi casting the Ultimate Seal, followed by Chen Mo using his own Sealing Treasure Ring's unsealing ability to remove the Ultimate Seal's effect from Zhui Yi.

Thus, only the opponent would have all their abilities sealed, leaving them defenseless.

However, this combo technique had a cooldown.

The Sealing Treasure Ring's unsealing ability incurred a cooldown depending on the tier of the seal it dispelled.

Unsealing seals below SSS-level incurred no cooldown.

However, unsealing SSS-level or Above SSS-level Sealing Abilities initiated a cooldown.

The cooldown for unsealing an SSS-level sealing Skill was usually between 12 and 24 hours.

The cooldown for unsealing an Above SSS-level Sealing Ability was between 24 and 48 hours.

The Ultimate Seal, which sealed all abilities at once, was among the most potent of the Above SSS-level Sealing Abilities, with a maximum cooldown of 48 hours. However, this duration was significantly reduced by Chen Mo's multiple cooldown-reducing effects.

Chen Mo now possessed three cooldown reduction abilities.

One was Superb Calmness, derived from Extreme Calmness combined with the Super Divine Stone, which could reduce all cooldowns by 99%. Furthermore, each use of an ability with a cooldown had a 50% chance to reset its cooldown instantly!

Another was 'Natural God's Blessing·Divinity,' granting a 50% chance to instantly refresh the cooldown of any ability used (including those normally unaffected by cooldown reduction).

And the third was the 'Light and Dark Source Crystal·Origin-Grade.' While in Light-Dark Fusion Mode, it increased all skill power by 100% and reduced cooldowns by 50% (this did not affect skills immune to cooldown reduction but could stack with other such effects).

The combination of these three cooldown reduction abilities gave Chen Mo a 75% chance of resetting the cooldown every time he used a skill. Even if the reset was unsuccessful, it significantly reduced the cooldown time.

The original 48-hour cooldown, with two reduction effects active, would only take about 15 minutes.

This time, however, Chen Mo's luck held; he easily triggered Superb Calmness, avoiding the cooldown entirely.

As Na Zhua died, Zhui Yi re-entered his invisible mode. The group of top fourth-transition experts, who had just eagerly rushed over, were instantly chagrined!

They had rushed over so quickly, only for their target to vanish again. Was all their fervent effort for naught?

Meanwhile, The Heavenly Dao's Hint sounded in Chen Mo's ears, as well as in the ears of all other participants.

For Chen Mo:

[The Heavenly Dao's Hint: Congratulations, you have successfully killed a participant. Since the target was not your designated prey, you have received 100 points as a kill reward. Additionally, you have received half of his accumulated points: 60,000!]

[The Heavenly Dao's Hint: By killing another contestant, you will inherit their prey target. Your new prey target is Number 4,869.]

[The Heavenly Dao's Hint: Because you killed another contestant, their original hunter's prey target will be transferred to you. You now have two hunters. Please evade them carefully.]

[The Heavenly Dao's Hint: All data related to deceased participants in the Demon Tower exploration event will be completely erased and recycled from this instance.

Dropped items recycled. Based on the total value of the deceased's dropped items, you have received 6,000,000 victory points!

These points can be used to exchange for rewards at the event's conclusion. Note: If you are killed, these points will transfer to your killer!]

So, killing bystanders means directly inheriting their hunter and prey assignments.

This was quite unexpected for Chen Mo. However, it's not bad. It means that even indiscriminate killing can yield many prey. At least the losses won't be too significant.

[The Heavenly Dao's Hint: 'Na Zhua, Participant #669,' Han Hai System, Level 100 (Fourth-Transition Profession: 'Master of Tides,' 25th-star) is dead! Current participants remaining in this instance: 9,996!]

As The Heavenly Dao's Hint sounded and Zhui Yi re-entered his invisible mode, the group that had just charged into the wasteland scrambled back to the grassland area in fright.

Simultaneously, they all formed army arrays to avoid being singled out.

Na Zhua had been alone in the area, so he couldn't be protected by an army array.

Indeed, making an example of Na Zhua had worked. Instantly, the top fourth-transition experts over there no longer dared to punch above their weight.

They had long since stopped viewing Chen Mo as a mere second-transition. His ability to seemingly ignore rules and instantly kill top fourth-transition experts was something even fifth-transition experts wouldn't dare claim.

They regarded Chen Mo as a threat even greater than a fifth-transition.

This guy was a fifth-transition masquerading as a second-transition.

Naturally, they were terrified of Chen Mo.

Chen Mo hadn't initially planned to kill too many people on this floor; after all, participants here would continue to accumulate points.

Simply by remaining in an area alone for one minute, a participant could earn 10,000 bonus points. Fulfilling the requirements to advance to the next floor allowed for an accumulation of 100,000 reward points, which was quite substantial.

If these people refrained from killing each other and all maximized their earnings before advancing, each would gain an extra 100,000 points.

If he could pocket all of this in the end, the earnings would approach one billion points.

Chen Mo was eager to see what tier of rewards could be redeemed with such a sum.

According to Moluo's Brain's analysis of this event, each additional zero in one's total points would unlock a higher tier in the exchange shop.

No one in history had ever obtained a billion points.

Chen Mo was determined to try.

As the top fourth-transition experts were scared into retreating to the grassland area, the instance's chat group immediately buzzed with discussion about what had just transpired.

"How did Na Zhua get instantly killed? A top fourth-transition expert should have life-saving abilities, right?"

"Doesn't that guy possess an ability to seal others' powers? Maybe Na Zhua's life-saving abilities were sealed."

"We all learned from An Yin that this guy has a Sealing Ability. Na Zhua must have known too. He dared to approach, so he was clearly prepared. It's impossible that he couldn't survive just because three life-saving abilities were sealed. Yet, he was still killed instantly. I think there's definitely something else going on here."

It had to be said, there were perceptive individuals among them. Even without knowing Na Zhua's specific abilities, they sensed something was amiss with his death.

"And didn't you see? That guy was completely unharmed! Na Zhua was supposed to be linked with him, weren't they? Weren't they supposed to share damage? How was he completely fine? That's incredibly strange. I think this opponent is far beyond our comprehension. We're probably doomed this time."

"No need to be so pessimistic. We can at least form an army array to defend ourselves. He can't possibly kill all of us alone. If worst comes to worst, we'll just use the army array to wear him down."

"We all have hundreds of millions in life value, some even tens of billions! Forming a fourth-transition army array, the shield's life value can be tripled. Even if everyone's basic life value is only 500 million, an army array shield for nearly 10,000 people would have a life value of 5 trillion. With the fourth-transition army array's shield doubling, that's at least 40 trillion life value for the shield! The army shield doesn't take true damage! Combined with our offensive and defensive capabilities, it won't be easy to break!"

At this point, no one was thinking about how to kill Chen Mo anymore; they were all preoccupied with how to survive this monstrous entity.

Meanwhile, Chen Mo observed the top-tier fourth-transition experts in the adjacent area, who were warily eyeing his zone. He wasn't sure what they were thinking, but as long as they didn't harass him, he wouldn't bother them.

Since Chen Mo was still on this floor, his presence alone, even with many controlled areas around, deterred other fourth-transition experts from venturing into different zones.

Those who had previously fallen to the seventh floor, having obtained guides for the eighth, were now gradually entering the ninth-floor area.

Upon arrival, they all appeared terrified and quickly scurried into the green zone where thousands of top fourth-transition experts had gathered.

They were terrified that lingering alone outside for even an extra second would get them killed by Chen Mo.

The main issue was Chen Mo's utter unpredictability when killing. No one knew if he considered points when selecting targets, so naturally, no one felt remotely safe!

As more and more top fourth-transition experts congregated in the green zone, Chen Mo was somewhat speechless. Do they think this is the seventh floor? What are they all gathering for? He wouldn't

abandon the time he'd already accumulated in his current area just to hunt them in other zones. Besides, the special hunting event wasn't over; they could see his coordinates. If he moved to other areas to kill them, they'd know. Was there really any need to cower together in one zone?

Chen Mo based his understanding on his own capabilities. He never imagined that, due to Zhui Yi's previous actions, others already perceived him as a monstrously abnormal existence who could ignore the Heavenly Dao's rules and randomly kill anyone, anywhere, at will.