

Apocalypse 171

Chapter 171: Devil Gachapon 2

Ye Zhongming and Xia Lei walked down casually.

This was the basement of the granary and it was really hidden. Only Huang Xijie's trusted allies knew. Moreover, the news that Shengyuan was being trapped here didn't spread to many people. Counting in the father and son duo, only 3-4 people knew about it.

When they saw two strangers walking in, the guards realised that something wasn't right.

The two of them were evolved so they reacted really quickly. They pulled out their daggers and charged out. At the same time, they didn't forget to report it to Nurse Ge.

Ye Zhongming passed the two of them and stood at the cell door. He left the two evolved to Xia Lei who held Moon Edge.

"Who dares to cause trouble here?!"

Nurse Ge was used to being arrogant here in Wulan County and ignored the warning from outside. She placed down Shengyuan's hand which was near broken, she frowned and wanted to scold someone.

The moment she opened the gate, Nurse Ge saw a young man standing at the door and looked at him with a gaze like she was looking at a dead person. Fresh blood exploded from behind that person. The head of the person that had greeted her had flown into the sky.

Nurse Ge wanted to scream but a hand grabbed her neck and stopped her scream.

Ye Zhongming looked over her at the bloodied and dirty body on the ground. Even if his dirty hair was blocking his face, Ye Zhongming still recognised him.

Shengyuan, big fellow, his once brother!

Although he knew that Shengyuan was tortured, but seeing the bad state that he was in made Ye Zhongming really furious.

He tightened his hand and the one star evolved's throat was crushed like she was a little chicken.

Ye Zhongming could crush people that were the same level as him much less one star evolved without any fighting experience at all. Those people had no way of going against him at all.

Shengyuan heard the commotion and struggled to open his eyes. He saw a guy walk in front of him and squat down to hug him.

"Big fellow, sorry I am late."

Shengyuan heard those words before he fell unconscious once more.

Ye Zhongming carried him out of the cell as Xia Lei stood outside and was wiping off the blood on Moon Edge. The bodies of the two guards were on the ground and there was a bloody and gory scent in the air.

"This is the person you wanted to find?"

Xia Lei saw the two meter tall guy and she felt like he was really ugly.

“Right. A fellow that can help us tank any damage.”

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Young Master Huang stood on the stairs and looked at the three corpses as his body shook.

A middle aged man stood in the pool of blood. He lowered his head and one couldn't see his expression.

He was Huang Xijie, a construction merchant in the county and the current leader of the base.

“Xijie, it must be Shengyuan's friends that came to save him...”

“Pa!”

A woman spoke in a draggy voice and before she was finished, Huang Xijie interrupted her with a crisp slap.

The power of the evolved caused her to fly out. If not for her being evolved, that hit could have shattered half her face.

“You are the one that caused it!” Huang Xijie raised his head and revealed his rage. His muscles were twitching from anger.

In just that short while, six of his men had died and they were all evolved! They were killed like they were chickens and those people escaped so easily.

He did not feel heart pained about these people, what he felt unfortunate was the six bottles of potions. Since the apocalypse started, he only got around 20 potions. In just a short while, he lost a third of them.

“If you didn't kill Shengyuan's woman for a small matter would this happen? Bitch! I spoiled you!” Huang Xijie kicked that woman once more and she cried out in pain.

The dozen evolved here looked on and no one dared to say anything.

Huang Xijie was their boss. Moreover, he was a guy with a strong job. Although they were all one star but he was much stronger than them.

“You said that two people did this? The guy was two star evolved? The girl didn't attack?”

Huang Xijie looked at his son with a dark expression and asked.

“... Yes.”

“Mr Huang.” A guy squatting beside Nurse Ge stood up, “Based on the mark on her neck, the guy is the one that strangled her. It is really clean. Even if he is not two star, he should have a job that focused on strength.”

“Based on the temperature and degree of blood being hardened, they were killed at around the same time.”

“You mean...” His pupils constricted.

The guy nodded, “The two of them attacked, and...”

He looked at Young Master Huang and continued, “Moreover, their strengths should be similar and can crush one star evolved.”

“Thank you Doctor Mu.” Huang Xijie was quite polite to this guy.

“No need.” He smiled and continued, “Then I will take my leave, don’t forget what we agreed.”

He picked up the silver medical case and left.

Huang Xijie wanted to keep him, his expression changed but he didn’t say anything.

“Dad!” Young Master Huang walked over and didn’t even dare to look at the corpses, “Why didn’t you make him stay, with him here, if... If anything happens, we still have a helper.”

Huang Xijie stared at him and ordered, “Be wary and be on guard, prepare to fight at any moment.”

He looked toward where the doctor left and sighed. Keep him? We couldn’t afford it.

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When Shengyuan woke up, he was laying in a tent. He sat up warily and noticed that his injuries were mostly healed.

He knew his own body. Even with the evolved body, he would take half a month to get well. Was he unconscious for so long?

“You are awake?”

Shengyuan was shocked. He didn’t notice that someone was behind him.

He turned around and saw the young man who he last saw before he fell unconscious.

“You saved me?”

Ye Zhongming nodded.

“Why?”

Seeing the familiar but younger face, Ye Zhongming said slowly, “I am going to a dangerous place and need someone to help me tank damage.”

Shengyuan’s worry was reduced by a little.

That was normal.

Although it had been less than a month since the apocalypse started, but the cruel nature of it was deep in their bones. One wouldn’t receive love for no reason and one would just make use of each other.

Although Shengyuan was Ye Zhongming's brother in his last life, but they were strangers now. Ye Zhongming was not sure if he was still the same big fellow. If he was willing to tank damage for him. So he had to observe and then decide how to treat him.

Since that was the case, then trading interests was the best way.

"Why find me?"

"Because of your job."

"Will I die?"

"Without me, you will definitely die."

The big fellow kept silent for a while and then said, "Deal."

Ye Zhongming smiled and pointed at another side, "Here is something for you, giant shielder. How can you not have a good shield."

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They walked in the forest of Wulan Mountain. Shengyuan touched the giant shield in his hands with glee.

This was a shield that was of a similar height to him, it was 1.5 meters long and it was a silver black arc with ancient patterns. Shengyuan raised the shield and waved it and broke a tree, clearing a path ahead.

"You aren't human."

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Liang Chuyin muttered and decided to ignore this barbaric ape that held a heavy shield and played with it like a toy.

This was the nickname that he gave Shengyuan.

This was the third day since he woke up. His injuries were healed a day after with Park Xiuying's help. The party left the area and entered Wulan Mountain.

Shengyuan's shield was custom-made for him.

The materials came from the abandoned army vehicle. At that time, many people didn't understand why Ye Zhongming wanted to slice a piece of and take it with them. Now they had an answer.

With this piece as a material, Ye Zhongming added osmium and ghost metal which formed the giant shield.

As for its stats, Ye Zhongming was shocked.

"Toughness +40, Hardness +40, stat: Self heal, heal as time passes."

A basic steel piece became a white shield because of osmium and ghost metal. While giving it some weight, it also added toughness and hardness. A more magical thing was that this wasn't a shield created through a blueprint and it actually had such an overpowered ability. It was obvious that this was because of ghost metal.

In his last life, the big fellow used a green shield that was overall better than this. But the self recovery made this shield as valuable as the green one.

One must know that no matter the equipment grade, it had a limit to how much damage it could take. As one used it more and more, that limit would drop. Once one went over the limit, the equipment would get destroyed.

For example, the battle blade that discovered the use of the stat stone, it was abandoned because it spoiled.

But with this self-repair ability, if it was damaged, it would slowly heal. In other words, it would not spoil.

Ye Zhongming looked at it and felt like getting the ghost metal from the Chain Prisoner was a good choice.

In the future, it would give him bigger surprises.

“Ye... Zhongming.” Shengyuan was still not used to being with the team and he scratched his head, “Are you talking about this place?”

Ye Zhongming looked deep into the forest and saw a three meter tall golden wheel standing there. The difference from normal ones was that there was a square across the surface.

Ye Zhongming sucked in a deep breath.

“I found you, Devil Gachapon!”

Chapter 172: Screaming Prison

There were many types of gachapons.

Most of them were normal and some were rare like multi colored ones and treasure-gathering gachapon etc.

But like the rules of this world, the rarer it was, the more precious it was. The type of gachapon was also the same.

Multi colored ones represented precious jobs, the treasure gathering wheel represented the number of treasures. The Devil Gachapon that Ye Zhongming had bumped into now represented risk.

Huge risk, that was pretty much a 1 in 10 chance to survive.

Without Shengyuan, Ye Zhongming wouldn't have even come here even if he knew that the Devil Gachapon was there. That was no different from asking to die.

But with him here, Ye Zhongming wanted to take a gamble.

“This, what is this?” Little Tiger ran forwards and ran around this special wheel. He didn't understand why this thing was deep in the forest and why it looked different from the other wheels.

The circular wheel was replaced by a square and on it there was something similar to a light... The square was split into four equal squares.

The wheel didn't have holes for the crystals but there was a semi circular area with a white cap. It looked like... Two small Sydney opera houses combined together.

Beside the hole below the four squares were four coin holes.

The reward box was similar to the other gachapons that were on the other side of the platform.

"Why is it different from other gachapons?" Le Dayuan was really interested in this thing that couldn't be destroyed. Now that he saw something different, his eyes lit up. But he was clear that he didn't have a chance to study this so he could only ask Ye Zhongming who once again predicted the future.

"This is the Devil Gachapon."

Ye Zhongming's expression was a little complicated.

No matter which gachapon it was, their names were given by people. People originally called it the golden gachapon but as they learned more about it, they called it the Devil Gachapon.

This was a high-risk high reward gambling wheel.

If you won, you could obtain unimaginable rewards. If you lost then your apocalypse journey would end and you would end up with decomposing bones and broken limbs.

After grasping information about this wheel, people would send teams and companies to face it. Only then could one reduce the death rate and increase the gains from the wheel.

Strictly speaking, Ye Zhongming was taking a huge risk today.

But although it was risky, but Ye Zhongming's current evolution level was low so the activation energy he could provide was also low. The relative danger wouldn't be high. Along with Shengyuan and his team, he could take a gamble.

Apart from these factors, Ye Zhongming also knew that as the apocalypse continued, his level would still lead many evolved but there would be some that were lucky and who had people behind them that could push them to his height.

His advantage was that he had lived this life before but he didn't have the natural benefits that others had.

So deep in his heart, he was anxious. He had to keep up his level lead to use the advantages. There were many things that he had to use strength to obtain.

Thus he decided to come here to take a gamble.

"Teacher Park, stand beside me but you don't have to protect me. Place your effort on Shengyuan and give him shields at the crucial moment."

Ye Zhongming started to give each one a mission, "Teacher Le, you and your men wait 500 meters out. No matter what happens, don't get any closer."

This person was a treasure. It was good that Ye Zhongming allowed him to take one look at the wheel. He would naturally ask him to stay far away during the battle.

“Shengyuan was at the front and the Iron Zombie would be beside him. The others will stand between us. If an enemy breaks through, that is your job.”

Everyone didn't understand but they listened closely.

“You will face beings that you have never seen before so be mentally prepared. Moreover, I might be unable to join in the battle so you need to rely on yourself. Today is very dangerous so be fully focused.”

After saying that, Ye Zhongming turned around and took out a huge bag of crystals before putting them on the wheel.

He took out one level one crystal and placed it into the coin hole.

The entire golden wheel lit up and a flash of light appeared on the wheel which lit up the dark forest.

The first square moved. Like a dice, it spun for a few seconds before it showed the picture of an item.

Ye Zhongming's heart jumped.

Screaming Prison!

This black diagram represented the Screaming Prison.

Although it was called a prison but it wasn't one, it was a conduit of a battle beast! If one got it and opened the prison, one would get a battle pet!

As Yellow Ball was here, Ye Zhongming ignored such equipment. But now that it appeared, Ye Zhongming realised that one huge thing that apocalypse survivors could rely on had appeared.

Battle pets were different from Yellow Ball. Yellow Ball had a close relationship with its master and after mutating it still maintained this relationship. The mutated animal would have the abilities of battle pets but didn't have to follow its rules. Once their relationship changes, such a pet might leave and even attack its master.

The pets that one got from the prison would follow battle pet rules. Very simple. It was a servant relationship. It could die for its Master to ensure that its Master was safe but once its Master died, the pet would die too.

Battle Pets relied solely on the user.

Pets similar to Yellow Ball would have one function which was to fight. It had its one evolution function. But battle pets were different. There were many times. Not only could they fight, but some also had support effects that might not be related to fighting.

For example, Ye Zhongming knew that one person's pet was a mermaid. This mermaid couldn't fight as its combat strength was zero but it had strong healing ability. This made that expert change his fighting style to one that was highly risky which resulted in many stronger people not willing to offend him.

This was one use of a battle pet.

If not for this wheel, one had to spin a four star gachapon to obtain the lowest level Screaming Prison.

But today this thing appeared here. Even the closest level one was something from a four star wheel. To get one, even Ye Zhongming would take several months.

This was the charm of the Devil Gachapon.

You could get what others couldn't.

No dangers appeared so everyone focused on the wheel. Seeing that it moved and that a picture appeared, everyone was surprised. Only Shengyuan was confused. He didn't know why the little fellow that saved him knew everything.

With his height, most guys in the country were indeed little guys...

Ye Zhongming grabbed more demon crystals and started to put them into the small hole.

"Pay attention, it is coming!" Ye Zhongming reminded them.

When a hundred crystals were placed into the hole, the white cover closed and then the other three squares started to flip! Only the first diagram didn't.

There was the systematic mechanical flipping sound that stimulated everyone's senses. The spinning method was similar to gambling machines and just one looked and one knew how it worked. But Ye Zhongming told them that it was dangerous so everyone knew that things weren't so simple.

The second white square slowed down and everyone saw a few diagrams spin past. One of them was the exact same as the first one. There was also a green human diagram. Apart from that, a red beast ball was also really apparent. There was even a black smoke wrapped skull. Anyways, there were nine different diagrams.

The square slowed down and slowly stopped on the diagram of the red monster.

Before others could ask what that was, a light shone from the top of the wheel and reflected a dozen meters in front of the wheel.

There was a fierce roar and a red fur beast that looked the same as the diagram appeared.

"Flame Lion!" Ye Zhongming cursed and then shouted, "Stop it!"

Everyone saw a majestic lion looking beast appear. The black crystal on its head told them that it was a level three monster.

"What level is that?" Shengyuan only saw level one and two mutated lifeforms so he didn't know what level three ones looked like. When he saw this monster, he instinctively asked.

"Level three!"

Level three? His eyes lit up. He placed the shield in front of him and shouted, "Bastard, bring it on!"

Ye Zhongming who was waiting for the third square to stop nearly fell to the ground.

People really don't change. This fellow really shouted the same thing as what he did in the last life. Flame Lion had a cruel human-like smile on its face. It suddenly opened its mouth and spat out a sulfuric-smelling flame.

At this point, the third square stopped and it was not the Screaming Prison but a black human-shaped lizard!

Chapter 173: Vicious Devil

The spotlight lit up once more and shone near the Flame Lion. A human shaped lizard that looked the exact same but much bigger than the picture appeared.

"Lizardman?"

Ye Zhongming bit his teeth. The Devil Gachapon really was the Devil Gachapon, the bugman had appeared.

This was a really annoying lifeform.

Ye Zhongming was actually killed by a bugman. But normally speaking, people were used to calling them damn bugs.

These lizards had weird abilities that could catch survivors off guard. When facing one of the same level, people were more willing to face a zombie or beast than face a lizardman.

This human shaped lizard was the same. Ye Zhongming rather one more Flame Lion appearing than face this annoying fellow whose body was covered in sharp bones and could spit out corrosive liquid.

"Still level three?"

Little Tiger was shocked. He had fought with level two mutated lifeforms and he was still really terrified about being suppressed and crushed. Now that there were two level three ones, Little Tiger got really nervous.

"Blow the Flame Lion's flames, if it hits you it would be a huge problem. Pay attention to the bug's acid. Its body has black bone blades that it would spread out. Don't be fooled by its appearance."

Ye Zhongming quickly described what they needed to pay attention to. He hoped that they would understand a little before they fought it.

At this point, the final white square stopped. Ye Zhongming's eyes lit up as the square landed on the prison!

Ye Zhongming was excited. He didn't expect to get such a low chance win.

One must know that the Basic Elimination Technique was not effective on this Devil Gachapon.

Ye Zhongming bit his teeth and tossed something out from the space crystal. This was the osmium that he had kept. Although he sliced a piece to mix into Shengyuan's shield, but this piece was still really heavy. Ye Zhongming pressed it and it turned into a golden metal man that was similar in height to a human. It smashed into the ground and was right in front of the level three bugman.

“Durability 500, 8 minutes!”

Ye Zhongming paid 200 points of mental energy to summon his strongest Basic Summoning Skill being till date.

But that was not it. He pressed a small area not far away which had a giant stone. He spent another 200 points and a stone giant stood up and pounced at the Flame Lion.

If this was before, Ye Zhongming’s mental energy would reduce to a dangerous level. But this time he was perfectly fine. He pressed on the ground beside Shengyuan and an earth giant stood up. It opened its arms and blocked in front of everyone.

600 points of mental energy disappeared right away.

Seal: Flame Blade!

Ye Zhongming’s strongest attack descended from above right at the bugman.

If this was Ye Zhongming in the past, he would have been sucked dry and he would fall to the ground. But today he was able to do three strong summons and even used the Light Seal Blademaster’s skill that consumed a lot of energy. He was still standing there find.

It was because of the Brain Bug.

After some special methods, the bug turned into Brain Bug powder. This was Ye Zhongming’s biggest gain. Apart from the ten thousand crystals, this was the one.

The best benefit of the powder was to increase mental energy.

Brain Bugs were mental energy type lifeforms and strong brain bugs were the pinnacle. Maybe Ye Zhongming didn’t kill the highest level brain bug but it still brought him many benefits.

In his last life, he knew that the powder could increase mental energy. The strongest the bug, the more mental energy it added.

The problem of the mental energy to support many jobs was something that bothered Ye Zhongming. Naturally, he didn’t hold back after bumping into a brain bug.

After eating the bug powder, Ye Zhongming estimated that his mental energy was around a thousand.

Apart from that, he noticed some other benefits. He was just a little uncertain and was not able to describe them in words.

After Ye Zhongming attacked, he didn’t look at the outcome. He knew that since he couldn’t kill the level three Hundred hand Zombie previously, the much stronger bugman wouldn’t die from his hit. His goal was to injure it and leave the rest to his friends.

He took out a level two demon crystal and placed it into the hole that matched the Screaming Prison.

This was fixing the wheel!

This meant that when one of the three squares had the same diagram as the first square, the person spinning could use a crystal that was a level higher to fix the diagram. When they spun it again, that square wouldn’t move until all four diagrams were the same or time was up.

Moreover, it would not only fix the diagram. It meant that the person spinning would be stuck in front of the wheel until the reward was hit or the time was up.

The glow of the spotlight wrapped Ye Zhongming up and tied him together with the Devil Gachapon.

Apart from spinning the wheel, he couldn't do anything else. This meant that if there weren't others fighting for him, he would get killed by the bugman and the Flame Lion.

This was what made the wheel terrifying!

It could allow the monsters summoned to attack. The more you spin, the more monsters would appear. The level of the monsters would be one or two levels higher than the crystals you used. If you spun once and missed all, three high level monsters would appear. If you missed twice, six would appear. If three, four, five...

As long as you weren't lucky, the person spinning might have to face dozens of high level monsters. Just this alone made it worthy of being a devil.

Moreover, once you hit a similar diagram, you wouldn't continue spinning without fixing it. Just this alone meant that the person spinning would get trapped. If your team couldn't block the monsters then you would definitely die.

This meant that one was betting your life. You were betting luck. Betting on your allies and their strength. Betting on their friendship. Many things. If one of these failed or if you weren't lucky, you would go to hell and meet the real devil.

Also, the reason why it was a devil was not because of death but because of its greedy side.

One needed all four squares to hit before one got a reward. In other words, The person spinning had to fix the wheel twice.

The first time, one would need to pay a crystal a level higher than what you used to spin the wheel. The second time needed crystals two levels higher.

As he killed the Hundred Hand Zombie, he got the level three crystal and he could fix it twice. This was another reason why Ye Zhongming decided to come here.

Counting in the huge amount of level one crystals that they had to spend, this wheel was not what normal evolved could spin.

In the last life, there was another nickname for the wheel-- Rich man gachapon.

Seeing Ye Zhongming get trapped, their hearts sank. This wheel was dangerous. Not only did two level three monsters appear, but their strongest player was also trapped.

At the same time, people didn't understand. Wouldn't it be better to let people like Le Dayuan or his helpers spin it? Wouldn't they be able to release Ye Zhongming who was the strongest?

But they underestimated the wheel. That was because it demanded that the person spinning had to be a level higher than the crystal they used to spin the wheel.

Ye Zhongming used a level one crystal which was the lowest level. Which meant that the person spinning had to be level two.

Only he met that requirement.

The Devil Gachapon would show its viciousness at any moment.

Flame Lion's flames hit Shengyuan's shield. This heat caused people at the back to feel really uncomfortable. The shield was metal and the high heat caused Shengyuan's hands to heat up and smoke.

But this big fellow didn't make a sound and just raised his shield to block. He glanced at the bugman that was hit by the Flame Blade and was in a bad state in case it attacked him.

Osmium Giant, Stone Giant, Earth Giant attacked. Liang Chuyin's whip was also about to hit a target. The battle had broken out.

The white cap on the gachapon opened up and the crystals inside all disappeared. Ye Zhongming used his fastest speed to fill them up again.

The wheel started to spin. This time only two squares were spinning and each of them made Ye Zhongming really nervous.

The second one stopped and Ye Zhongming cursed as it was another bugman. It was different from the lizard and this time it was a mantis. But he wasn't too unlucky, it was only level two and didn't affect the situation much.

The third square also stopped. Ye Zhongming punched the platform. The third one was a half human half snake that held a silver trident.

Naga!

A level three ocean lifeform!

The spotlight shone and a two meter tall female naga appeared. It wore a five colored crown and it had brown and sinister eyes!

Three level three lifeforms and one level two!

The faces of the team all turned ashen white.

They heard Ye Zhongming say that today would be dangerous but they didn't expect it to be this dangerous!

A level three lifeform was a problem but now there were three?!

Mo Ye turned back and saw Ye Zhongming spinning again. The second square that was about to stop looked like a very fierce skeleton warrior!

Mo Ye opened his mouth. She turned her head and decided not to look. She was afraid her mind would collapse as these high level monsters appear one after another.

The team's defensive line was indeed collapsing in front of these monsters...

Chapter 174: Explosive Mechanic

"Heavy Armor Sword Skeleton!"

Although Ye Zhongming was trapped in front of the Devil Gachapon but most of his attention was placed on the battlefield. When he saw this skeleton holding a giant sword appear, he shook his head helplessly.

There was nothing he could do and could only let his teammates solve the problem.

But he was really confident in Shengyuan.

The Heavy Armor Sword Skeleton was an undead lifeform. It didn't have demon crystals but it had a level. Just looking at the color of the bones and one knew.

The lowest level one had grey bones and it was similar to a normal zombie. Higher level ones had white bones and the stronger ones were black. Then would be blue, purple, red, yellow, silver and then gold.

This skeleton had black bones and it was similar to a level three lifeform.

Flame Lion, Lizard Bugman, Naga Warrior, Heavy Armor Sword Skeleton, four level three lifeforms and one level two mantis bugman. This made the team sweat. They had never seen so many high level lifeforms before.

Xia Lei, Mo Ye, and Little Tiger were really worried. During the lake battle, they witnessed how strong the level three Ape Zombie was. They had a phobia against level three mutated lifeforms. Now that four appeared, even the calmest person would know that things weren't good.

“Gun! Bugman!”

Ye Zhongming indicated.

An order appeared in his mind. Iron Zombie and Yellow Ball charged out. They jumped and the right hand which was sharp as a blade stabbed at the Flame Lion's neck. Yellow Ball shot out needles from its neck at all the monsters apart from the Lizard Bugman.

The team was used to listening to Ye Zhongming's orders. When they heard the boss's voice, they raised their guns and aimed at the injured bugman.

Mo Ye, Little Tiger, Xia Lei were cops. They had a good understanding and after firing, their bullets charged at the Bugman.

If one looked at the bullet path, one would see that they didn't head for the bug's body but beside it. Only two bullets went for its head and leg.

Level three lifeforms had reaction speed and agility that the team was unsure of. So when they attacked, they used their strongest ability.

They obtained many materials during the new district battle and after spinning so many times, they got some ammo. So Ye Zhongming crafted a bunch of armor piercing bullets. Considering that the level of monsters would increase, Ye Zhongming cared more about the quality. He didn't make many bullets but they were each really strong.

The situation was dangerous so the three of them didn't care about wasting bullets. They knew that they had to focus on one instead of splitting their resources. They fired and dozens of bullets fired.

The bugman was quick. It noticed the danger and spread its armor to reveal its blade battle formation. It bent down and leaped towards a side.

Due to the benefits of evolution, the Lizard bugman was really dynamic and jumped a dozen meters forwards.

But as it was charging previously, it was too close to the team and the bullets were really quick. They were accurate so even if it tried to dodge the bullets flying towards it, it was hit by those around it.

The penetration of the armor piercing bullet left many holes in its body.

One of them exploded through its thick neck and destroyed half of its flesh.

The injured bugman lost control and fell to the ground.

The golden fur and three armor piercing bullets landed and entered its shaking head. Green and white liquid exploded and one level three bugman was killed instantly.

This outcome pumped all of them up.

It was surprising that they could kill a level three bugman so quickly. But thinking about it, it did make sense.

Ye Zhongming's job skill injured it. Even if it wasn't instantly killed but it was badly hurt. Ye Zhongming was used to using his strongest moves right away which caught it off guard like the Hundred Hand Zombie, causing it to pay a price.

Next, the strength of the Glory Smith job could be seen. The enchanted and strengthened bullets were really strong. They were fired using modified guns so they could even threaten four star beings. Naturally, level three lifeforms could be dealt with.

With them firing at such short distances, the shooters were also great shooters. Without holding back on ammo usage, it wasn't hard to imagine how they killed a level three lifeform.

This was the value of Ye Zhongming.

If this was any other team, even if there was a two star evolved, they wouldn't be able to kill a level three lifeform that had so many helpers.

Yellow Ball retreated after its first strike succeeded. Iron Zombie attacked the Flame Lion. With the help of the stone giant, it forced the level three monster back before it retreated back behind Shengyuan.

But the Flame Lion was really strong. In just that short while, one hand of the stone giant was bit off. Although Iron Zombie hit its body, but it only retreated. However, the iron zombie's hand was burnt by its flames and its grey skin turned black.

On the other side, the Osmium was fighting the Naga Warrior. The two monsters battled. As a summoned being, the osmium was at a disadvantage. It couldn't keep up with the Naga Warrior and was unable to block her skills. It was stabbed by the trident and its durability reduced. In just a short while half was lost.

But it tanked the damage so the naga couldn't threaten the other teammates.

The earth giant was tangling with the level two mantis but the Heavy Armor Sword Skeleton appeared beside it. This undead being didn't hold back and slashed at the earth giant. After the party killed the lizard man, the earth giant was hit on two sides and its durability was emptied out.

After such a short clash, both sides lost a member.

“Damn, only two more armor piercing bullets.”

Little Tiger cried out. He counted his bullets and he didn't have many left.

Mo Ye and Xia Lei's face sunk. They didn't have many left too.

“Kill the level two first!

Xia Lei looked around and decided to target the weak one first! That was because they weren't confident in using these bullets to kill a level three lifeform. Rather than not causing much damage, why not kill the level two bugman that threatened the team.

The three of them turned around and sealed the retreating path of the level two bugman with their remaining bullets, instantly killing this fellow.

That signaled the end of the bullets.

At this time, Ye Zhongming's third square stopped. He was delighted. They were lucky and the Screaming Prison appeared once more.

Only the second white square was not on the diagram!

Ye Zhongming shoved in the three star crystal to fix the wheel and continued to spin.

“Cursed Ostrich! Level two!”

“Black demon! Level two!”

“Blood Zombie! Level three!”

“Mist Sunflower! Level three!”

Four times and they were all monsters. Even Liang Chuyin went mad and shouted, “Zhongming do you want us to die?”

Ye Zhongming obviously didn't but he was just unlucky.

His expression was uglier than everyone else. He spun this second square seven times but it all missed. He was suspecting that he had used all his luck up.

There was no way out so he could only go all out. Time to see how many more monsters could appear!

Ding!

After an ear catching sound, the second square didn't let him down and stopped on the Screaming Prison.

A light shone and a black book appeared.

Ye Zhongming grabbed it and used it right away.

“Obtained: Battle Pet, Explosive Mechanic! (Weak Grade).”

Such a phrase appeared in his mind and then a robot that reached Ye Zhongming's knee appeared beside him.

The wheel might give out some high technology products but there weren't many of them. The most famous one was the level nine wheel's Saint Light Warship which was the giant ship that appeared during the day of the apocalypse.

In his last life, Ye Zhongming and his friends rarely had super technology items.

But one had to admit that such things were really strong and they were very valuable.

Ye Zhongming saw the prison and imagined what would be inside. He guessed the Golden Beast, he thought that he would get a baby dragon, newborn fox etc..

But he didn't expect it to be a technology item.

Looking at this fellow that looked similar to robots in War of the Worlds, information regarding it appeared in his mind.

The team was in danger. Although they killed a level three and a level two lifeform but two more level two and two more level three ones appeared.

Now that the battle pet had appeared, Ye Zhongming needed it to be of some help!

He used his thoughts to control it to attack but he heard a notification that made him roll his eyes.

"Please plug in an energy source!"

Chapter 175: Huge changing point

Ye Zhongming did obtain my demon crystals during the new district battle. He had close to 20 thousand level one crystals, dozens of level two crystals and a level three crystal.

These things were indeed a huge sum at the current stage.

But it did cost a lot to spin this Devil Gachapon that was also called the Rich Man Wheel. In just a while, he used 2 thousand level one crystals and a level two crystal. He even used his only level three demon crystal.

Ye Zhongming had to recover mental energy, Iron Zombie had to evolve, and he needed demon crystals to craft Moon Edge. It might seem like he had a lot but they would all be gone quickly.

Now that one more metal fellow appeared and he could let it attack, but it told him that it needed an energy source.

Ye Zhongming was confused.

But the situation forced his hand. He bit his teeth and shoved a level one crystal into its metal head.

The pair of mechanical hands started to spin and its dim eyes lit up.

"One unit of energy, level one cannon."

A mechanical voice spread out. All sorts of mechanical parts started to stream out from its arm and a moment later, hundreds of parts were stacked on the ground.

"Boss help!" Little Tiger and the rest were in a bad situation and cried for support.

The mechanic didn't bother about all this. Its hands started to piece them together and its speed was so quick that one had difficulty keeping up. Even Ye Zhongming could only see after images.

Five seconds and a mini cannon was created. Its 10 centimeter barrel swayed left and right and waited for Ye Zhongming to order.

Ye Zhongming immediately felt like he was conned by the Devil Gachapon.

What could this little thing do? Ten centimeter barrel? Are you kidding me? Could this thing even kill a normal rat?

“Huala!” A sound spread over. Ye Zhongming raised his head and saw that the stone giant was destroyed under the attacks from the Mist Sunflower and the Heavy Armor Sword Skeleton.

“Hong!” On the other side, the Osmium Monster was teaching the naga a vicious lesson. While it caused the naga’s face to deform, it couldn’t handle the hits of the level three Blood Zombie and the level two Cursed Crow. It turned back into a lifeless piece of metal.

Shengyuan held his shield up. The level three Flame Lion and level two Black Chaos forced him back. Although his body wasn’t hit directly but he was shaken and blood seeped out from his mouth.

After they lost the protection of the giants, the others didn’t dare to head forwards. They stood beside Shengyuan and helped him to attack the enemies in front of him.

Ye Zhongming pulled out Moon Edge. He knew that he had to attack if not everyone would die here. He didn’t expect the Devil Gachapon to con him.

In his mind was a notification for him to select a target. He was annoyed and shouted, “Mist Sunflower!”

Mist Sunflower was a snake-like monster hiding in the pink mist. Level three and its attacks were really weird. It would spit out a thick smoke and if it hit you, you would get corroded. The reason why the stone giant was destroyed so quickly was because this mist made its body really weak which made it easy for the Heavy Armor Sword Skeleton to deal with it.

The Mist Sunflower’s attacks were ranged attacks. Ye Zhongming didn’t have good defence and he was afraid that it would attack Shengyuan. He was worried that the shield couldn’t take it.

The final step of Ye Zhongming’s plan would fail if they didn’t have the shield.

Ye Zhongming chose the level three Mist Sunflower that seemed the most threat to the party.

The small barrel that looked as thin as a pen aimed at the Mist Sunflower that charged over. It gave out a buzzing sound.

The battlefield paused.

As a level three lifeform, the mist sunflower was no weaker than other level three beings. With its special attacks, it was even stronger than the others.

When the small barrel aimed at it, it didn’t really care. Its eyes were filled with the shield that the human in the front was carrying.

But when the barrel lit up, it felt a huge sense of danger. It instinctively tried to dodge.

But after a silver light shone, although its crucial areas didn't get hit, but it noticed that its body had lost control.

A huge hole appeared on the lower half of its snake body.

It gave out a loud cry. A level three evolved was actually badly injured by that hit!

The party was stunned. They knew that this thing was something new that the boss had obtained. They didn't take a good look at it before but now they felt like the moment the light shone past, that monster in the mist was pierced just like that.

But it was a level three lifeform. Apart from Ye Zhongming, no one had the ability to deal with it.

Ye Zhongming was shocked. He admitted that he had underestimated this fellow.

Only Ye Zhongming could deal such huge damage to a level three mutated lifeform using the Light Seal Blademaster combo. This meant that, the small cannon which used up just a level one crystal could compare to a two star job evolved's attack!

What kind of concept was that?

This meant that Ye Zhongming had a helper that was on the same level as himself.

Screaming Prison was actually so strong!

This was a prize that would only come out from a four star gachapon!

After that shocking hit, the Explosive Mechanic's eyes dimmed. The barrel retracted and it lost its energy source.

Ye Zhongming shoved another demon crystal into the Explosive Mechanic's head.

This time he used a level two crystal.

It immediately gained energy once more. It removed the barrel from before and crafted a new one.

This barrel was much bigger than before and the barrel was thicker.

But it used a little more time, 20 seconds passed before it was done.

"98 energy, level two cannon."

During this period of time, the party's defence line was pushed back once more. Ye Zhongming who was released by the Devil Gachapon had to join in. But even though he joined in, they were all suppressed by four level three mutated lifeforms. Little Tiger and Mo Ye were injured and if not for Liang Chuyin's heals, they might be in danger.

"Heavy Armor Sword Skeleton!"

After getting the notification to select who to attack, Ye Zhongming hollered. This time he chose the undead lifeform that was covered in thick armor.

He had one reason for attacking it.

It was slow.

As compared to the other level three lifeforms, this fellow was the slowest but its attacks were the strongest. Which was why Ye Zhongming chose to attack it.

The barrel paused and then it shot out an even brighter laser.

Sensing danger, the Heavy Armor Sword Skeleton placed its giant weapon in front of itself to block. It was really slow and it knew that it couldn't dodge. Thus it did the best choice.

Hong!

Light exploded and a strong energy wave swept out. Be it monsters or humans, they were forced back.

After the light, the heavy armor sword skeleton was left with half a body.

This time, half the body of a three star lifeform was destroyed, leaving the upper body struggling on the ground. That thick layer of armor was tattered and only the handle of the sword was left.

"I, Damn!"

Little Tiger's eyes opened wide. That strength. Laser Cannon? Laser cannons weren't that strong right?

"Shengyuan hold back the Flame Lion, leave the Naga and Blood Zombie to me, the rest kill the level two ones, quick!"

Ye Zhongming was excited.

Although the Devil Gachapon was terrifying but it would drop good things. Look at the Explosive Mechanic. He wanted to take a final gamble but now he saw a way to win without much risk.

Hearing Ye Zhongming's instructions, Shengyuan hollered. Park Xiuying healed some of his injuries and he charged at the Flame Lion with its shield. This lion caused him huge trouble today. This big fellow wanted to take revenge. He didn't care about the gap in strength and just attacked.

Iron Zombie and Yellow Ball were controlled by Ye Zhongming to attack the Blood Zombie. These two were stronger than normal level two mutated lifeforms. Although they couldn't kill the level three Blood Zombie but they could delay it.

Ye Zhongming faced the injured naga.

In the battle against the Osmium monster, this ocean lifeform paid a price. Due to the material, the Osmium monster was strong and had good defence. Although the naga was suppressing it but it was still hit. Each hit was really painful. That face that was really beautiful if not for its skin color was still deformed because of the metal giant's hit.

Ye Zhongming naturally didn't decide to go all out against it. He was just faking it. He came to the side of the mechanic and shoved in another level two crystal.

His target was the naga!

Ye Zhongming believed that after this hit, even if he didn't kill the naga, it would lose its fighting ability. He calculated its firing speed and her speed. He was sure that this ocean being couldn't totally dodge it!

If it was injured, Ye Zhongming was confident in killing it in a short time.

Victory was in front of his eyes and he even started to smile. But he heard a voice from the Explosive Mechanic that destroyed his views.

“Warning: Cooldown...”

Chapter 176: Since we are taking a gamble, take a big gamble

Cursing wasn't Ye Zhongming's style. He really wanted to slice this mechanic into two right now.

He finally realised a phrase that he had ignored--- weakness.

Right, the mechanic was stronger than he thought. It was able to fire out such a powerful short with just the use of one level one demon crystal. That made Ye Zhongming think that he had picked up a treasure... In truth, it was indeed a treasure.

But everything had a price. The Explosive Mechanic had a price too.

While it was highly efficient but the usage time was also restricted.

Ye Zhongming didn't have time to understand what the restriction was as the level three monsters were charging over. Maybe the mechanics' attacks made them feel a huge threat. They went mad and used all sorts of talent skills.

All of a sudden, the party was in a bad situation.

Light shone on Shengyuan. The big fellow's left rib that was hit by the naga felt much better now and his breathing had calmed down.

A small shield appeared near his left face and blocked the green claws from the Blood Zombie that should have sunk into his face.

Park Xiuying used Cleansing Dew eight times in just that short while and also four Diamond Shields.

Apart from Ye Zhongming, she was the only other person that ate bug powder.

Envoy of Light was too useful for the party. Without her shield, the party would have lost members several times. Ye Zhongming had the biggest credit that everyone was alive, she was the second.

Apart from healing every one of their injuries, Cleansing Dew also provided them with the ability to fight on. Without this skill, Ye Zhongming wouldn't have obtained his current achievements.

Evolved would also get injured and they needed to recover. With her Cleansing Dew, the time taken was reduced to something negligible.

Thus, Ye Zhongming knew that this party needed this teacher in the future.

Thus, Ye Zhongming gave half the bug powder to Park Xiuying.

After eating this good thing, Teacher Park's mental energy greatly increased. The Envoy of Light's job skills consumed a small amount of mental energy so the number of times she could use cleansing dew and Diamond Shield greatly increased.

So although the battle was intense and she used skills many times, she still had a lot of mental energy. Moreover, she didn't dare to use too much as Ye Zhongming told her to save up.

She didn't know what Ye Zhongming wanted to do. She only knew that she had to listen to her ex-student. To date, he hadn't disappointed anyone yet.

These level three lifeforms had intellect. They saw who was the biggest threat. The naga and the Blood Zombie suppressed Ye Zhongming. The Flame Lion gave up on attacking Shengyuan and the Black Crisis took over it. It went to attack the other people in the party.

The mutated lifeforms took the upper hand once more.

“Oi, think of a way, this can’t do.”

Xia Lei and Mo Ye blocked the Flame Lion for a while. It spat out flames that made it tough for them to fight back. There was a huge gap between themselves and the level three lifeform and under its restraint, it made the battle really dangerous.

If they weren’t careful, the level three mutated lifeform might grab the chance.

Ye Zhongming was being pushed to the limit and he was struggling.

Use the final move?

It was okay if he didn’t see hope previously. But the Explosive Mechanic brought him the joy of victory, the hope that he didn’t need to use the final move. But that hope was destroyed which made him feel very unwilling.

But...

Seeing the members of the party hold on, Ye Zhongming’s struggle disappeared and his expression became firm.

Since that was the case then follow the plan.

Ye Zhongming used his strongest skill at the two level three mutated lifeforms in front of him. He took this chance to cause problems for them before charging at the injured Mist Sunflower!

The Mist Sunflower that was soft and fallen to the ground didn’t expect people to charge through. It was trying to heal its injuries.

It just needed some time to stand up. Even if it couldn’t fully heal up, it could walk to feast when they ate the group.

Naga and the Blood Zombie found it difficult to deal with the flame blade. This human was a huge threat. Especially the blade light from his war blade, which terrified them.

After dodging it, they wanted to fight back but they saw that their opponent had charged and was slicing his blade at their ally.

The Mist Sunflower felt really frustrated. It couldn’t move as it was a snake shaped monster without hands so it could only watch as the blade landed on its body.

But it was still a level three lifeform. It wouldn’t take hits for nothing and it spat out a mist.

Ye Zhongming could dodge but he didn’t move.

If he dodged then he would lose the last chance of killing this fellow. In his plan, killing a level three lifeform was something he had to do.

He used his arm to block his face and the Moon Edge sliced off the head of the Mist Sunflower.

He ignored the scorching pain on his skin and quickly dug the crystal off before retreating.

The Naga and Blood Zombiie attacked.

Ye Zhongming didn't fight them head on. After paying the price of a punch to the back from the Blood Zombie, he found a chance to charge back into the party.

He backed off behind Shengyuan and Park Xiuying's Cleansing Dew landed on Ye Zhongming who had blood seeping from his mouth.

He took out a bunch of things from his space crystal and then placed the Explosive Mechanic that was still under cooldown back into the crystal.

"Constrict the formation, defend!"

Ye Zhongming gave the order under intense pain and told Shengyuan to get back into his full defence state. He controlled the Iron Zombie to the other side and the others helped to fill the gaps.

Everyone's gazes turned ice cold when they saw what Ye Zhongming took out. Apart from Shengyuan who was suppressed by the level three lifeforms in front, the breathing of the others changed.

Each person felt death descend.

Ye Zhongming stood in front of the Devil Gachapon was more!

"Boss. Boss, you, you want..."

Moon Edge left a mark on the monster but Little Tiger was knocked back and fell deep into the party.

He raised his head and saw the thing under all their feet. Ye Zhongming was also shoving a level one crystal into the wheel.

Little Tiger felt like this was the real apocalypse.

The party was already unable to deal with these monsters. Was the boss going to summon more?

Isn't that asking for death?

"Yes."

A calm reply showed everyone his determination.

Ding!

This was the sound of the crystal landing on the wheel. But to everyone, this was the sound of the gates of hell opening.

The first white square started to move and it stopped a few seconds later to reveal a stone gate.

Ye Zhongming didn't recognise it.

He stopped caring so much. He shoved the crystals into the hole and that caused the wheel to spin.

The second square stopped, no.

Third one stopped, no.

The fourth one stopped, also no.

One more level three and two level two monsters appeared. They picked up the scent of humans and dashed over with excitement.

Ye Zhongming continued to shove crystals in and he was so quick that his hands were only left with an afterimage. Like how the explosive mechanic was when it was making a cannon.

The wheel spun.

The second square stopped, no!

Third... No!

Fourth... Still no!

Another three appeared. Be it Ye Zhongming or others in the party they were all numb. They ignored the level. Their confidence was crushed.

“Use it or not!?”

Shengyuan was under attack. If not for the high durability white shield, he would have died. But the situation was even more serious. More monsters appeared which meant that Shengyuan knew he was going to die in a few minutes. So he started to shout.

“Now is not the time!”

Ye Zhongming voice was without any emotions.

“If I die, my life is returned to you. Our debt is cleared!”

This time, what replied him was the sound of the wheel spinning.

The first wheel... No.

The second one... Hit!

Ye Zhongming used a level two crystal to fix the wheel. A light appeared on his body to fix him near the wheel.

The third square didn't hit.

Spin!

No! No! No! No!

The high level monsters grouped up and the Iron Zombie had long wounds from these monsters and its arm was about to be cut off. Liang Chuyin used Shadow Dance but it did difficult damage to the level three lifeforms. While forcing them back, one of them took the chance to send a tube-like thing into her leg. A hole appeared. If not for Xia Lei being quick and pulling her over, the influencer would have been dragged out.

Shengyuan was in an even worse state. The shield had cracks. Although it could self repair but that needed time. Under such strong attacks, it was near its limit.

Spin!

No!

Hit!

Ye Zhongming used the level three crystal from the Mist Sunflower to fix the wheel.

Spin!

No!

Spin!

No!

Ah!

A cry as Mo Ye fell to the ground. Her stomach and left shoulder were pierced by several black bone spikes. She lost combat strength just like Liang Chuyin.

The party was on the verge of collapse!

Everyone was in despair. If not for them being afraid of Moon Edge, the party wouldn't have held on until now. Even then, they were clear that the formation would collapse in 5 seconds!

Ye Zhongming was still really calm.

Spin!

Goddess of luck finally took care of him, the final square!

Ye Zhongming kept the prize right away and then he kicked that ball of things towards the crowd. At the same time, he shouted!

“Immovable Boulder!”

Chapter 177: Second form

“Immovable Boulder!”

This was Shengyuan's Giant Shieldman's job skill.

Ye Zhongming naturally knew about it.

This was the thing that gave him the biggest confidence today.

If Envoy of Light was a defense-leaning job, then the giant shieldman was a total defence job. All the skills for this job were used to defend.

Actually, not many people were willing to learn such a job.

Think about it, how does one evolve? One had to spin wheels, if one wanted to spin, one needed crystals. How to get crystals? You had to kill zombies or other mutated lifeforms.

If you learned a defensive job and all skills were defense skills then how to kill zombies?

Right, this job was important for a team and it could protect the safety of the team.

But this also meant that the person who learned this job was giving up the gains and items.

No one was willing to risk their lives for others but end up having to rely on their pity to get stronger.

But maybe because of that, the defense of similar jobs was really strong. In the last life, the six star big fellow's strongest defensive skill-- Golden Fortress could defend against a strike from a nine star evolved.

Immovable Boulder was the first job skill. Although it was a basic skill but its defence was really strong.

Ye Zhongming shouted. Shengyuan roared toward the sky and spurted blood out. He didn't care and smashed his shield onto the ground. Mental energy was injected into his shield.

"Immovable... Boulder!"

Shengyuan opened his eyes in red. His body which was on the verge of collapse under the attacks from those mutated lifeforms now stood tall. His shield gave out a giant bright light.

An illusion that looked exactly the same as the shield appeared beside the shield. Then was the second. Third. Fourth...

A moment later, a giant shield that looked similar to the translucent Diamond Shield protected the party. This wasn't over. Above the shield was another row, then the 3rd, 4th and 5th layer.

In a blink, there were five rows of illusions that blocked the party from those mutated lifeforms.

Those shields flickered but they were close to one another.

The other members of the party didn't need to risk their lives and they felt much more relaxed. They were impressed by Shengyuan's job skills as they didn't know that such a thing existed.

In comparison, Park Xiuying's Diamond Shield was a mini one. They forgot that the Diamond Shield could move and it was an automatic defence. One could say that these two skills had their pros.

The attacks from the monsters didn't stop just because of one skill. They were pushed outwards by the rows of shields and that angered them. To them, these humans were a meal and they would be able to break through in the next second. They wanted to taste the delicious blood.

They didn't think much about this shield formation. How could a bunch of low level humans have strong skills?

The monsters gave out weird sounds and they all wanted to pounce on these illusions and crush them!

As for the thing that was kicked out, some monsters casually hit it. It fell near another monster but none of them cared about it.

The team was pushed near the wheel. Only Shengyuan blocked and behind him was Ye Zhongming who pulled out a black gun.

It was the sniper rifle he got from the new base.

"Coming!"

Shengyuan was bleeding from all holes.

Immovable Boulder didn't need mental energy when he first used it.

It was a channeled skill that used mental energy each second. The stronger the attacks you faced, the more mental energy you consumed.

Under the attacks of 20-30 monsters, Shengyuan's mental energy was dropping each second. Those five rows of shields actually couldn't last for too long.

If not for Shengyuan's strong will, if not for the natural advantage of the giant shieldman, Shengyuan would have died already.

But in the end, he was just a one star evolved. After just two seconds, he felt like his organs were burning up. He could only shout out two hoarse words.

Ye Zhongming knew what he meant.

Immovable Boulder was split into two stages.

The first was to protect all that he could protect. Each illusion's defence was the same as the shield itself. After use, it was as if you replicated thousands of users.

Apart from this, the skill was special as it had another stage.

This second stage wouldn't normally appear if the first stage blocked everything.

Once the first stage was not enough, Immovable Boulder would use the second stage to protect the targets from before. It would reduce the defensive area and strengthen the defence.

Five rows of shields exploded and forced the monsters back. The fragments landed like rain and turned into a shiny mirror that covered everyone.

The moment the two forms switched, the gun fired.

The loud explosion from the sniper rifle caused the ears of everyone to ring.

"Buff him with the shield and use Cleansing Dew!"

Ye Zhongming shouted at the exact same time.

Park Xiuying continuously cast the shield and Cleansing Dew like she had infinite mental energy.

Hong!

The sudden explosion covered everything.

Immovable Boulder, Ye Zhongming's shot, shouts, Park Xiuying adding shield, explosion. These things occurred at pretty much the same time.

The Immovable Boulder light shook after the explosion. Shengyuan's body moved too. If someone was in front of him, they would notice that his eyes were dimmed, he was kneeling down with his shoulder pushing his shield forwards. He was using his body to prevent the shield from dropping.

If the shield dropped, the light shield would shatter.

Light fell on Shengyuan's body, pulling him who was halfway into the gates of hell. But on the other side, hell was dragging this determined kid.

Dust covered the surrounding area. Forest, sun, wheel, monsters were all gone. They just felt the area shaking. All that remained was the desire to live.

Suddenly, a giant shockwave appeared beside them. They were caught off guard and pushed back. Trees were smashed as they knocked into them. If they weren't evolved, this hit was enough to kill them.

After the shockwave, the entire battlefield turned silent. Only a few burnt trees and some unknown bodies were burning and giving out a ear piercing smell.

Ye Zhongming slowly recovered. He wanted to sit up but felt huge pain in his left arm. He touched and fortunately, it was dislocated. He pressed it and used strength on his right hand and shoulder to fix it.

He picked up Moon Edge and looked around.

Xia Lei and Liang Chuyin were beside. After the intense explosion, the three knocked into one another. Ye Zhongming protected them which caused his arm to dislocate.

Liang Chuyin fell unconscious and she had several wounds on her body but it wasn't a big issue. The hole from that monster was still the most serious one.

Xia Lei had a huge patch of blood on her forehead that covered half of her face. Although she could open her eyes, but she was a little lost. Ye Zhongming pulled aside her hair to see a stone stuck into her head which left a wound. It looked terrifying but it wasn't a big issue.

He started to search for the other members. Mo Ye and Little Tiger were quickly found. Little Tiger was like a cockroach. His body had no obvious injuries and he woke up quick. He was already taking care of the unconscious Mo Ye.

This woman was injured before and couldn't walk. Now that she was hit by the shockwave, it didn't look good.

Ye Zhongming saw Shengyuan and Park Xiuying as well as Yellow Ball.

Ye Zhongming rushed over. He took a look at Shengyuan who was in the worst state and heaved a sigh of relief. He was still breathing. The use of mental energy and the shockwave probably left serious internal injuries.

Park Xiuying was not unconscious but her hand was hanging so her bones were probably broken. Her eyes were red as she tried to climb up. She said, "Red hair, where is red hair, she helped to block a piece of stone for me."

Ye Zhongming ordered Park Xiuying to save Shengyuan and Red Hair was the one who protected her.

"Here!" She shouted happily. She ran over and saw the red hair Iron Zombie whose whole body was twisted.

"Zhongming, quick..."

She wanted to ask him to save her but she saw his body disappearing into the dust.

After which, she heard the furious roars of monsters.

When Le Dayuan and his helpers rushed over and helped to gather the members of the team, Ye Zhongming walked over slowly from the distance. His face was covered in all sorts of different blood. His forehead and chin had burn marks. His left hand hung down and he stumbled.

Moon Edge wasn't in his right hand but he had a bunch of demon crystals.

A bunch of black crystals!

Chapter 178: Gate of sacrifice

In a small village near Wulan County, the zombies that frequented the area were gone. If not for the corpses around and the mutated monsters that still roamed, one would still think that this was still peacetime.

On the roof of the biggest two story apartment, a golden dog was tanning in the sun. It would lick its front walls and twitch its ears to catch all the sounds that appeared around.

Xiu!

A meat jerky was tossed onto the roof. The lazy dog suddenly pounced forwards to bite the meat jerky and it swallowed it in just a few bites.

"Yellow Ball can you even taste it like that? You need to taste the food do you understand?" Little Tiger's lazy voice spread from below.

Yellow Ball glanced at the short human and gave him a look of disdain.

This was the 4th day since they got down the mountain.

That day, the heavily injured team rested for a full night there before coming here the second day.

Evolved really recovered quickly. After two days of rest, those with light injuries were mostly okay. Only Mo Ye, Liang Chuyin and Shengyuan still had injuries.

But Mo Ye and Liang Chuyin had mostly outer wounds. Although they weren't totally okay but they could move without problems. They would be okay in just two days.

Shengyuan was the most serious one. He was the one at the front and even with a white shield and his job skills to protect him, he was the most badly injured. He just woke up last night and still couldn't get off the bed.

At this time, the weakness of Park Xiuying's cleansing dew was on full display. This was effective towards outside injuries but not internal injuries.

Shengyuan who suffered the most from shockwaves healed the slowest because of this reason.

There was some movement at the village entrance. Yellow Ball's ears twitched and it raised its head to look over.

Ye Zhongming and Le Dayuan as well as his helpers moved towards the building.

Yellow Ball jumped from the roof and charged at the entrance. It ran while wagging its tail. It ran like a little pony.

A moment later, Ye Zhongming and his group were downstairs.

"Oi handsome, did you find food? We eat jerky every day and I am dying from that."

They had just been through a life and death battle and were much closer to one another. Liang Chuyin sat on the railing of the roof and her legs swung there. She shouted at Ye Zhongming.

“Influencer, are you sure you are not dying because you are pregnant?”

Xia Lei walked out too. When she heard Liang Chuyin’s words, she teased.

“Ah! Sister Lei! What does that mean? I don’t understand!”

Hearing her act cute, the rest shuddered and left. They only left the two girls to laugh by themselves.

Ye Zhongming tossed the big bag onto the ground and took a bottle of water. He drank and asked, “How is Shengyuan?”

“Better than yesterday but he needs to rest.”

Park Xiuying was not in a good mental state. She used Cleansing Dew constantly and while she healed the other members, she felt really exhausted.

“En, red hair’s injuries aren’t getting better.”

Park Xiuying was the softest person in the party. Red hair saved her during the explosion and filled her with gratitude. She actually used Cleansing Dew on this puppet but it wasn’t useful.

Ye Zhongming frowned, “Let me think of a way.”

He pointed at the bag he brought back, “Master Le and I brought back some fruit cans, we can split it.”

The team gambled their lives with Ye Zhongming that day. Although the outcome was still perfect but it was terrifying. Even when they thought back at it, the party were afraid.

The final plan was a huge explosion. While the evolved felt terrified, they also had a new understanding of Ye Zhongming’s courage.

If anything small was missed out, everyone would die.

The thing that was wrapped up was the remaining gunpowder that Xia Lei had after igniting the two buildings.

On it were things like grenades that he got from gachapon or from other survivors.

Ye Zhongming’s final plan was to ignite these things. While causing huge damage to these monsters, it also made Shengyuan tank all the damage.

That gave him the rewards from the Devil Gachapon, he could also kill large amounts of high level monsters. He could protect their safety so he could kill three birds with one stone.

But the process was tough and really dangerous. He had to kill one level three lifeform to fix the wheel. If the explosion was unexpected and wasn’t what Shengyuan could tank, the others would have to take the hit from the explosion.

Fortunately, everyone survived. Those mutated lifeforms were hit by the explosion and they were cleared out by Ye Zhongming.

Although one still felt afraid thinking back to it, but their gains were huge.

He went to find Shengyuan and the two of them had a chat. Ye Zhongming then went to take a look at the Iron Zombie that was unconscious before he returned to his room.

The gains were huge and Ye Zhongming didn't have time to arrange the things. Now that he recovered, he also found enough food for everyone. It was time to study and clear out the things.

The most valuable thing would be the crystals. After that battle, he got 9 level two crystals and 15 level three crystals.

Actually, Ye Zhongming didn't even know how many monsters were summoned by the devil gachapon. Anyways he killed all those that he could find. As for those that ran away, he was not sure how many there were.

The level two demon crystals were still okay. After all, he had to just search and he could find some. A month had passed so the first evolution wave had started so the number of level two mutated monsters would greatly increase.

The most precious were the level three crystals as there were so few level three mutated lifeforms. A million-person city might only have five to six. Now that Ye Zhongming got 15 at once, this was a huge sum. If he met a normal level three wheel, he could even spin it twice.

Maybe he would be lucky to even spin a three star potion!

Ye Zhongming smiled and kept the crystals. It was about time to have to use them.

Apart from crystals, there were also materials from the monsters. These were good things, especially for Ye Zhongming who was a smith. When he was creating weapons and equipment, the materials could greatly increase their quality.

Out of these materials, something was more special. It was a red pearl.

It was the heart of the Heavy Armor Sword Skeleton.

For undead lifeforms, they didn't have crystals to represent their level. Their strength level was based on the color of their bones. If you killed them, you couldn't get crystals but you can get their heart.

In his last life, survivors called it soul pearls.

Soul Pearls weren't useful for normal evolved but they were useful for craftsman. For example, Smiths, when one had special equipment, the soul pearls were essential items. Moreover, when one crafted green equipment, one had to have pearls.

Chemists, Medics etc needed these things for their recipes too.

A black soul pearl was really valuable.

Holding this soul pearl that was red and with black threads, Ye Zhongming had a thought. He felt like he could test something out.

He placed it down and took out something.

Even Ye Zhongming who had spent 10 years in the apocalypse was really excited when he saw this thing. His body was even shaking a little.

This was the door-like thing that Ye Zhongming got from the devil gachapon.

This was indeed a door, but it wasn't huge and it looked really simple. It looked like a simple arc.

But what was special was that in the middle was a water-like mirror. As the door moved, it would ripple. There was a colorless gem in the middle.

Ye Zhongming touched this few centimeters tall door and he was actually really gentle.

This thing was called Gate of Sacrifice.

Ye Zhongming hadn't heard of it in his last life and had never seen it. But that didn't stop him from loving it. He had even played with it many times over these few days.

He was a smith and an equipment crafter. So when he got this thing, he had a rough understanding of how to use it. This was what was special about job users, they would be good at relevant things.

Potion makers could study potions that you had never studied before and they would be able to tell you what it was and how to use it.

Ye Zhongming's Smith job was the same. He had never heard or seen it before but he was a smith and he was one with a prefix. He touched around and he knew the rough use.

Simply put, the user would sacrifice things and then based on what you put out, it would give you something back.

More importantly and what made Ye Zhongming really excited was...

Gate of Sacrifice was a piece of gold equipment!

Chapter 179: Gold, epic tier

Equipment in the apocalypse were split into basic, rare, epic and legendary.

Basic had grey, white, silver. They were the most common and the most widely used ones.

Rare ones were green and blue. These pieces of equipment were very good. In the apocalypse, not everyone had one. They were the above average equipment for evolved. They were very expensive and one had to pay a huge price to get one.

In his last life, Ye Zhongming's green sniper and the big fellow's green shield were rare. They had to risk their lives for a long time to afford the equipment.

Epic was above rare and it included gold and purple. Equipment of this color was the top ones and these were things that eight or nine star evolved had.

Epic tier equipment was really hard to get.

If one wanted to get such a piece of equipment from a wheel, it would only come from a level seven wheel. Moreover, they were really rare and would only become more common on the level eight wheel.

But how many people in the world could spin level eight wheels? Only nine star evolved could get enough level eight crystals to try their luck. The other people drooled just thinking about it.

So Epic Tier equipment was like private submarines or planes in peace time. Only the rich could have it. Epic Tier belonged to the strongest.

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As for legendary equipment, they were really legendary. They were said to shine seven colors and very few people had ever seen one. Ye Zhongming only recalled that they appeared on some merchant lists.

Normally speaking, only when one became seven star could one smell an epic tier equipment. Only eight star evolved could actually have one.

But now, on the devil gachapon, Ye Zhongming got on Gate of Sacrifice. A golden gate, a piece of epic tier equipment!

Who wouldn't be excited?!

At this moment, even if Ye Zhongming went to take a risk again, he would still go. He just needed to get this golden equipment.

Ye Zhongming felt like his luck was a little overpowered.

The devil gachapon was called a gambler wheel because it was a test of luck. At the same time, it had a pattern.

For example, the level of the crystal decided whether or not the item gained was good or bad.

Level one crystals as the activation energy would definitely be worse than level two crystals. Level three crystals would naturally give better things than level two ones.

Each person wanted to get better things but the wheel was fair. If you wanted a good thing, you had to face more dangerous challenges.

If you used a level two demon crystal, you could face a level three or four monster!

In other words, if you used a level two crystal, you might have to face monsters like the Chain Prisoner. Ye Zhongming's party couldn't even fight back against some level three monsters. Without Shengyuan, they would have collapsed. If he chose to start with a level two crystal, what a joke? He would be eaten up.

Moreover, one had to be a three star evolved to use level two crystals to spin it. No one in the party met that requirement.

Even if there were, where would one find the level three or four crystals to fix the wheel?

Moreover, Ye Zhongming's final move. It couldn't even kill the level three lifeforms. Level four? It wasn't a threat at all.

Under such a situation, Ye Zhongming had a guess about what he could get from the wheel.

He thought about it. If he was lucky enough, he could get two rare pieces of equipment and that would make things worth it.

But who could expect that he would actually get a gold epic tier equipment. How overpowered was his luck?

In his last life, many evolved mocked themselves. In peacetime, people said that luck was a part of strength and that was actually true now too.

Ye Zhongming knew that be it level one activation energy or level two, there would be an upper and lower limit of what you can get. The lower limit from a level one activation energy would be lower

than the lower limit of the level two activation energy. The upper limit would naturally be lower too. But the upper limit of the level one would be higher than the lower limit of the level two one.

Ye Zhongming obtained the golden Gate of Sacrifice and that should be the upper limit of the level one activation!

But the Devil Gachapon was a special wheel and one only had two chances to gamble. After which, the wheel would disappear and spawn at another location.

In his last life, Ye Zhongming found out about this wheel because the wheel took a very long to be found in the forest. It was near the big fellow's home which was how he knew the actual position. The other locations were of the devil gachapons in the future but there was nothing there now.

He gambled twice and the wheel was gone. Who knew where it went?

Ye Zhongming explained this to the team after and everyone felt like it was fortunate that the devil gachapon could only be spun twice if not Ye Zhongming would have continued!

Ye Zhongming naturally wanted to use such a good piece of equipment. He took out a level one crystal and tossed it in.

The water-like mirror rippled and then the crystal disappeared. And then... Then there was nothing.

Ye Zhongming couldn't sit still. Although he was a smith and roughly knew its use, but he didn't know exactly what it was like.

To him, he should toss sacrificial items in and the gem at the top would show the energy level. When the gem was full, the gate would give the user an item back.

But when he tossed a level one crystal in, there was no change in the gem at all. What was going on? Did he understand it wrongly?

Ye Zhongming looked around and didn't understand what the problem was.

The item was wrong? Level was not enough? Or he was too ugly?

This situation sent Ye Zhongming mad.

He forced himself to calm down and he tossed another level one crystal in.

Still no reaction.

This made him think about the fact that if he was using it wrongly and that he couldn't show it to anyone else, then wouldn't he just be staring at this gold equipment for nothing?

This was the biggest irony of this adventure.

Eh, no!

Ye Zhongming was stunned. He looked closely into the empty stone such that his eyes were nearly touching it.

He saw a very thin white line.

Ye Zhongming was really sure that there wasn't a line previously. That was because when there was no one around, Ye Zhongming had played around with this equipment so much.

There were changes...

Did that mean that there were some changes but the energy level was too little so the changes weren't obvious?

Ye Zhongming bit his teeth and took a level three material and shoved it in.

As expected, the white line grew bigger. This time, Ye Zhongming grasped the change.

He continued to toss materials in and the white line got thicker and thicker. Even if one didn't look carefully, one could see the white line taking up the bottom of the gem.

But what made Ye Zhongming amused was that he had tossed so many things in but he only filled up a small amount of it. Based on this situation, he had to throw everything in and he probably still couldn't fill it.

Ye Zhongming's emotions cooled.

Seemed like a golden piece of equipment couldn't be used easily.

He felt dejected for a while. Ye Zhongming adjusted his mood and to him, this did feel normal.

If one sacrificed a small amount of things and the gate would return something good to you then was this even the apocalypse? Would that still be a golden piece of equipment?

Thinking about that, Ye Zhongming felt much better and he was really looking forward to using this.

He knew that since the gate couldn't be filled so easily, then when it returned the item, the value of the item would also be very valuable!

Ye Zhongming tossed all the useless things in and the gem's energy grew a little. But it was still not past a tenth of it.

Seemed like the road of sacrifice would be long and far.

He placed it aside and he took out the other thing he got from this operation.

Explosive Mechanic.

At this moment, its cooldown was over. Ye Zhongming paid attention to it and the cooldown was around 30 hours.

Ye Zhongming picked it up and played around with it before placing it down helplessly.

Gate of Sacrifice was a gold epic tier equipment but when you studied it, you could understand how to use it. The problem was in the amount of sacrificial items needed.

But this Explosive Mechanic was different. Ye Zhongming's understanding of it was limited to just the basics. The information that appeared in his mind was about the basic use but that couldn't satisfy him. He felt like this fellow wasn't just a simple cannon builder.

After all, he might be the first person in this world to spin the devil gachapon. This was the first good thing from the wheel so how could it be so simple?

Ye Zhongming stared at the metal fellow and suddenly had a thought.

This was a mechanic, a thing that was crafted, he was a smith, then...

This thought made his heart beat quickly. If he did something to this fellow then based on the specialty of the Smith job, this should be considered something he modified. So would its stats be similar to Moon Edge, that he could clearly see them all?

Ye Zhongming weighed the possibility of failure and even planned for him to destroy the fellow. He decided to try!

A ghost metal appeared in his hands...

Chapter 180: Big eater

Ye Zhongming used the Enchanting Technique.

... Ineffective.

Sweat appeared from his forehead.

Ineffective?

This was something that had never happened before.

Under what situation would enchant be ineffective? That happened when one repeatedly enchanted something with the same material. But this explosive mechanic was a new robot battle pet so why would it be ineffective?

The ghost metal was definitely at a high level and it was worthy of the explosive mechanic.

Where was the problem?

Ghost metal had an expiration date? impossible.

Ye Zhongming panicked and tossed it into the Gate of Sacrifice. He was reluctant to use such a good thing to sacrifice, after all, he risked his life to get it from the Chain Prisoner. Every piece that he used would mean that there would be one less piece and he might not have a chance to bump into that big fellow anymore. Even if he did, that fellow was probably level five or six now and it would be able to crush him with one hand.

The ghost metal was sacrificed and the change was huge. The white line that represented energy level increased by a huge amount and it was now around an eighth of the entire gem.

Ye Zhongming pouted and thought about using ghost metal to fill the gem up.

Ye Zhongming was unsure of the item that he would get once the Gate of Sacrifice was full. He would have to use most of his ghost metal and if the item he got was less valuable then it would be a huge loss.

Since Gate of Sacrifice recognised the ghost metal, that meant that the enchanting failed not because of the material but because of the explosive mechanic.

Ye Zhongming looked around and studied for a long time. He flipped this 100-kilogram metal ball over and noticed that there were three holes that formed a triangle.

Chisel hole?

Ye Zhongming's eyes lit up!

A skill of the Glory Smith that he neglected was the Chisel Technique.

Out of the five big skills, this was the one that he didn't use.

It wasn't that he didn't want to use it but it was rare that he faced such an equipment.

It wasn't as if one could just cut a hole to use it. The technique allowed the equipment to get some stats from the item that you chiseled. It was an energy transfer process and it was as complicated as an organ transfer. One needed to be perfectly connected to the equipment.

So. There were only a few ways to chisel a piece of equipment. One was that the equipment had holes itself. The other was that the smith had the ability to make a hole. The last method would be to use a specific artifact which was a precious one-time item.

Ye Zhongming didn't use it before because he didn't have the ability to do so.

Now he noticed that the explosive mechanic actually had three holes which made him so excited that he wanted to whistle.

Chiseling was really precious, survivors treated each one as a small upgrade. Equipment with the holes was a little stronger than their original level so one could tell how many benefits such a thing brought.

Enchanting didn't work on the explosive mechanic probably because it was the problem of the super technology equipment itself. But since one door was closed, another would open. This fellow could actually be a target for chiseling.

Ye Zhongming didn't hesitate to chisel the ghost metal into one hole.

The explosive mechanic shone and then it turned black.

Naturally, not anything could be placed into the hole. Only gems and metal could be used. From this angle, this meant that the ghost metal was really strong as it could be chiseled.

After he gained one point of familiarity, much information appeared in his mind. He closed his eyes to feel it. A moment later, he was finally sure of what was going on with the explosive mechanic.

“Initial Explosive Mechanic (Weak Grade).”

Maybe because of the ghost metal, the explosive mechanic actually had a prefix. It was even one that filled one with anticipation.

“Attack form 1, line cannon (Unlocked), needs at least 1 energy unit (Level 1, fire once. Strength, 15PA, distance, 50 meters. Speed 0.1 time/second.)”

“Attack form 2, flying bullet cannon (Unlocked), needs at least 10 energy units (Level 1, fire five times. Strength, 5PA, distance, 100 meters. Speed 1 time/second.)”

“Attack form 3, lightning cannon (Unlocked), needs at least 100 energy unit (Level 1, fire once. Strength, 20PA, distance, 70 meters. Covers $9m^2$. Speed 0.2 times/second.)”

“Attack form 4, Light Blade Cannon (Unlocked), needs at least 1000 energy unit (Level 1, fire once. Strength, 50PA, distance, 200 meters. Covers $20 m^2$. Speed 0.1 time/second.)”

“Time to fire before cooldown, 2 times. Cooldown length, 30 hours.”

“Durability: 200, recovery depends on energy injected. 1 durability= 100 units of energy.”

“Energy required to unlock attack form 2- 1 million energy. Attack form 3- 5 million energy units. Attack form 4- 10 million.”

“Level up method- blueprint: Explosive Mechanic (Basic); Blueprint: Explosive Mechanic (Strong); Blueprint: Explosive Mechanic (Good); Blueprint: Explosive Mechanic (Elite).”

Ye Zhongming grasped all of this information. While they gave him a lot of hope, he realised that he still had a long path to go before he could become a good helper.

Just two points alone. One was the energy needed to unlock. The second firing form needed 1 million energy units which were 1 million level 1 crystals. That was 10000 level two crystals.

10 thousand level two crystals, that represented 10 thousand level two lifeforms!

Even if one used level three crystals, that would be 100.

How many did he have now? 15...

He used his life to exchange for it. He was a long way away from reaching the second form.

The second point was the way to upgrade the explosive mechanic. Each level needed one blueprint. Others might not know but he knew how hard it was to get a blueprint. Not to mention how rare they are, you might not be able to meet the one you needed. The chances of that were lower than spinning a wheel.

One could imagine that once the explosive mechanic became elite grade, this thing would become extremely strong. It could even threaten the strongest experts.

But to even get there, just thinking about the five blueprints made him cry.

The two items he got from this adventurer all ate crystals. No matter how much money he had it was still not enough.

Ye Zhongming recalled something.

Of course, he could only grumble to himself. If he told others this, they would curse at him.

Give it to me then!

Ye Zhongming was much more confident after being sure of what he got this time. No matter how much he missed the items but he wouldn't deny that they were really strong. He didn't know what the PA meant and how strong they were, but he knew that if he used it well, his own combat strength would increase by several folds.

Ye Zhongming walked out of the room after packing up and came to the room with the Iron Zombie.

This puppet made using a person that was about to die was of great use during the battle. Her body which was stronger than evolved helped to block many hits. At the crucial moment, she even

protected Liang Chuyin. Without her, Liang Chuyin wouldn't have been able to use Cleansing Dew on Shengyuan. That would have been fatal and the plan might have failed.

This was a helpful puppet.

Ye Zhongming looked at the puppet whose eyes were open but now he had no connection with it. He removed its clothes and saw a wound that stretched from the collarbone down to the hip. As Park Xiuying tried to clean it up, the wound didn't open up and was just wrapped in bandage. Ye Zhongming looked at it but saw that it wasn't healing.

Her limbs also had different levels of injuries but they were not as serious as this one.

Ye Zhongming looked at its head at the part on its left side that was caved in. If it was a human, they would have died long ago.

Strictly speaking, this puppet was already dead.

Once such a puppet lost mental connection with the person that crafted them, they would be recognised as destroyed. But Park Xiuying insisted on bringing her back so Ye Zhongming agreed.

But Ye Zhongming did that to take care of her emotions and not because he had a way to treat them.

But now, he really had some idea.

He took out the heart from the Heavy Armor Sword Skeleton. The soul pearl.

He removed the bandage and the wound started to rip apart. Iron Zombie's twin peaks moved towards the sides like her body was being sliced into two.

Ye Zhongming took one look and started to pay attention to what was inside.

The puppet wasn't a human, it wasn't a complete human. Its empty organs were proof. Only its heart looked similar to that of a human.

There was a wound on its heart and that hit totally avoided her body to strike the heart.

Ye Zhongming held the soul pearl and shoved it into her heart.