

## Apocalypse 181

### Chapter 181: Taking revenge

After putting the soul pearl in, Ye Zhongming placed another level three demon crystal under the pearl. After which, he tied the body back up with the bandage.

He thought about it before slicing his arm and dripping some blood into her mouth.

Actually, he didn't know if that would be effective. He just heard of some past rumours as well as his understanding of the puppet technique. He also had a soul pearl so he decided to try.

The outcome would be up to the heavens.

He waited a while and there were still no changes. Ye Zhongming shook his head as he placed her clothes back on before leaving.

Ye Zhongming studied the equipment for a long time and it was night when he was out and everyone was waiting for him to eat.

Dinner was quite sumptuous. Apart from jerky, there was rice, salted vegetable, and fruit cans. There were even some dried vegetables that they found on the farm. The few girls stewed some meat with it and to people who hadn't eaten much good food since the apocalypse started, this was heaven.

Even Ye Zhongming ate a little more.

Ye Zhongming was the first to finish. He stood up and took out a few clothes from the bag that he had brought back.

“Yi? Bulletproof shirt?”

Little Tiger sat beside Ye Zhongming and he was curious when he looked at these few shirts.

“On the highway near here, Worker Li found a transport vehicle and there were many clothes on it.”

Worker Li was Le Dayuan's helper. These few assistants had spent a long time with the team and they gained some trust. This was why Ye Zhongming didn't save on some evolution potions and allowed them all to evolve. They were already following old members to do missions.

Worker Li saw Ye Zhongming's gaze and nodded, “There weren't any weapons, only these bulletproof shirts could be used.”

“I modified three of them. Shengyuan can get one, Teacher Park can get one, who wants the last one?”

He obtained many bulletproof shirts but their quality was too low. Ye Zhongming strengthened many of them and obtained three. Now they were barely usable to Ye Zhongming and they could defend against normal guns. But against weapons from the wheel, its defence was too weak.

The reason he wasted so much mental energy to strengthen these three bulletproof vests was that he had to consider people firing bullets at them. He had to defend against those.

No one would oppose when Shengyuan and Park Xiuying got a piece. One was known for defence and one was the core support of the team. Their safety was very important for the entire team.

"I don't want it, it is too ugly!" Liang Chuyin finished her food and stretched lazily. Her exquisite body was on full display. She glanced at the black bulletproof vest and chose to reject it.

Actually, even if it looked good, she wouldn't want it. She didn't want to put Ye Zhongming in a bad spot.

Mo Ye laughed. Too ugly. Xia Lei laughed too, too ugly.

Little Tiger snatched it, he didn't find it ugly!

"With this, you have to block at the front."

Ye Zhongming smiled and pointed at it.

"No problem, I am good at that."

After handing them out, everyone ate their meals. Ye Zhongming went out to look at Yellow Ball who was on sentry and after feeding it some level three mutated lifeform meat, he went to Shengyuan's room.

Le Dayuan's helper fed him some porridge with meat. The big fellow looked good. After an afternoon, he could sit up at the head of the bed.

"Can my shield be repaired?"

The first question he asked when he saw Ye Zhongming was about his shield.

"I don't need to repair it."

Shengyuan frowned. He knew that his shield had cracked and if no one repaired it, it would be useless.

"As it can self repair."

What?

Shengyuan opened his eyes wide and didn't believe what Ye Zhongming said. He had never heard of equipment that could self repair.

"Follow me. You will find out things that you have never thought were possible."

Shengyuan kept silent. Although Ye Zhongming saved him and he even got a shield but he risked his life. He didn't hold back at all and had recognised the importance of this person.

"Huang Xijie is an Elementalist right?"

Ye Zhongming brought up a name and killing intent appeared in his eyes.

"Liang Juan is a Whirlwind Darter right?"

Sheng Yuan was stunned. After a few days, he found out that Ye Zhongming came from another city. They didn't come into contact with Huang Xijie and his group at all.

This big fellow was previously shocked that Ye Zhongming was so familiar about his job. Now that Ye Zhongming revealed this information, he was even more surprised. He didn't know where this guy came from and why it was as if he knew everything.

"Their jobs counter you. You aren't their match so if you want to take revenge for Li Ying then you can't do it alone."

Information after information shocked Shengyuan. He was filled with fear, wariness, panic etc and he shouted, "Who are you?"

"A friend." Ye Zhongming said a phrase, "Of course, it would depend on what you choose."

"Don't ask me why I know all this, I won't say it. You just have to consider whether or not you need my help."

"How will you help me?"

"In such a world, apart from killing the people you hate, is there any other solution?"

Shengyuan laid back down. In his heart, he was filled with fear towards this young man that had a good attitude towards him.

Shengyuan witnessed his ability and he was definitely not his match. He was the highest level that he had seen. What terrified him was that he knew too many things that he shouldn't know about.

How did he know what their jobs were? That was Wulan County's biggest secret. How did he know Li Ying? Since the start of the apocalypse, outsiders knew that his girlfriend was Little Ying, no one knew her surname!

"Conditions?"

Shengyuan noticed that although he feared Ye Zhongming but that didn't stop him from accepting his tempting suggestion.

Wasn't revenge what he thought about day and night in the cell? He even thought about it when he was dreaming and when he was unconscious!

"My team lack a shield."

As expected. Shengyuan relaxed.

These people had strong attacks but weak defence. They had a sharp white blade that could slice the bodies of level two lifeforms. Many of them had jobs and could battle against level three lifeforms.

But their defence was really weak and there was only a healer type role. If they met a huge amount of monsters or a monster that was much higher in level, they would be in danger.

They needed a tank to help them defend so that they could attack.

"I rarely recruit people." Ye Zhongming smiled. The brother in his last life was worrying too much.

“Ok I promise you, help me take revenge and I will follow you.” Shengyuan paused and then said, “But are you not afraid that I am making use of you?”

Ye Zhongming laughed, “If you are not a fool you would know that only I can help you craft better shields. If you leave, where will you find such a good smith?”

“Only I can lead you to evolve quickly. If you leave, where will you get evolution potion after evolution potion?”

Ye Zhongming’s smile disappeared and he gave out a majestic aura.

“Moreover, with your current strength, how can you make use of me?”

He was right. How could he make use of him? If he attacked he would easily wipe him out.

“Rest well. We will move out the day after, you need two more days to heal up.”

He slapped his shoulder before walking out.

“Wait.”

Ye Zhongming turned around and looked at Shengyuan who stopped him.

“I want you to know something, behind Huang Xijie...”

“Royal Guild?”

Shengyuan’s mouth opened wide, “This, you even know that?”

Ye Zhongming smiled before leaving. Before he closed the door, he said slowly.

“Just a bunch of arrogant fools, don’t bother about them.”

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Huang Xijie had been really distracted recently. He didn’t know why that was the case. He thought about it and the only thing was because of those people who saved Shengyuan.

His men were killed and they just left. Moreover, those people just disappeared. No one knew who saved him and no one knew where he was now and whether would he come back?

Huang Xijie poured a cup of intense alcohol and drank it down. The heat flowed into his stomach and calmed himself down.

There were too many things recently. Royal Guild, Shengyuan, Wulan County. He was too busy.

The door was pushed open. Liang Juan walked in and saw Huang Xijie who was drinking alone. Worry appeared on her beautiful face.

“Xijie, although we are evolved but you shouldn’t drink like this, it will hurt your body.”

She jumped into his arms and used her huge hips to rub his legs.

“Are they gone?”

“No. I found a few girls to spend time with them. Honey, do we really need their help? Their price is too high. Shengyuan and those people might not come back, right? If we give them things like that...”

Chapter 182: First time meeting Royal Guild

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The door closed automatically blocking Little Blade’s greedy gaze. The white body of the woman disappeared from his field of sight.

“Damn, why did Huang Xijie choose a much better girl for you than me. Mine was about to die after a few times, it didn’t feel good at all.”

Little Blade rested on the wall and was smoking a cigarette. He saw Ah Kuan walk out and grumbled.

He spun a sharp willow knife in his right hand. He was so quick that one could only see a white afterimage.

This weapon that he was playing with was actually a white rare item.

Ah Kuan rolled his eyes, “You don’t know how to hold back at all. How can normal girls handle evolved bodies?”

“Also, you didn’t even look at her face and you are sure that mine is of higher quality?” Ah Kuan adjusted his clothing and continued, “Huang Xijie and Liang Juan paid so much so would they hold back on women?”

Little Blade looked really arrogant and he grumbled, “That is because they need our help.”

After which, Little Blade got up while spinning the knife in his hands. He looked at the closed door, “Ah Kuan, let me play with this girl.”

He wanted to enter but Ah Kuan stopped him.

“It is just a girl, you are stopping a brother?”

Ah Kuan’s face was numb, “You can do what you want after I am done but she still needs to accompany me for these few days. I am not used to sharing a girl with others.”

Little Blade’s gaze went sharp and he stared for a few seconds before smiling, “Ok, ok, I respect you.”

After which, Ah Kuan just left.

The door beside opened and two people walked out. It was a pair of young adults. They looked at Little Blade and the young guy said, “Brother Kuan, Little Blade is getting more and more out of hand. He relies on his Shadow Blade job and doesn’t respect us at all.”

“Right.” The girl mocked, “The guild resources all lean towards him. Does he think it is because of his skill? The guild is so unfair, why would they choose such a person to

nurture? I heard that we have to give him the two star potion if we get one. How does that make sense?"

Ah Kuan shook his head, "His family contributed a lot to the guild during peacetime and the guild leader has connections with his father, but... Forget it, let's not talk about this. Let's head out and see if there is anything. Our mission is to help Huang Xijie. There are three more days, once the time is up, we will take our things and leave even if the person that Huang Xijie offended comes."

"Ah Kuan, we..." The guy looked around, "Huang Xijie and Liang Juan are the only two with jobs, the four of us can kill them and just leave. Why are we staying here?"

Ah Kuan stuck out a finger, "One, Huang Xijie is an old fox. Not to mention if we can defeat him without being injured. Even if we could, he wouldn't tell us where the thing is! He is clear that if he didn't say then he would have a chance to live. If he says it then he would definitely die."

"Two, the higher ups say that Wulan County is protected and focused on by the base, this will be a place that produces crystals for us. Huang Xijie is in control on the surface. If we do anything to him, we will anger the bosses and that will affect the resources that come to us."

Ah Kuan's status should be higher than both Little Blade and these two. He said to the two of them, "Don't care about little Blade. If anything happens, the boss will take care of him. We just need to do our role. The guild looks strong now but each step is actually very dangerous. Since we are lucky to meet a job wheel and got many job certificates, then other people can get things that we envy. If we don't develop, others will exceed us. It is not our time to be arrogant, this should be the time when we charge towards two star! Whoever leads this race will rule the world!"

"That is the consensus of the superiors. So towards those who don't share the same idea, the few bosses will kill them without hesitation! The few of you are close to me so I am telling you all this. I hope that you all can understand."

They looked at one another and were filled with gratitude, "I know, thank you Brother Kuan."

Brother Kuan nodded, "Let's go walk around."

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100 miles outside of Wulan County, Doctor Mu that appeared in the cell where Ye Zhongming saved Shengyuan from had four people with him and they were on a hill. They used binoculars to look around.

"Doctor Mu, are we going to spend a long time here? The higher ups are telling us to rush to Wulan County, we..."

"I know what I am doing."

The elegant guy turned his head and looked at the person who spoke, "I don't need you to teach me what to do."

The face of the guy flushed red. He bit his teeth but he didn't dare to say anything.

“Don’t worry, if we get anything, I will give each one of you a potion. The very special kind.”

Hearing Doctor Mu say that, their eyes lit up. Even the guy that was scolded was no exception.

Who is Doctor Mu? The only Potion Master in the guild, one of the best jobs on that wheel. They even got many recipes. The potions that he made were the top. In the guild, a potion from Doctor Mu was as expensive as half a bottle of immunity potion!

“Everyone knows that the guild found the level two gachapon a while ago and is collecting level two crystals. Whoever gets more will be considered for evolution. Are you all not excited to evolve? I found them when I returned from Wulan County previously. The level two crystals are ahead so do you want to give up? So what if we return late? The four of them have jobs so who here can threaten them? Since we can’t contribute much so why don’t we just get the level two crystals here?”

The other four nodded. Everyone wanted to become a two star evolved. The guild only had one two star evolved now and everyone was impressed with his strength.

“There are dozens of level two goats there. Based on the rules, if we get their crystals, we can at least spin once. Do you all want to try your luck?”

“Yes, but, Doctor Mu, with our strength, we can’t beat them.”

The guy in a prone stance on the outside of the group of them sighed.

Doctor Mu smiled and took out a syringe that was filled with yellow liquid, “Don’t worry, I am prepared. I just need some time.”

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“Do you feel it? When you slice, here, here, and then here. You need to use strength in order and your angle must change based on your target.”

It was a dark day and one could feel a little cold. But their bodies were good so the temperature wasn’t a huge problem. Xia Lei wore a black vest and was teaching the party how to use the blade.

She was trained by a blade grandmaster and was well-versed in this area. Now that they were a team, if they learned this they could increase their combat strength. Apart from Shengyuan who was just healing up and Liang Chuyin who was preparing food, Ye Zhongming who was resting on Yellow Ball and looking into the distance, the others were learning from her. Even Le Dayuan and his helpers were learning too.

“Sister Lei, you didn’t try so hard to teach Brother Ye, why am I taking so long?”

Xia Lei stared, “You are stupid!”

Little Tiger didn’t dare to say anything.

“That is because that person who is enjoying the breeze and thinking he looks cool there is actually crazy. I taught him once and he understood most of it. Why are you comparing me with a sick person?”

Ye Zhongming sat on the roof and looked at the female cop whose chest look even bigger when she crossed her arms. There was nothing he could say to her.

Ye Zhongming had ten years of experience and he was a blade user in the last life. Although there were many things that he couldn't use because of his evolution level but his experience was still there. Xia Lei's teachings opened a door and Ye Zhongming just crossed in due to his basics. After just a few days, he understood what Xia Lei taught.

The current Ye Zhongming merged those skills with his experience and his blade skills were on a new level. Xia Lei wasn't his match at all.

Of course, Ye Zhongming taught her many things she didn't know. After all, those were experience and skills and needed time to understand.

After training for the morning, they ate and then started to pack up.

They knew that it was time to go.

This time their enemies were mutated lifeforms but other humans.

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Nights in the apocalypse always looked even darker.

Outside Wulan County were two bonfires that lit up a region.

A dozen guards sat or stood around and they would occasionally look out.

More and more people heard the news and came here for protection. But not everyone could enter. Those who couldn't pay could only stay outside.

There were at least 7-8 thousand gathered here. Although it was late, but due to hunger and cold, many people couldn't fall asleep and they just wandered around.

The guards were tired and were discussing who to sleep first. At this moment, they heard some footsteps that were quite orderly.

Chapter 183: Enemy of the last life

A guard looked out and saw a bunch of people walking over. Under the light, their faces got clearer and clear.

“Sheng... Shengyuan!”

A guard saw a familiar face in the group and fear surged into his heart.

Why had the base been on guard and why did they send people to guard all the gates? Wasn't it just to defend against this big fellow?

Many days had passed and many people felt like things were over. Who knew that on such a night, Shengyuan would bring people and come back?



“Tell Huang...”

A leader recognised Shengyuan and he turned to run. He ran while warning the guards on the wall.

White light shone and a blade stuck into his back, pinning him to the ground.

Xia Lei was filled with vengeful energy and it was obvious that she wasn't in a good mood.

Under Ye Zhongming's influence, they wouldn't be a good person and pity those people who were struggling to survive.

But they weren't maniacs and they still had their bottom line.

When Xia Lei and Ye Zhongming came here, they heard about Huang Xijie setting fire to the city. Although he did so to get demon crystals, but there were thousands of people that were alive in the flames. Those people were trapped and after being bitten by zombies, they all died and mutated.

Xia Lei hated such a person. That meant that she didn't have a good impression of his guards who were his accomplices. So she killed them.

The guards were stunned and then they started to flee in all directions.

In front of life, courage, duty etc were all useless.

The guards on the walls noticed some movement here and sent people to inform their superiors. The others took weapons and looked on nervously at the group's approach.

Before this, people asked how they would enter Wulan County. Ye Zhongming told them that they would fight their way in! Now that they looked at the thick wall, everyone frowned. Were they going to slice it open bit by bit with Moon Edge? How long would that take?

Ye Zhongming told them the answer right away. He took out Moon Edge and used Seal: Flame Blade.

With a loud explosion, the gate was sliced into two. Ye Zhongming sliced a few more times and the metal gate was totally destroyed.

The guards on the wall were going mad and they couldn't believe what was going on. How strong did one have to be to be able to shatter such a heavy gate?

A few guards were still conscious and they threw stones down. There was a captain rank person who took out a police pistol to fire at them.

But before they were able to continue attacking, Shengyuan carried a golden dog and tossed it into mid air. The golden dog used the momentum to reach the middle of the wall. It struggled and pounced onto the wall, clawing the bricks and then jumping high above.

Only one of the guards was evolved. When a level two mutated dog that Ye Zhongming nurtured charged at them, it was truly the apocalypse.

Cries, gunshots, Yellow Ball's roars instantly caused the city wall to go mad.

The survivors gathered around were stunned. They didn't expect such a peaceful night to change like that.

They spent each day with much difficulty before they arrived here. Some people who failed to enter decided to head elsewhere to try their luck. More of them stayed and hoped that one day they could gather enough fees to get protected by the high walls.

These people went around and formed groups to kill zombies. People would die every day or get eaten or get killed by other humans.

Each night, these people would fight and quarrel to get close to the walls. This was the safest area. Even if zombies or mutated animals came, the people on the outside would be the first to get attacked.

Outside the small Wulan County, it was a bloody and gruesome world.

No one was willing to spend their lives like this.

As not many people were lucky enough to get enough crystals, there might be a chance that others might stab you and steal what belonged to you.

Today, the dream of many to be able to enter the city had appeared in front of their eyes. Everyone felt like it was unreal.

After a moment of being stunned, they cheered and charged in.

They used all their strengths and headed toward the gate like a bunch of madmen.

“I don’t understand. Such a base without production and creation, not to mention developing, how are they even able to survive for long?”

The group walked on the streets and looked at the chaos. Mo Ye couldn’t help but question.

“Pillage and steal.”

Ye Zhongming had seen many bases like this. These bases were in a primitive state. The leader of the base relied on providing little and unreliable protection to squeeze the riches of those who entered. He nurtured a bunch of helpers to steal and rob survivors and those of hunters around.

They were a bunch of parasites. Humans were greedy and a world without faith and rules would cause such things to explode.

To a certain extent, humans were weaker than other evolved lifeforms because of these bunch of parasites.

“Today we will bump into some enemies... Other humans.”

Ye Zhongming walked while saying to those beside him.

“We had always been fighting mutated lifeforms but that is not all of the apocalypse. We will still have to fight other humans.”

“Humans are more cunning and more vicious. They know how to grab a chance. When facing zombies and monsters, we can use our strength to win them. But when facing humans, strength is not the only factor.”

“We are going to face an organisation called Royal. The people are like us and are evolved. This guild has a specialty which is many of them have jobs and they are strong and weird.”

“If you want to survive in this dangerous world, you need to learn how to deal with these people. They are far more dangerous than zombies and monsters.”

The members listened quietly and knew that Ye Zhongming was teaching them the rules of living in this world. Maybe in the past, they would doubt him but they wouldn't now. They saw that no one lived better in the apocalypse than Ye Zhongming.

“We are here to take revenge for Shengyuan. This is a good chance to train. If you all can survive, that means that you have adapted to the apocalypse.”

Ye Zhongming stood up and pointed towards the darkness, “Look, they are here.”

Four people walked out of the darkness and looked at them with a cold gaze.

Ye Zhongming looked at a few of them and was a little emotional.

Ye Zhongming was not unfamiliar with their faces, two of them were even people he had deep impressions of.

The person on the left that played with the white willow knife was called Little Blade. Ye Zhongming was taught a lesson by him before. In a bar of a base, because you could pay a demon crystal to decide who gets a beautiful girl, the two of them fought. Ye Zhongming knew that if that base didn't prevent people from killing others, he might have already died.

The guy in the middle was Ah Kuan. Ye Zhongming knew him too. He became the deputy leader of Royal Guild and was one of their five heads. Before Ye Zhongming revived, he reached eight star.

The pair of young people were Zhang Di and Zhang Jing. They were siblings and were a little sick. Due to the apocalypse, they slowly developed some sick habits but they died early. In a battle between Royal and another guild, they were both killed.

Royal Guild was an enormous beast in his last life. They were an organisation that formed during peace time and they started to grow quickly during the apocalypse.

Shengyuan and the battle squad washed Wulan Battle Squad in blood to take revenge. This squad was a base that was protected by Royal Guild. Naturally they angered Royal Guild. Although they didn't fight back but they created some problems.

Royal Guild stirred trouble and caused them to fail missions that they could have completed which slowed Ye Zhongming's evolution speed.

Right, Royal Guild and Ye Zhongming were enemies. They and his team were enemies just that he was the only one that suffered from it.

Now that he revived, he came here not only to find Shengyuan but also to take revenge and teach them a lesson. He was also going to tell them that their nightmare was coming.

In his last life, he lost to Little Blade who had a similar evolution level. In this life, this person was not his match.

“You all really came to die, a bunch of trash. Today I will teach you and let you know that you can’t come to some places. You can’t do some things too!”

Little Blade licked his lips and wasn’t terrified because Ye Zhongming’s group was huge. On the contrary, he looked at the few women in lust.

Chapter 184: Suppression

“Where are you looking at?”

Little Tiger was annoyed. Two of the women in the party were his seniors and one was his idol. Facing such a gaze, he held his blade and stood up.

“Come, let your grandfather kill you.”

Little Tiger always made everyone laugh but when facing others, apart from Liang Chuyin, he was the fiercest. Ye Zhongming obviously wanted to train the team today so he didn’t fear anything.

Ye Zhongming frowned. He didn’t think that Little Tiger shouldn’t shout back but he felt like Little Tiger wasn’t at an advantage facing Little Blade.

Little Tiger was just one star evolved. Little Blade was not only evolved but he had a job, Shadow Blade.

A blade type job that was known for speed and its ghost-like nature.

In his last life, Ye Zhongming took a loss because of that. He couldn’t keep up with his speed. He had two jobs but there was nothing he could do.

“Eave that kid to us!”

Zhang Di and Zhang Jing stepped forwards and in front of Little Blade.

They saw Little Tiger holding Moon Edge.

Even Royal Guild had a limited amount of white weapons. Out of the few of them, only Little Blade had one.

Seeing this kid actually have such a weapon, their eyes lit up.

Royal Guild gave officially members the right to take their spoils of war. If they killed this kid then the white weapon would be theirs.

Little Blade’s eyes opened wide. He obviously saw the white blade! He saw it and was excited because of that.

Now that Zhang Di and Zhang Jing were snatching his business, he found it hard to suppress his rage.

“Anxious? Don’t, I have one too.”

Xia Lei smiled and took out her blade.

The four of them had weird expressions right away.

Little Blade was filled with greed. This was his personality. He didn’t think anything was weird. Zhang Di and Zhang Jing were greedy but they were still careful.

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A team that could take out two white weapons definitely wasn't simple.

Ah Kuan looked at Ye Zhongming and the others. He glanced at their backs and was thinking about something.

“Together!”

Mo Ye took out Moon Edge and stood beside Little Tiger. She couldn't let her own friend fight two against one.

Ah Kuan who was expressionless saw the third Moon Edge and his expression changed. His eyes jumped. He realised that the situation had slipped out of his control.

Royal Guild was a semi-secret organisation and their members were merchants, nightclub owners, mine owners etc people that were rich. They weren't totally businessmen. They had many capable men and were good at dealing with problems.

In peacetime, their main target was to earn money. They used methods that earned money quickly and they took advantage of loopholes.

After the apocalypse arrived, due to the nature of the guild, they adapted to the world much easier. They used their sharp sense for benefits to occupy the gachapon. Their men started to kill zombies and control others' bases to strengthen themselves.

Ah Kuan, Zhang Jing and Zhang Di were all fighters. Only Little Blade was a descendant of a member of Royal Guild. Ah Kuan relied on his fists in the past and his sense of danger was much stronger than Little Blade. When he saw three white weapons, he felt a chill down his spine.

He took a step forwards. He wanted to attack but when he wanted to take a second step, he felt a huge pressure. The leading young man glanced at his body.

This was a really annoying feeling and he only felt it from that boss from the guild.

He knew that the guy was warning him not to move. If he didn't move, he could hope that his three allies win. But if he moved, he would get attacked.

He clenched his fists and decided not to move.

Ding!

Clashing sounds broke the stand off and signaled the start of the battle!

Little Blade's willow blade and Xia Lei's Moon Edge clashed.

Xia Lei smiled. She held the blade with both hands and pushed it forward.

Moon Edge was a battle blade while the willow blade was a dagger. Xia Lei knew her advantage.

Little Blade took a step back and his expression wasn't good.

He felt a weird strength draw his attack away. He hollered and flicked his wrist. The light on the willow blade disappeared and his body sidestepped.

“Shadow Stab.”

Ye Zhongming said it out. Little Blade's smooth movement suddenly paused.

It was really short such that it was impossible to notice but it was enough to prepare Xia Lei.

Moon Edge was held up beside Xia Lei. At that moment, Little Blade's willow blade appeared there and stabbed the body of Moon Edge.

The two of them retreated.

Xia Lei was terrified. If not for Ye Zhongming's words that affected Little Blade and made her sense the danger, that blade would have ended up in her neck.

This person who was looking at her with a perverted gaze previously was suddenly wanting to kill her!

Little Blade was even more shocked. The apocalypse had just started and there were only a few people with jobs. Royal Guild had so many because they met a colored wheel. There were a few survivors with jobs much less those who knew the skills of the jobs. He didn't expect someone to announce the name of his skill that even his allies didn't know well.

Who was he? How did he know all this?

Of course, he knew. He suffered from that attack in his last life. That weird willow blade could stab out at a really quick speed from a very near distance. While spending huge mental energy, that move was a like a ghost that caught one off guard.

But it consumed a large amount of mental energy. If Little Blade didn't have the equipment to increase mental energy or if he had any special encounters, then he could only use it once a day.

Without it, even if Little Blade had a job, he wasn't a match for Xia Lei who was a great cop. The situation changed and Xia Lei had the upper hand.

On the other side, Mo Ye and Little Tiger's fight against the siblings started. The difference was that Mo Ye and Little Tiger used modified potions so their bodies were much better than their opponents. Along with the sharp Moon Edge, the two of them suppressed the siblings.

The siblings were in danger. They noticed that Ah Kuan didn't help them so they bit their teeth and used their job skills.

Zhang Jing flashed behind her brother. A white mist spread out and the two of them disappeared in the mist.

Mo Ye and Little Tiger stood back to back and looked around warily.

A light stabbed out from the side and Mo Ye raised her blade to block it. In the other direction, a cold light struck. Little Tiger blocked Mo Ye's back and sliced toward the shadow.

Just when the two of them felt like their attacks were so weak, another shadow appeared beside Little Tiger. The dagger sliced upwards and was about to stab into his heart.

"Mistwalker, Space Thief?"

Ye Zhongming looked on and shouted the names of the two jobs. He didn't fight the two of them so he didn't know what their jobs were.

Mistwalker was a secondary job. It wasn't too good a job but Space Thief was not bad. It was good at sneak attacking.

“In front of people with jobs, normal evolved are weak.”

Zhang Di had a cruel smile. He stabbed his dagger in.

This was a grey weapon and although it was much weaker than Little Blade’s one but it was enough to stab into the body of an evolved.

A weird glow appeared in Little Tiger’s eyes. He retracted Moon Edge while slashing it across Zhang Di’s neck. A piercing sound spread from the battlefield.

“My boss said that you are a bunch of arrogant fools, I believe him now.”

Zhang Di covered his sliced neck and fell in disbelief. When he glanced at Little Tiger’s body, he saw a grey shining bulletproof vest.

“Brother!”

The mist got thicker but that shout exposed her position. Mo Ye sliced in that direction and after a scream, the mist retreated and revealed her sliced body.

At that moment, Little Blade felt a coldness on his arm. His arm was sliced and before he could make a sound, the sharp blade was stabbed into his eyes.

Ah Kuan’s hands shook uncontrollably.

This group was too strong. None of them used skills and they easily killed his three allies, this...

He never felt like Doctor Mu’s lateness was a problem but now he hoped that they appeared.

“Who is the guild leader of Royal?” Ye Zhongming walked to Ah Kuan and asked what he wanted to know.

Even in his last life, he didn’t know who the leader was.

Ah Kuan looked at Ye Zhongming and closed his mouth tightly.

“In exchange for your life.”

When he heard that, his gaze changed and he punched at Ye Zhongming. Moreover, his fists were covered in a golden light!

The people charged forwards before stopping.

They saw that Ye Zhongming had held his wrists.

“Iron Hands right, so-so.”

He used strength to shatter his wrist. He struggled for a little and he couldn’t handle the pain from losing his arms. He cried and knelt on the ground.

“Forget it, I didn’t care anyways.”

He lifted his knee and kicked into his throat. After his head fell backward, it rested on his back.

Ye Zhongming looked at the corpse that fell to the ground. He squatted down and reached for his waist...

Chapter 185: Trapped Beast

Ah Kuan had a small bag at his waist where Ye Zhongming found three level two crystals and 50 level one crystal.

They found seven level two crystals and 200 level one crystals as well as a white willow leaf blade and a grey dagger. Apart from that, Little Blade had a bottle of one star evolution potion.

“I can imagine that such things will happen more and more. I even feel disgusted when I see such things.”

Park Xiuying shook her head. Seeing their gains, she felt really disgusted.

Shengyuan looked at the four bodies with a complicated gaze. He didn't expect that Ye Zhongming would go all out to kill all these Royal Guild members.

Did he know what kind of organisation they were?

This big fellow felt more respect and gratitude for Ye Zhongming. To him, all of this was done because of him.

As for these crystals and potions, the big fellow naturally ignored them.

Before winning, who would know what they could get?

On the other side, Yellow Ball, Liang Chuyin, Le Dayuan and his two helpers ran over. These people split up after entering the city, their goal was to find Huang Xijie.

“Found him!”

Liang Chuyin flicked her whip to open the way. A few minutes later, Ye Zhongming and the group came to an old looking courtyard.

Le Dayuan and two other helpers walked out from the darkness and said to him, “They are inside, it is very quiet.”

Ye Zhongming naturally knew what they were waiting for but unfortunately, the people they were waiting for were already dead.

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Huang Xijie and Liang Juan sat on the chair and looked at a long box on the table.

Young Master Huang and the evolved stood at the side and they had a bunch of different expressions.

“Xijie, do we really want to hand this thing over? This is what we got from the level two-wheel after sacrificing 4-5 evolved and hundreds of guards. How can we just give it up?”

Huang Xijie looked at Liang Juan and didn't say a word.

“I know that I am in the wrong. If not for me being rash and killing Shengyuan's woman, things wouldn't happen like this...”

He sighed, “Stop it, you are responsible but it is not totally your fault. Royal Guild would find out about this sooner than later. The gap in strength is huge but it is not totally one sided. They would



have to worry if they want to attack. They also need our base so we can still use this to trade for their help.”

“But what about in the future? Once we are under them, what happens if they find out then?”

“Apart from handing it over, there is nothing we can do!”

Young Master Huang looked at the box and sighed, “It is already a piece of white equipment, if we chisel that kind of gem, what kind of grade can it reach? Unfortunately, we don’t know much about this and can’t guess. Scoff, best if Royal Guild and Shengyuan those bastards both fight and suffer from injuries!”

“Impossible, the four from Royal Guild are too strong and they won’t lose.” Huang Xijie sighed and said helplessly, “Give it to them. Anyways we don’t know how to find the gem and we can’t use this. It is better that we use it to exchange for some peace.”

A light shone in his eyes. Who knew what this cunning person’s true thoughts were?

“This thing won’t be able to trade for peace.”

Hearing the sudden and young voice, Huang Xijie and the others stood up. As evolved, their reactions were really quick. Two of them pulled out their guns and the others all touched their weapons.

The roof suddenly collapsed and a person descended from above. Whips covered the entire room.

At the same time, a blade light slashed in and those standing at the door were sliced into two.

Yellow Ball roared before charging in too. It used the blade light as cover such that the enemies couldn’t fend against him. When the whip shadows disappeared, the dog charged toward the petite body on the side and bit the neck of the strong guy that was falling to the ground.

Shortly after were several agile figures who quickly occupied each corner of the room.

Huang Xijie protected his son and woman and held his arm above his head. An ice shield appeared and blocked the sharp attack that came from above.

Liang Juan held two black darts in her hand and stared at the woman in the middle of the room.

“Elemental Shield, not bad!” Ye Zhongming stood at the door and looked at the ice shield, “Elementalist is a strong job, you should know one more skill, elemental drill! Why not use it for us to see!”

Huang Xijie’s face twitched and his heart started to sink.

His men were laying in front of him. The sudden attack and the AOE skill caught them off guard and they were smacked down. Half of them died from the hits. Those who reacted quickly were badly injured. They lay there and cried out. This ancient room that was built a hundred years ago had a bloody scent.

Crack!

The shield broke. It blocked the hit but also suffered from the impact. It turned into a bunch of ice.

Two black lights shot out. One went towards Liang Chuyin and the other went towards Ye Zhongming.

Liang Juan attacked at that moment.

Park Xiuying reacted really quickly. She lifted her hand the moment Liang Juan attacked and two Diamond Shields appeared beside Liang Chuyin and Ye Zhongming.

This small shield blocked the two black lights.

Liang Juan was first shocked but then she smiled in disdain.

She admitted that this shield was special and strong and could actually defend on its own. That should be a job skill. But if they thought that it was it then they were wrong.

Her darts weren't so easy to block.

Yellow Ball whose mouth was covered in blood saw the black light and raised its head. Dozens of needles shot out and formed a defence line that stuck between the light and Liang Chuyin. Those golden furs would knock the black light away before it even hit the shield.

But when it was about to hit the golden light, the weird black light did an arc and sliced towards Liang Chuyin's stomach from another angle. That black light was a spinning dart. If it hit, it would stir up the organs within.

This was Liang Juan's job skill- Boomerang Dart.

This metal dart actually avoided Yellow Ball's skill and caused the Diamond Shield to fail to block it accurately. Seeing that it was about to hit, Liang Chuyin didn't panic. She retreated and used Shadow Dance!

The whip shadows covered her within.

Her skill was an AOE attack. Those who were injured all suffered. They lost their ability to defend and all of them died to the whips.

Huang Xijie's heart was dripping blood. These were evolved that he had spent close to a month to nurture. Now that all of them died here, so what if he defeated this bunch? He would have no subordinates left.

This middle aged man attacked with rage. The air turned cold when he lifted his arm and a blue shadow formed in the sky, turning into a middle long drill. He moved his arm and thrust it at Ye Zhongming.

Pata!

The Boomerang Dart had a weird trajectory but one could still predict the attack. Facing the whips, one of them hit the dart. The sharp black weapon was smashed afar and lost its threat.

Ye Zhongming laughed coldly. He attacked when the other Boomerang Dart dodged the shield and was about to hit his body. He actually grabbed the dart.

Liang Juan's expression changed. She didn't expect someone to grab her attack with their bare hands!

How accurate did one have to be? How strong did their hands have to be?

“You, you are two star evolved!”

She finally recalled what Young Master Huang said and realised that this man was two star evolved.

Ye Zhongming didn't say anything and just tossed the dart over. It hit the ice drill and that drill was cracked and sent flying to other parts of the room.

In just a few breaths, their attacks were destroyed.

Huang Xijie wanted to attack again but saw a pair of red vengeful eyes. He retreated in shock and used Elemental Shield again.

Those were Shengyuan's eyes. The eyes that he had seen in jail.

Shengyuan held his shield and smashed into the elemental shield.

A crisp smack could be heard.

Huang Xijie was knocked behind and he was hugging his son. How could the elemental shield even block the hit from the giant shieldman? It lasted for just a moment before it shattered. Huang Xijie pushed the shield with one hand and tanked the momentum.

Young Master Huang was shocked. He was under his father's protection and when he saw Ye Zhongming appear, he was terrified. The woman that appeared from above had turned the area into hell and caused his legs to go soft. He actually closed his eyes and bury himself into his father's arms.

He was also evolved. If Huang Xijie and he attacked together, they might be able to block Shengyuan's hit.

But... Young Master Huang was a spoiled kid and even after being evolved he couldn't raise up some courage.

Huang Xijie was pushed onto the wall and that caused the wall to crack. He spat out blood onto the shield and his hand twisted. His right hand was already broken.

“Xijie!”

Liang Juan dashed over to help. Shengyuan smacked the shield right at the woman right away and then punched Huang Xijie who was protecting his son with the other hand.

The room wasn't big. Liang Juan was caught off guard and got hit by the shield. She was sent flying and when she was able to climb up, her nose and mouth were bleeding.

Be it Elementalist or Whirlwind Dart, they were not focused on strength and that gave her heavy injuries.

But she still persisted. She dashed beside Huang Xijie and kicked at the big fellow.

Ye Zhongming waved and stopped the others who were about to help.

“Let him settle his own matter.”

He walked slowly to the table and picked up that box.

Chapter 186: Nature Staff

Shengyuan felt his vision turn red and he knew that blood was covering his eyes.

He was injured. Be it Huang Xijie or Liang Juan, even if they were injured, they were still evolved. The two of them had jobs too.

Shengyuan didn't fear them at all. He didn't dodge and continued to punch at the two of them.

His mind was filled with Little Ying's smile and voice. Their beautiful memories flashed across his mind and then bam, she turned into an ice-cold corpse.

He had never done anything sorry to Huang Xijie. He even gave up on being the Elementalist because of him and chose the giant shieldman that knew how to defend. These two scrolls were once he risked his life to snatch back so that he could repay Huang Xijie for allowing him to evolve.

But how did this guy treat him? How did he protect Liang Juan?

He was not fair at all and even set up a trap to capture him. He tortured him and forced him to say his secrets of how he got the job certificate.

He snatched it from the territory of a monster. Why didn't he believe him?

Shengyuan's heart was filled with rage and sadness. He regretted if he...

Unfortunately, it was too late.

All he could do now was to give Little Ying an explanation.

No defence as he didn't need to defend. There were only primitive attacks, punch after punch.

Skin ripped open and blood spurted out to reveal the bones within.

But he didn't make a sound and continued to wave his fists.

The other members of the party were shocked.

What kind of hatred would make a person risk his life to vent their frustration in such a method?

Right, he was venting. He was venting his hatred, grievances... And also longing.

Ye Zhongming's hand that was opening the box stopped. He saw Shengyuan and he didn't help him, he just looked on quietly.

Huang Xijie and Liang Juan's resistance got weaker and weaker. They were terrified by him.

Whoever saw such a way of fighting would also be scared.

But Huang Xijie was someone who controlled the lives of tens of thousands. He pushed his son away and used his other hand to hug Shengyuan's body. At the same time, he shouted, "Liang Juan! Kill him!"

Liang Juan was a little giddy from Shengyuan's punch. She heard his shout and reached out to strangle him.

At this time, the three of them forgot that they were evolved and they were just ripping into one another.

Young Master Huang stumbled up. He saw the three. Although he was afraid but he wanted to help. Ye Zhongming gave a gaze and Yellow Ball charged out to bite off half of his head.

That fellow who was trembling so much couldn't even compare to a normal person now. He couldn't cause any trouble to Yellow Ball at all.

"Son!"

Seeing his son die like that, Huang Xijie was filled with sadness. His eyes were about to pop out of their sockets. He looked really terrifying.

Shengyuan's face turned purple from his being strangled but his arms were hugged by Huang Xijie and he couldn't break free. However, he didn't care and stretched his head towards Huang Xijie.

Huang Xijie who was filled with sadness didn't notice anything but Liang Juan's expression changed and she guessed what Shengyuan wanted to do. She used all her strength to try to kill him quickly. She shouted at the same time for Huang Xijie to dodge but he didn't hear at all.

Shengyuan got closer and closer. At a certain time, he was close enough and he opened his mouth. He got close to his neck and bit down...

Ah!

As blood splattered, Huang Xijie's body twisted to try to fling the guy biting him away. But now he was the one being hugged. Huang Xijie failed to get away and it even ripped the wound wider. Liang Juan shouted behind but the blood caused her hand to slip. She watched as the guy bit into his neck. That filled her with fear and the strength in her arms disappeared.

She saw Huang Xijie's eyes losing their lustre and his body stop struggling. Blood had already left a small pond under their feet.

Shengyuan released his mouth and pulled out his arms. He pushed the body of the guy who was slowly turning cold and then grabbed the hand on his neck. He turned around and pressed his own against her neck.

"When you go down, don't forget to apologise to Little Ying."

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Wulan County was like the new district base, it was in chaos.

The only difference was that the new base was in chaos because of fear and loss but here it was because of pillaging and murder.

The refugees charged in and saw that there were no guards and evolved. They stole everything they could see. Under the night sky, human nature was on full display. Killing, robbing, arson, rape, bully, they were all on display.

The group felt the craze of humans losing their human nature.

"Boss, Shengyuan... Would anything happen to him?"

Little Tiger looked back at the house with worry.

Shengyuan was a direct person and he didn't beat around the bush. He was similar to Little Tiger. The two of them had a good impression of each other. Little Tiger saw Shengyuan's state and was afraid that something would happen to him.

“He will be fine after he vents his anger, don’t worry.” Ye Zhongming slapped his shoulder. He knew what the big fellow was doing. That was him saying goodbye to his past.

“Do I need to use Cleansing Dew on him?” Park Xiuying asked. Ye Zhongming shook his head. Then she asked, “What is the staff in the box?”

Ye Zhongming opened the box and took out the thing from within. He understood why Royal Guild would go all out to help Huang Xijie. This was the reason.

“Nature Staff.”

Xia Lei walked over and touched the rough staff and was curious, “Although it is white so it should be a rare piece of equipment but what is going on with this oval hole?”

Ye Zhongming placed this 1.5 meter long staff on the ground and pointed at the hole, “It is a chisel hole to place nature gems. The stats of the staff would change based on the gem.”

“But what a waste...”

“What?”

Mo Ye asked.

“Unfortunately, this Nature Staff needs nature gems to be of use. They are elements like wind, fire, water, earth etc but you can’t use a light stone if not Teacher Park would be able to use it. Her strength would increase by a fold.”

“So much!”

Everyone was shocked, a fold? Didn’t that mean that the strength of Cleansing Dew would increase and Diamond Shield’s defence would increase?

This thing was so strong?

Actually, Ye Zhongming didn’t tell them in detail that Nature Staff’s real use wasn’t just to chisel a gem and then use it as a staff. In his last life, survivors used this rare equipment to either attack or defence.

Nature Staff had an ability for each element. When an elemental stone was chiselled, the user can activate the ability. Fire and lightning were attack skills, water and earth were defence. Wind and the others had other uses.

As the stones were one-time use, so one could select the strength and number of uses of the skill. One could also decide to use all the energy from the stone instantly.

Many survivor teams loved this and would use it as a special move to change the tides.

Of course, the strength of the staff differed. Its strength was based on its own level as well as the energy of the gem.

In his last life, Killing Rose Mu Xinfei who Ye Zhongming had met had a golden Nature Staff. When she used a high grade and even super high grade stone, her strength would reach new heights.

Be it high level staff or gem, they were precious and not easily obtained. Even nine star evolved found them hard to get.

Although the level of this staff wasn't too high, the person who got it from the gachapon or from guards was still very lucky.

They discussed the staff until Shengyuan walked out. He looked really sad and he was badly injured. Even his face and clothes had flesh hanging off them. It was obvious that this guy vented all his anger in the room.

"Are you done?"

Ye Zhongming asked.

"Done."

His voice was hoarse but his emotions were stable.

"Heal him."

Park Xiuying used Cleansing Dew right away.

Ye Zhongming looked at his wounds heal, "Once you are okay, control this place. The people should still recognise you."

He was stunned and so were the others. To them, Wulan County had gone mad. Unless they killed many, if not it was impossible for this place to return back to stability.

"I want to do something but I need peace here."

Chapter 187: Dungeon

Only when the sun rose up did the chaos in Wulan County calm down.

No one knew how many people said goodbye to the cold world during that night. Their corpses were just thrown all around like how god had abandoned this world.

Shengyuan's identity was of some use. Many people recognised him as he was Huang Xijie's top fighter. After he stepped out, the party helped him and helped to control the situation.

Naturally, there were problems and pretty much all of them had their hands stained with blood.

When people tried to attack you with a stick, you don't have many choices.

Ye Zhongming gave out a series of orders.

Liang Chuyin and Le Dayuan brought people to search the places where Huang Xijie and the evolved frequented.

Mo Ye led Master Le's assistant to trade food for crystals. Whoever had crystals could trade for more food, water and medicine.

Little Tiger, Xia Lei, Master Le and his three helpers led Yellow Ball to recruit people to form a hunting squad to hunt zombies. The conditions were really tempting. They would get essentials based on their contribution. Those who do well might even get evolution potions.

Shengyuan and Park Xiuying gathered some people to patrol the county to ensure that there won't be more chaos. Moreover, they were in charge of collecting information. Anything that was valuable would be rewarded.

Ye Zhongming did something too. He searched for transportation, construction blueprints, design plans etc in preparation for the future.

There were many reasons why he stopped her. For example, he remembered two regions clearly from his last life. A small portion was the city he left and the large portion was the destination he was rushing towards. Apart from those, he didn't know much more than other people.

He told them to gather information so as to find out intel that would be of use to him. After all, he was 10 years more advanced than the others. Things that others thought were useless might be valuable to him. Second reason was that he was tracking his path, he wanted to see if they could remind him of things that he missed out on from his past life.

If possible, he would turn all of these things into gains.

There was also another thing that was important which was that this was the start of the level two mutation wave. The lowest level lifeforms were evolving toward the next level.

This was not a random guess from Ye Zhongming. This was the time period that scientists gave which was a month after the apocalypse started. For a year after, this period would be the second level wave.

In this period, the low level lifeforms would disappear and turn into a large amount of level two lifeforms.

The evolution speed of humans would get left behind by these mutated beings and would end up having to chase up.

This was the chance that Ye Zhongming wanted. He stored a large amount of level one crystals and obtain a huge amount of one star evolution potions. Once the humans stabilised and wanted to evolve, this would be a sizeable fortune.

Thus, wasting some time here was worth it.

If Ye Zhongming and his team did this, because of how few of them there were, it wouldn't be effective. If his team led the way to gather more normal people to do it, it would be far more efficient.

Wulan County was just a county so the mutated lifeforms here were far fewer than the city they left. So as long as they set up some order, they would be able to clear the area in a short time.

As for food and water, they got them from Huang Xijie and used them to trade for the crystals that the survivors had. But this was already quite decent, at least the food that Ye Zhongming gave represented the value that crystals had at the current stage.

When the team prepared to set off three days later, Ye Zhongming had 5 thousand more crystals and a hundred more level two demon crystals.

At this point, Ye Zhongming had amassed close to 20 thousand level one crystals, 500 level two crystals, over 100 one star potions and over 20 immunity potions.



Some of them were taken from the homes of the people Huang Xijie ruled over, some were obtained from hunting, and some they got from survivors. When Ye Zhongming and the group left, the crystals of Wulan County were all taken by them.

Apart from that, Ye Zhongming also got a lot of useful information like where there were mutated monsters, lifeforms, weird things etc. He personally went out to obtain two level three crystals and many materials. He even found several monster eggs.

When they rode the two cars and a few motorbikes that they prepared, they were much richer than when they arrived.

“With this speed, we will arrive there in a day.”

Everyone looked at the map and Little Tiger said excitedly.

Most of them leaned towards having peace. It was more like that in the apocalypse. When they were at the new district base, some people suggested not leaving and just running that place well. But Ye Zhongming declined.

After occupying Wulan County, those voices appeared again. Those high walls were the best foundations for a firm base. As long as they trained a few guards then things would be really peaceful.

That place was the edge of dense areas and there weren't many mutated lifeforms there. Along with them clearing out the area systematically, there were no dangerous elements within ten miles. The base was enough for them to peacefully develop.

But Ye Zhongming still declined.

Everyone was heading towards the place that Ye Zhongming chose. They could finally witness his taste and that excited everyone.

“Let's take a look at red hair first.” Ye Zhongming suddenly said.

They didn't say anything and just drove towards the two story building they spent some time in. They noticed that she was still laying there, there were no changes from before. The huge wound on her chest also showed no signs of recovery.

“Haiz.”

Park Xiuying sighed and shook her head. She knew that the puppet that had once saved her life was really dead.

Ye Zhongming found it a waste too. Although he could create another puppet to replace her but this was still his first one and he had an attachment to it.

“Bury her.”

Ye Zhongming and Little Tiger dug a huge hole and placed red hair in. After burying her, they left the area with sadness.

“We need to abandon our vehicles here to pass this region.”

Ye Zhongming drew a line on the map and pointed at an area.

“Why abandon the vehicle? There is a highway and it is not within a city so the situation should be good.”

Mo Ye looked at the map and raised her questions.

“It is a dungeon!”

Ye Zhongming’s words shocked everyone.

Dungeon. Its fame in the apocalypse was similar to that of the gachapon.

The dungeon had two sides, one side represented danger.

There were all sorts of monsters in the dungeon. They were strong and fierce, bloodthirst and violent. They would eat anything they wanted to eat so that they could evolve. Humans were coincidentally what they loved the most.

Apart from that, the dungeon was a place that survivors loved to head towards as they could get demon crystals. They could get all sorts of resources and materials, and obtain jobs and pets. Obtain recipes and blueprints, anything that you wanted.

This was the playground for adventurers but also their graves.

The places where the dungeons appeared were said to be where the golden saint light attacked on the first day. Those invaders created these dangerous areas.

But this couldn’t explain all the dungeons. Some were unrelated to the attacks and just suddenly appeared. It was as if they just descended from above.

“Since it is so dangerous then why don’t we go around it?”

Xia Lei was certain that following Ye Zhongming who seemed so familiar with the apocalypse would help everyone get stronger. Since that was the case, there was no need to test their luck in this dungeon that even he said was dangerous.

Ye Zhongming shook his head, “Look, this dungeon is huge. If we go around, we need more days and that won’t ensure that we won’t face any dangers.”

“Also, I need to head into this dungeon to prove something.”

They looked at one another and didn’t say anything.

Early on the second day, they headed out and charged toward the mysterious dungeon.

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Right when Ye Zhongming and the group decided to head to the dungeon, a few guests appeared in the courtyard where red hair was buried in.

A red vine that was as thick as an arm slithered into the courtyard like a snake. In the middle of its body was a white crystal that looked really eye catching.

This was a mutated level two vine.

A moment after it entered, two level two beats appeared on the wall. They roared and charged at the red vine. The three lifeforms started to fight in the courtyard.

Although the vine was a mutated plant but its combat strength was below that of the two beasts. It slowly lost ground and when it was unable to flee, it noticed a corpse buried under the soil. It headed right into the soil and used its sharp teeth to rip open red hair's wound and bit her heart.

It felt that this corpse was different and its heart contained huge energy.

This was natural, after all, there was a level three soul pearl and a level three crystal in her heart.

Ye Zhongming wanted to take those things back but he saw that they had stuck together and lost energy so he gave up.

The level two vine wanted to swallow this heart. It would then recover quickly and have the ability to fight.

But at that moment, something weird occurred.

#### Chapter 188: Red hair revived

The heart that was held in the vine's mouth suddenly gave out a huge absorption. It caused the heart to grow much bigger until it filled up the vine's mouth. Like a plug, it filled up its mouth.

Some liquid flowed out because the vine was injured and that became a channel which the heart started to absorb its lifeforce from!

The level two vine felt like things were going bad and its body started to twitch. It wanted to break free but the more it tried, the stronger the absorption got.

If someone was looking to the side, one would be shocked at what was happening. Two finger sized vessels grew out from this human heart and there was a red light on it. There were also some white specks that were being transported through the vessels and the heart back through red hair's body.

As those white dots entered, the white crystal of the vine grew darker. Its struggles got weaker until all movement was lost.

Red Hair who wasn't moving at all suddenly sat up. The two beasts that realised things were wrong retreated and looked at the human in shock.

Red Hair's face was covered in dirt and that covered her face which looked really sweet but was just greyish in color. She looked at the vine that was soft and collapsed onto her chest and just pulled it out before casually tossing it aside.

Her vision landed on her open chest and she was stunned. She then closed up her own body and then stood up.

The two monsters looked at one another and saw the fierceness rise in each other's eyes. They retreated towards the sides and launched an attack on Red Hair.

They were on the verge of level three and they just lacked a bit of life energy. This was why they didn't let the mutated plant go. Seeing a human that was much better, naturally, they wouldn't retreat.

However, this human's scent was different.

Red Hair's reaction was a little slow. Although she didn't know why she was alive but she was not in a good state. She didn't dodge at all and was pounced onto the ground. The sharp teeth of the two monsters sunk into her body and ripped off a huge chunk of flesh.

Red Hair's eyes moved and she saw the monster below her neck. She didn't even think and bit it. That caused blood to spurt out.

The monster didn't expect the human to fight back. Usually at this point, wouldn't the human be dead?

But the intense pain didn't give it time to harp on this problem. It took a step back and wanted to leave the human body.

But its stomach felt cold. It realised that the deformed hand of the human had stabbed into its stomach and crushed its intestines. The monster cried out and lifeforce was drained from its body.

Red Hair sucked its blood and took advantage of the other beast crying out in rage to stick her hands into this monster's stomach. She ripped it into two and blood spurted out, covering her body.

The weird thing was that it was as if the blood had landed on a sponge. They sunk into her body and her wounds were healing at a terrifying rate.

Her clothes made her feel very uncomfortable and she just ripped them all off. She stood up and in just a short moment, a weak light spread out from her body and mixed with the blood which healed up most of her injuries.

In just that short moment, she was much more alert than before and she looked at the other monster that was trying to retreat.

Her nice looking lips opened and she roared. Her body flashed and she was now right beside the monster, her hands stabbing into its neck.

The monster was frightened and jumped to the side. It was not normal if it didn't realise that something was not right. When it saw its prey and ally die, it was finally afraid and it turned around to flee.

Red Hair was between a level two and level three evolved and in terms of defence, she was not far from a level three lifeform.

With the soul pearl and level three demon crystal as well as Ye Zhongming and the mutated vine's blood, her strength had mostly recovered. Seeing the monster want to escape, she chased up and pounced on it. She didn't hesitate to bite its neck.

It cried out and the feeling of blood being sucked out of the artery sent a chill down its spine. It tried to struggle but it felt like the human was growing on it and it couldn't move at all.

Ten seconds... 30... A minute...

The monster stopped. Its limbs were powerless as it lay there. It tried to breathe out but one couldn't see it breathe in at all. It looked much smaller and its fur dimmed. It was like a jerky that had lost all its water.

Red Hair stood up and turned her head. She saw a guy whose body was covered in blood and who had a hole in his stomach. He also had wounds and cuts all around his body.

Those cuts were so deep that one could see the bone and it looked like it was done by a sharp weapon. Even an eye was split into two.

What was scary was that in some of the wounds on his face, white tentacles were stretching out. If one didn't look closely, it was as if mushrooms were growing out.

His body twisted and its remaining eye looked at Red Hair, it shone a weird glow.

“Human... Human... I, I need... You.”

His head suddenly exploded. A white thing jumped out and it looked like a tiny octopus. The moment it landed on the ground, it turned into a white light that charged at Red Hair.

It stuck onto her face. The tentacles turned into a terrifying drill that drilled through her face and charged toward her head.

She stumbled. Although she couldn't feel pain and lost all sense of feeling, but she knew that the tentacles were reaching into her head.

The tentacle cried out in excitement at how lucky it was to find a new host. It would even become stronger because of this medium. It would take revenge and make that person pay!

But suddenly, its body froze. Its eyes looked at Red Hair in terror as its tentacles turned green. It was as if it had faced an enemy as it tried its best to retreat.

It “saw” a red and white gem in this human's head that was spinning. When its tentacles touched it, a portion of its life force was sucked away!

Red Hair who couldn't move previously regained her strength. She grabbed the white thing and had a confused gaze.

“Let... Let me... Go... Please...”

The octopus gave out a unique cry and hoped that this weird fellow could let it go. But it was to be disappointed. It saw something with a human appearance but was not human at all.

Red Hair shook her head and looked at the white monster who was in pain as she grabbed it. She didn't know what it was at all.

She used one hair to touch her face which was covered in holes from its tentacles. For some reason she was furious and she used both hands to grab this fellow before rolling it into a ball and shoving it into her mouth and chewing.

“No!!!”

A strange thought appeared in her mind and two figures appeared on the wall!

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At this point, Ye Zhongming who was far in the dungeon realised something. He turned around and looked at the direction they came from. The barrier of the dungeon was blocking his field of sight.

“What happened?”

Liang Chuyin saw his ashen white expression and grabbed his hand, asking him in concern.

“I... I am fine.”

Ye Zhongming wanted to say something but he realised he didn't know what was happening. At that moment, he felt like he regained some connection with Red Hair.

But it was just that short moment and the connection was really weak such that he was uncertain. Was it real or was it because he was too focused after entering the dungeon?

Ye Zhongming lay there and closed his eyes to try to sense it but after a moment he gave up. He shook his head and felt like it was because he was too nervous.

He turned around and picked up the binoculars again. He looked towards the blue crystal mountains that were two hundred meters tall and was surrounded by red air.

## Chapter 189: Nature Gem Mine

Each dungeon had its own features and each color represented that.

In his last life, humans would represent the level of dungeons with numbers, stars and letters. But Ye Zhongming leaned towards using color.

The entire dungeon had the same color so people with the same idea as Ye Zhongming felt like the color can give one a more direct impression of the dungeon.

Red's goriness, black's violence, green's weirdness, yellow's intensity, blue's chill, or...

But no matter how you differentiated dungeons, it was still terrifying. Anyone who survived kept an intense respect towards the dungeon.

The dungeons were like eggs that stood tall on Earth. On the outside was a thick mist and the color of the mist described the main color of the dungeon.

People called the mist Chaos Barrier.

One couldn't see through the Chaos Barrier but one could pass through it. Of course, that was just for humans. For the monsters inside, the dungeon was their feeding ground and also their cage. Apart from those really strong ones or if the barriers cracked, if not the monsters would have to remain inside.

In his last life, Ye Zhongming often passed this dungeon and even bled in this place so as to fight for the resources within.

But the first time he was here was five years later.

At that time, most of the resources in the dungeon were obtained. Out of all the dungeons that were split based on color, this dungeon represented slight danger.

This situation was changed after a battle squad that came here to hunt monsters had a few teams of theirs wiped out. The elites of this squad found a secret area in this dungeon. It wasn't big but it was a high quality gem mine.

A bunch of monsters absorbed the energy from the gems and they evolved really quickly. They were the ones that wiped out a few teams of that battle squad.

Gems were a really practical thing in the apocalypse and were something that some jobs needed. For example Smiths, Alchemists, Potion Makers, Lementalists, Mage etc. Some evolved with pets also needed gems to feed their pets.

This caused the price of gems to become really expensive and it was a resource that was fought for. Ye Zhongming's battle squad was near Ying City and that was a place with many factions which was why he participated in this battle.

This dungeon was white grade because those monsters turned deep blue after consuming the gems. After paying a huge price and after clearing out these monsters that had all reached level five, the group was able to share these gems.

Dungeons would change and all sorts of magical things that couldn't be explained by science would appear. For example, monsters reproducing, evolving, eating etc. Humans didn't understand. It was as if as long as the monsters remained in the dungeon, breathing would allow them to grow and reproduce.

The reason why Ye Zhongming chose to enter the dungeon was because he wanted to see if that gem mountain still existed or if it appeared in the future. Or did it exist and just didn't get noticed?

Truth proved that the gem mountain had existed just that monsters occupied it or for other reasons, so people didn't notice it until five years later.

But Ye Zhongming didn't understand why weren't there monsters eating or absorbing the energy of the gems.

This was the reason why the team carefully moved here but didn't rush towards the blue gem mountain.

"Three o'clock!"

Xia Lei suddenly said and Ye Zhongming used his binoculars to take a look.

Ye Zhongming observed for some time but didn't notice anything. But right away he saw that the bushes at the foot of the mountain had a different color as compared to the bushes elsewhere.

Seeing that, Ye Zhongming knew why the other monsters didn't come here to absorb the energy.

It was occupied by something and this was its territory! Moreover, this monster was definitely the strongest in the dungeon.

"What is that?"

Liang Chuyin saw that mark and because of her lack of experience, she didn't know what that was.

"It is a mark left by the pee of the monster!"

The others understood right away. Many monsters had such actions. They would leave their fluids around their territory and use that to announce that this place was theirs.

Ye Zhongming frowned as he was now sure that the reason why the gem mountain returned to an ownerless state was that the monster here got strong enough and broke out of the barrier. Only then did other monsters occupy the mountain and get stronger.

If that was the case then, close to a month had passed since the dungeon appeared so how strong would the monster be? Could this team kill it?

Moreover, this place was deep in the dungeon. If they attracted other monsters, what would happen if they all gathered here?

Ye Zhongming had to consider all these factors as any carelessness would cause one to die here.

“Is this the natural gem that you talk about? The type that can be placed on the Nature Staff?”

Although Park Xiuying didn’t know why the red dungeon would have these dream-like blue gems but she couldn’t help but be attracted to that beauty.

“En, do you see the color? Those are water-element gems. Those darker color ones are ice. These two are natural mines.”

Only then did they know that these were nature gems.

Ye Zhongming thought about it before deciding to lead them out.

After leaving the mountain, Ye Zhongming led everyone forward through a set path. His experience was really useful as he could deduce if the marks on the ground were dangerous or not. He moved in twists and turns but in the grand scheme of things, it was really close to a straight line.

These stunned the three cops who also studied marks when they were in the force. They weren’t normal people like Liang Chuyin and Park Xiuying. They were professionally trained but as compared to Ye Zhongming, their skills were far behind.

Ye Zhongming didn’t say anything at all as it was no use saying anything. Anyone who struggled for ten years in the apocalypse would also become an expert.

Yellow Ball was of great help too. It had great hearing and smell which supported Ye Zhongming’s experience. They spent two days before finally walking out of the dungeon.

“You want to head back?” When the group that just got out heard that Ye Zhongming wanted to return to the dungeon, they felt like he was crazy.

Although they didn’t face any dangers but there were a few close shaves. They saw a strong level four monster leading three level three monsters to walk past them. If not for Ye Zhongming being intelligent and telling them to jump into a pile of shit, they would have had to fight the four monsters. If that happened, it would be fortunate if just a few of them survived.

Under such a dangerous situation, Ye Zhongming wanted to go back. Wasn’t he asking to die?

“Don’t worry, I will be fine. I am a small target and it won’t be so easy for them to spot me. I won’t force my way. If there is no chance, I will come back.”

“I will bring Yellow Ball too. You all see how strong it is, with it here, nothing in the dungeon can sneak attack me.”

Yellow Ball stood up when it heard its master praise it and shook its fur to show off.

Seeing that everyone was still worried, he said, “All of you have a mission. I have chosen Cloud Peak as a base and we are near that place now. You have to understand the situation around me before I am back. What kind of factions, monsters, is there a large scale zombie horde? If possible, you need to find the wheels and see what wheels there are around and what levels there are. But remember, don’t go to Cloud Peak.”



“Okay, that is settled!” Ye Zhongming clapped, “When I am back, we will occupy Cloud Peak.”

“I will go with you, I can block for you.”

Shengyuan who hadn’t spoken suddenly said towards Ye Zhongming who was about to turn and leave.

“Protect Master Le and that would be the same as protecting me.” After saying that, Ye Zhongming led Yellow Ball and returned to the dungeon.

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Red Hair’s body shook and her chewing slowed down.

In that instance, the two black shadows charged over. The human shaped shadow shot out several black needles which gave off a cold light in the night sky. The small figure was quick as lightning. It had a pair of sharp claws that pierced through the darkness and headed towards Red Hair’s heart.

Red Hair gave out a low warning. She flicked her hand upwards to knock the little figure. Although there were two cuts on her arm but as she didn’t feel a sense of pain at all, it wasn’t much.

But those marks seemed familiar, it was the same as the cuts on the face of the human who was taken over by the white octopus.

She knocked the black figure but couldn’t dodge the few cold lights. Red Hair was knocked back. The strong defence of her skin meant that the light didn’t shoot through. She took a look and they were a few strands of hair.

She pulled them out and wanted to fight back but that human was next to her and punched her face.

That punch was really strong and her head tilted to the side. The White Octopus that she hadn’t swallowed was spat out.

The black shadow didn’t stop and grabbed the octopus.

In the moonlight, a black crystal shone on the forehead of that human shaped shadow.

Chapter 190: Vine Whip and Ginseng Melon

Red Hair didn’t have emotions in the past as she was a puppet and would only listen to orders.

But since she woke up from the dirt, she was in a stunned state. She still knew how to fight and how to absorb energy as that was her instinct.

But even she didn’t notice that she had gained something that she had lost- emotions.

Seeing that something that was in her mouth was about to get stolen, she was filled with rage.

Although she didn’t have as much intellect as when she was a human, but she knew that the white fellow would be of great use to her.

Red Hair bent over to the side. The moment the human-shaped figure touched the white octopus, her body was knocked aside. After spinning a few rounds, she knelt there and looked at Red Hair who stumbled a few steps before standing still.

A small cat jumped onto that person's shoulder and bared its sharp fangs at Red Hair.

It was that Talking Lady that had clashed with Ye Zhongming!

Things were just like that. When you were very sure about something and felt like it would proceed as planned, things might change. Things wouldn't be exactly as you thought and even if it was, it was just a coincidence.

For example, when Ye Zhongming was in the new district base, he guessed that there was a Brain Bug. Thus he created his own plan and completed it in the end, getting him what he wanted.

But the truth was that there wasn't only one brain bug but two. The reason why he only saw one was that the other had brought another level three mutated lifeform and left.

If not, the outcome would not be the same.

The Brain Bug that left did so because it sniffed the special life force of the Talking Lady and thus went hunting it.

But now it seemed like this Brain Bug failed. Not only did it fail, the Talking Lady and her pet were chasing it. After so many days, maybe it was tracking Ye Zhongming who had eaten the other Brain Bug which was why it came here.

The Talking Lady evolved again and was now level three. Her cat was also at the same level but after the Talking Lady badly injured the guy that the Brain Bug controlled, she wasn't in a good state.

She had dozens of wounds on her and there were a few caved-in portions on the rib. Who knew if it was caused by the Brain Bug or by the level three mutated vine?

Moreover, the Talking Lady looked really exhausted and so did the pet on her shoulder.

There were a few bald patches on the black cat and one could see black burns on its skin. Although it had evolved to level three, but it squatted on its master's shoulder. When it panted, one could hear other sounds mixed into it, its body was probably badly injured.

Seemed like although the two of them won the Brain Bug but they had paid a heavy price.

Red Hair wasn't in a good state too. Her wound had just healed and the energy the soul pearl absorbed from the three monsters was just enough for her to regain some vitality.

Both sides weren't in a good situation but they weren't willing to give up on the Brain Bug that was really attractive for both of them. After a short standoff, they started to fight once again.

The battle between mutated lifeforms wasn't as ordered as those between evolved. It was more direct and bloody.

After a short dozen seconds, when both sides split up once more, neither could straighten their backs. They could only hold the ground with one hand and look at the enemy with a vicious gaze.

Red Hair's body had several more wounds. Some were scratches, some were bites and some were bloody holes. Many parts of her flesh were ripped out to reveal the red and white structure beneath. The most serious was her left chest. There were dozens of black hair stuck to her heart that were totally pierced into her organ. If she was evolved, this alone would be enough to kill her.

Talking Lady was naturally not much better. Red Hair's hands were the most powerful weapon. As long as she touched you, there would be a hole or a part of your body that was caved in. Talking Lady's perfect body was badly injured and it twisted like it had been hit by a truck.

The mutated cat was in a bad state too. It dragged its back leg that was nearly ripped out by Red Hair. Half of its face caved in and that was because it was head-butted by the Red Hair.

Both sides looked at one another and tried to gauge their chances of winning.

A moment later, they both looked at the Brain Bug again.

Red Hair and the Talking Lady moved at the same time, both of them attacked with their strongest moves! One of them actually shot out a grey vine from their fingernails!

This wasn't the first time the Talking Lady used Spirit Stab, she had used it once to prevent Red Hair from swallowing the Brain Bug.

But this was the first time Red Hair was using this skill that even Ye Zhongming didn't know she had.

It was a skill she learned after she absorbed the mutated vine-- Vine Whip!

Red Hair took two steps back and confusion flashed in her eyes. She had a soul pearl in her mind so the mental energy wave that hit her brain wasn't that effective.

But her vine whip was really sharp and instantly split the Talking Lady's flesh, sending her flying backward.

This skill needed mental energy. After using that skill, the vines shrunk back into her body. She pounced at the brain bug. That long-haired woman couldn't stop her anymore.

Red Hair grabbed the brain bug and joy appeared on her greyish face. But in the next moment, her expression changed.

That cat!

That cat had a broken leg which she had ignored.

When Red Hair nearly grabbed the Brain Bug, the black cat appeared beside the bug and hooked the bug with its claw. Neither gave in and just snatched the bug. This snatch actually ripped the bug into two!

Red Hair was stunned and so was the black cat. After this, they did a similar action.

Eat!

They shoved the brain bug into their mouths and started to chew before swallowing it.

Red Hair had some advantages. She was fierce and wanted to kill the two of them. But when it took a step forwards, a huge energy surged through her limbs.

Her body became numb and slow.

On the other side, after the black cat ate the brain bug, it gave a mocking smile. But two seconds later, it had the same exact signs as Red Hair. Moreover, due to the energy transfer with the Talking Lady, she was also in such a state.

Both sides turned around and fled in opposite directions but their actions looked like they were wooden dolls. They were stiff and amusing.

At that moment, both of them chose the safest action.

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Ye Zhongming brought Yellow Ball back into the Upper River Dungeon.

This was the name that survivors gave this place. That was because there was a very famous village here called Upper River Village.

Ye Zhongming chose another path this time.

The dungeon was indeed filled with dangers but if one paid attention, there were treasures all over. Ye Zhongming's two secondary jobs. One needed materials to craft and the other needed saplings to nurture. These needed him to pay attention and collect items.

The dungeon was a very suitable place.

When he headed out, he had already found a mutated melon. This thing could attack and if a lifeform got near to it, its sprouts or vines would launch attacks. It was fast and really powerful. If one didn't pay attention one would get injured. If normal people bumped into it, they would lose their lives easily and become this mutated melon's nutrient.

This plant also had its benefits. As long as you could tame it, it could bring you many benefits.

As it was a mutated plant, these melon saplings had crystals. Although they were level one crystals but in the future when such crystals were rare, they would become one of the sources.

Moreover, after the melons mature, they would bear fruit. It was a delicious fruit that could strengthen one's body.

In his last life, many bases would plant this ginseng melon. But as it was dangerous, the evolved had to be two star or above to safely harvest it so the amount planted wasn't huge.

Ye Zhongming had found a ginseng melon sapling. He was a Gardener and had thoughts regarding this thing. Once he had his own base, he was planning to study it. If he could plant it in a large scale, this would be a sizeable sum. Not only could he solve the problem of source of level one crystals, but he could also solve the problem of food.

When he appeared near the natural gem mine, Ye Zhongming didn't find any other useful materials or seeds. This disappointed him slightly.

But there was good news. After a few hours nearby, he saw that monster.

Three Tailed Demon Frog!

Level 4!

Ye Zhongming expected that the monster that occupied the mine would have a high level. But when he saw the green crystal on the forehead of the monster whose body was like the size of a bus, he still couldn't help but curse.

He revived and was now two star. He gained jobs and skills that he hadn't had before. But he was sure that these elements made him strong and allowed him to fight things that were stronger than him. But that was against level three monsters. He was asking to die if he fought four star ones.

Moreover, the Three Tailed Demon Frog was not a normal monster. It had a strong water affinity and was one that was hard to deal with.

Give up like that?

This thought flashed in his mind before he tossed it aside.

It was tough to come in so how could he head back empty-handed?

A bold plan appeared in his mind.