

## Apocalypse 231

Chapter 231: part 1- Biggest crisis

Cloud Peak was in a celebratory mood like it was New years.

It was tough to live in the apocalypse. Even if you evolved, your chances of death were slightly lower than ordinary people. After all, you had to fight, kill zombies, kill mutated lifeforms. Those are dangerous matters; if one weren't careful, one would die.

Like Ye Zhongming in his last life, he was a six-star evolved but didn't he also die to a Bug man?

Thus the apocalypse would show all the evil of humanity as no one had a sense of security. Everyone had to live in fear of what would occur tomorrow. They would release their evil side.

Of course, that wasn't a reason to do evil things, as everyone was equal. Everyone had intellect and rationality. They were no different from beasts if they followed their instincts purely.

Food was necessary for survival. When Cloud Peak targeted Yingchun County Grain Storage, everyone supported it. Everyone knew that grain was the foundation of everything. Without knowing what tomorrow would bring, filling one's stomach was important. Only by filling one's stomach would one have the stamina to do other things.

Thus, everyone cheered, although the team suffered heavy losses when grain cars were moved into the villa. Their faces were filled with huge smiles.

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The first meal after the operation was naturally the best. Rice, white noodles, buns. Meat cans covered the table. People who loved to drink were also given a small cup of alcohol.

This night was one of the best nights since the apocalypse had started.

Ye Zhongming said a few sentences to everyone in the restaurant before heading out to make his rounds. He wouldn't let his guard down just because he got some grain. Many factions were staring at him around the villa. Once the news of the battle spread, Ye Zhongming wouldn't be surprised if people did things due to greed.

The only thing he could do in such a situation would be to focus on himself.

He walked around the entire Cloud Peak. When he returned to his apartment, Xia Lei, Lu Yi, Mo Ye, Tang Tian, Sister Rong, etc, were all waiting for him.

This was the temporary management level of Cloud Peak. Each person was in charge of a branch that supported the base's running.

Xia Lei was like the manager; she took charge of everything and could make decisions. This was due to her job in the police force. In the past, she played the role of the deputy commander.

Mo Ye took the position of the head of the base's armed forces. When she was in the police force, she was in charge of the special forces, so she used that experience and methods at the base. It was effective. Little Tiger was her helper; the two of them worked together and managed their training and lives well.

Although Lu Yi was old, he had done a lot of business. He was thoughtful and could identify issues with the situation. Ye Zhongming placed him in charge of all diplomatic matters, like trading with the Black Cloak Motorcade. Apart from that, he helped Tang Tian to manage ordinary people. He slowly helped Tang Tian and Xiang Tao familiarise with management methods.

Tang Tian entered the team a little late, but he was loyal and not stupid. He was also very decisive when he did things that Ye Zhongming appreciated. Along with Candy being an essential part of this team that was well protected and treated, this guy decided to help work for Ye Zhongming. He would lead those ordinary people to do work, and he worked hard.

Sister Rong was in charge of logistics and admin work. She was a woman, so she was more detailed. In the past, her job was something similar. Many injured women were placed under her care, which was Ye Zhongming's form of protection. After all, the base would get bigger, and the population would increase, so there were many things that he couldn't pay attention to. With Sister Rong there, those women that were hurt and abused wouldn't end up as victims again because of some accidents.

These were the management-level members of the base, but Ye Zhongming's core members were still those who followed him all the way here. Apart from Xia Lei and Mo Ye, Little Tiger, Liang Chuyin, Park Xiuying, Shengyuan, etc, were his foundations. Their status in the base was naturally really high. As for others who wanted to enter this circle, they needed some time and some effort.

"We suffered heavy losses this time. 13 one star evolved died, two were badly injured. Forty-five normal warriors died, and six were injured. The grain transport team lost 21 people, and we used up nearly all our bullets."

Mo Ye sat down and reported the situation to Ye Zhongming. These numbers had circled her mind for a long time.

As the person in charge of the armed force in the base, Mo ye knew that this was a victory for the entire base, but it was a dark time for those protecting it.

The base had only 40 one-star evolved, and with so many of them dying, their strength was greatly affected. They needed the addition of new blood, or the core strength of the base would reduce.

Although more and more normal people were willing to fight, that was only 150 people. A third of them were gone this time.

These losses made Mo Ye anxious.

Ye Zhongming nodded, "Give those injured people some simple jobs once they recover; we must continue helping them."

The others agreed. These people were handicapped because of the base and should be taken care of. Moreover, this could send a message-- If you worked for the base, the base wouldn't mistreat you.

Although this was the apocalypse, many bases would abandon those without value. But Ye Zhongming didn't allow that. What he needed wasn't a base built on force but one that was unified and would sacrifice their lives for him under any circumstance. This required him to put effort into gaining their hearts. Ensuring the lives of injured people after helping him was more essential.

“As for increasing the number of evolved, head back to select carefully. Tabulate the number you think is suited to evolve, and I will give you the potions.”

Mo Ye agreed. She knew that Ye Zhongming had many one-star potions, and as long as he wanted to, the base could have hundreds of evolved. But she knew that they had to cultivate loyalty. Evolution potions couldn't be given randomly.

Tang Tian and Lu Yi also talked about some of the base matters, to which Ye Zhongming replied one after another. Although he didn't run a base in his last life, he had lived for many years and knew how a good base ran. Many views were different from peacetime. He needed to remind these people in case problems arose.

“Zhongming, there is still no news from Xia Bai...” Sister Rong waited for everyone to finish before she raised her worry about Xia Bai.

Ye Zhongming frowned.

He naturally wouldn't forget about Xia Bai. That was a fighter that he nurtured. Ye Zhongming was anxious when she said she was fending off the enemy and didn't return. He went around to see if he could find her.

Such a situation meant the death of a survivor. With Xia Bai's loyalty, if she didn't return, the chance of survival was very low apart from death.

Sister Rong and the other girls were naturally concerned about Xia Bai. Even if they knew that there was a high chance she was dead, they still had some hope.

“Tell our hunting squad to search for Xia Bai when they head out.”

The Hunting Team comprised the armed members who weren't on duty to guard the base. They raised their combat strength while also collecting demon crystals.

Mo Ye agreed. She knew that Xia Bai was important to Ye Zhongming. That woman did some things that were inconvenient for them to do.

“Uncle Lu, find Yuanshang. Put out a bounty of five evolution potions and five immunity potions. I want news about Xia Bai.”

Lu Yi nodded and used the satellite radio to contact Yuanshang. They found this in an infantry vehicle, and Ye Zhongming fiddled around with it for a while, and then it worked.

Chapter 231.5: part 2- Biggest crisis

On the second day, Mo Ye passed Ye Zhongming a list. On it were those who did well in the battle and other areas. There were 35 of them. Mo Ye and Tang Tian also selected 100 people to join the fighting group.

Just like that, the number of one-star evolved would reach 50, and they would have 200 ordinary warriors.

Ye Zhongming passed her 40 potions. The five remaining were for her to reward people. New ordinary soldiers would get immunity potions which they would collect from Sister Rong.

Lu Yi also passed some news from Yuanshang. It was the evaluation he had of the various factions after the battle against the Demon Monsters yesterday. He had also sent out the bounty for Xia Bai.

“East Mountain Village, Lou Family, and Hungry Tiger Cavalries suffered huge losses this time. Seem like these Demon Monsters are strong.” Xia Bai looked at the report and looked around Ye Zhongming’s body. She thought Ye Zhongming chose to attack the gran for the food and was using those factions. Now it seemed like this guy knew the place wasn’t so easy. Which was why he rejected Yuan Shang’s suggestion?

Ye Zhongming looked at the report carefully and knew it wouldn’t be too accurate. Everyone had a trump card, and that wasn’t something that others would know about. But from the report, he could find out some things, and they were worthy of being analyzed.

“The only badly affected team would be the Hungry Tiger Cavalries.”

He passed the report to Xia Lei, Lu Yi, Sister Rong, and also Liang Chuyin, and Candy, who were in the room, and he said, “Be it East Mountain Village or Lou Family, they were formed of their family members or people in the base. There are many of them, and they are very united. After those days of development, they are really strong. In terms of evolved numbers, we might not be their match. Although they suffered many losses, their overall strength didn’t drop by much.”

“But not Hungry Tiger Cavalries, there are too few of them, and they aren’t good at managing. They are defending a cement factory. Even if a wheel exists, it isn’t a good place to develop. They lost a small part of their men, and their strength dropped. There would be one last faction around if there were no miracles.”

Hearing Ye Zhongming say that, everyone nodded. The formation of Hungry Tiger Cavalries felt like people were playing around. They fought and won Tech City Team because they were lucky and got a few job certificates. They used that advantage to cause the Tech City Team to suffer losses.

But now, Tech City Team was getting stronger while they suffered huge losses this time. Just thinking about it, one knew that if you were Tech City Team, you wouldn’t give up on such a chance.

“East Mountain Village and Lou Family are quite interesting.”

Ye Zhongming touched his chin and recalled information about these two factions. He did know some things about East Mountain Village as they were a famous faction. Other factions also respected that smith. Uncle Hai was also an expert.

A beast wave wiped out Lou Family, but he didn’t know the exact time. But people who stayed there for a long time mentioned that they were strong and had a spear technique that they passed down. Their spears were on the level of skill.

“Uncle Lu, I think you might have to make a trip for some things.”

Ye Zhongming thought about it and made a decision.

“What about?”

“Head to East Mountain Village and come into contact with them. See if we can use grain to trade for weapons, guns, bullets, etc. If they can sell modified guns, we can trade them for crystals. I will think about the ratio before giving you a bottom line.”

Lu Yi loved to do business and was excited by this thought.

“Continue to monitor Zhang Dalong but be careful not to get noticed by them.” Ye Zhongming instructed Mo Ye. Ye Zhongming continued to pay attention to Zhang Dalong, a future Nine star who evolved.

“What about that Soul Merchant? That faction is quite mysterious, and they appeared in the battle yesterday. Should we track them?” Xia Lei waved the intel report from other factions.

Ye Zhongming shook his head, “This is not a faction that we can touch now. We are too weak in front of them; stay far from them.”

Everyone looked at each other and was shocked. They had never seen Ye Zhongming respect a faction so much before.

“Zhongming, they are so strong that we aren’t their match?”

Ye Zhongming smiled at Liang Chuyin, “We are strong but not invincible. Moreover, Soul Merchant... They will do anything to evolve and do many cruel things; they are animals. So they will lead humanity now, but that would be temporary. Those evil and weird methods will never be the proper way.”

“I hope we don’t need to offend them, and our base can develop for some time.” Candy prayed.

“Then I will inform the subordinates not to conflict with them. Give in and retreat if we can.”

Ye Zhongming nodded and agreed with Mo Ye, “They are strong now, but if they affect our core interests, we don’t have to fear and can fight them. So what if they are strong? If we go all out, I have at least 60-70% confidence of beating them.”

Everyone was pumped up. They knew what Ye Zhongming meant. Soul Merchant was above Zhang Dalong. But even then, this young leader gave a clear signal: if they went all out, there was no one he couldn’t kill.

That gave them tremendous confidence. In their hearts, they weren’t sure how robust Ye Zhongming was. But those few sentences showed that there was no faction that this leader feared.

In the afternoon, after many days of building, the walls on both sides were built up. This made many people excited. After all, this meant that in the future, vast and robust walls would protect the base, and they would be much safer.

But, a few other news caused the core members and management-level staff to be silent.

At 6 pm, they got the news that a team of over 200 from Ying City jail was driving towards Cloud Peak. The leader was the evil Meng Lin, whom people nicknamed Evil Tower. Hu Qian, who had extorted them previously, was among the group.

At 9 pm, they got the news that the hunting squad found a zombie horde of over 20 thousand strong that appeared in Ying City. Looking at the direction, they would arrive here in 7 days. Among them were many level-three zombies.

12 On the second day, Lu Yi, who was at East Mountain Village, radioed back that they had no intention of trading food for weapons. He was trying his best.

At 1 pm, the same radio, East Mountain Village, told Cloud Peak they rejected the proposal. They also took down Lu Yi and the ten-person team and wanted 5000 kilograms of grain to redeem them.

At 2 pm, Yuanshang and his motorcade arrived and brought a letter from Tech City Team's boss Big Kai. He had only one clear message: to use grain in exchange for protection.

At 5 pm, Yuanshang, who left two hours ago, sent a message using the radio that Xia Bai was in the hands of the Lou Family. She was at the lake island and was severely injured. She would die at any moment.

Ominous news spread one after another, which made everyone anxious. Hot-tempered people like Little Tiger and Shengyuan suggested sending people to teach these bunch a lesson—especially East Mountain Village, which was holding their men, hostage.

Those calmer ones suggested coming up with a plan. There were many dangers, and the entire base would be destroyed if they didn't deal with them well.

But no matter who they were, they realized an issue.

The biggest crisis of Cloud Peak was here.

Chapter 232: Start to attack

Late at night, all the higher-ups and core members of Cloud Peak were gathered together.

"Everyone has heard about the situation. There is no point in being angry. What we need to do is think of a solution." Xia Lei sat next to Ye Zhongming. She looked at everyone, and her usual smile was now a frosty expression.

"There is no point saying the usual stuff; let's discuss specifics."

Everyone focused, and no one spoke first. After all, any mistake and people would die. No matter what they did now, they had to be careful.

"We can decide which is more dangerous than the others and then solve them individually." Lu Yi was the oldest and most experienced here, so he was the first to speak.

Ye Zhongming nodded and was impressed. This Lu Yi was excellent; his thought process was really clear.

Looking at the paper, Lu Yi said solemnly, "The closest problem would be the group from Ying City Jail. If possible, we can use grain to trade for peace and send them away."

The others shook their heads.

The Ying City Jail people came because of what happened previously. They felt Cloud Peak was easy to bully, so they were here to extort them.

Trade grain for peace? They wanted to steal all your grain!

They won't let that happen, so they must fight Ying City Jail.

"Seems like everyone knows that we must fight this then, okay? After Ying City Jail's problem, we must solve the two factions holding our members hostage. We have to save our people!" Lu Yi's tone was firm, and everyone agreed.

This was what made everyone angry. The apocalypse was the same as peacetime. If one wanted to live, one had to fight for resources. It was okay if people ended up dying but holding people hostage would anger others. Compared to Ying City Jail which used others, the group wanted to wipe out East Mountain Village and Lou Family.

"As for the threat from Tech City Team, we can ignore them and wait for the other problems to be solved first."

Lu Yi placed the paper with all the information and said, "Finally, it would be the zombie horde problem. We will face a huge crisis if the zombies don't change their path. This is more problematic than other things, as the zombies won't retreat. Either we wipe them out, or we get broken into. Apart from that, there was no more third possibility."

After digesting Lu Yi's words, everyone looked at Ye Zhongming. They had an idea, but how to execute it was down to him.

"Do you have information about Meng Lin?"

"Yes!"

Xia Lei nodded, "Ying City Jail's Zhang Dalong has five heads under him. Meng Lin is one of them; he isn't the strongest but the weakest. He is average. He has 200 men under him, which he brought over this time. He is a two-star evolved, and his job is unknown. He has 50 one-star evolved and dozens of guns with unknown amounts of bullets."

"I know you pay close attention to Ying City Jail. We spent two evolution potions. Yuan Shang, that fellow, earned ten potions from us during this period. All of his men are nearly about to become evolved."

Ye Zhongming nodded. He touched the table, and ten potions appeared.

The core members knew their boss had space equipment, so they weren't shocked. But the others seeing this for the first time, were shocked and had never seen such a magical thing.

"Little Tiger, tell the normal soldiers about attacking Zhang Dalong. Select those who are willing to go and then give them potions. If it is not enough, then ask for more from me. Remember, select them first and then give them the thing."

Little Tiger stood up and walked out with the potions. Along with the five Ye Zhongming gave Mo Ye, Little Tiger had 15 one-star potions on him. This was a sizeable sum.”

“Master Le and your helpers stay; Tang Tian and Candy stay. When we are not around, the base is up to you.”

Seven one star evolved to defend the base; this was already really little. But in desperate times, they needed to use people in many areas, so this was all they could do.

“If someone attacked the villa, if you can defend it, then defend; if not, then retreat. Don’t risk your lives, okay!”

Le Dayuan and Candy were the most critical parts of Ye Zhongming’s plan so that nothing could happen to them.

After saying that, Ye Zhongming looked at Mo Ye and the others, “The others, get ready; our fight is about to begin!”

“Since the danger couldn’t be avoided, we will wipe them out!”

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Yuanshang looked at the back view and was speechless.

He returned right away when he got news from Cloud Peak. This was a massive piece of business, and they were very generous. No matter what, he could trade it for potions as long as it was useful. He had gotten ten and six immunity potions in the short half a month.

These things did help them get much stronger.

Although they knew Cloud Peak was in trouble, Yuanshang didn’t want them to fall like that. He would try his best to help so that they could hold on.

But... That didn’t mean that he was willing to sacrifice a lot.

But, after he rushed back here, what happened was that he was surrounded by a few hundred.

Then... Then a guy with an excellent attitude stole all their explosives, including the one he kept as a last resort.

Yuanshang wanted to kill Ye Zhongming but knew that if they fought, he would lose.

He had no choice but to hand over all his bullets.

His heart was bleeding; this was all he had saved up.

But that guy’s words made him feel better, and he gambled.

“Once it ends, I will give you a two-star potion.” That annoying guy said that.

Yuanshang yielded. He looked at his back view, and for the first time, he prayed and hoped that the young Cloud Peak could survive this danger.

Chapter 233: Assassination



Meng Lin hollered, and a sense of joy charged from his limbs up to his head, making him feel like he was floating once more.

He lay on the soft female's body and took a few deep breaths before standing up.

In a giant sleeping tent, three girls were naked and had already fallen asleep.

Using many people's standards to judge him, he wasn't a good person. He came out to work when he was 14 and ended up in juvenile prison after he tried to rob someone. After coming out, he didn't learn from his mistakes and got even worse. Fighting was something familiar, and he came in and out of prison. Until he was 23, when he killed someone by accident and was given life imprisonment, and was sent to the Ying City Prison.

This trip was 12 years, and he was already 35 years old today.

He planned to stay there until he was old, but who knew the apocalypse would arrive?

The world was in chaos, and naturally, the jail was too. The people that guarded them had turned into zombies, and some were beaten to death. The famous Zhang Dalong became their leader, and after they fought, evolved, etc., Meng Lin followed him.

He was among the influential people in Ying City Prison, with 200 people under him. He got everything he wanted and had the power to kill anyone he wanted.

The apocalypse was hell for many others but heaven for him.

Just like moments ago when he had fun with these three women. One was a third-rate star from Ying City, a beautiful white-collared worker and the daughter of a rich man.

Could he play with such women before the apocalypse such that they didn't even dare to say a single thing?

Impossible!

These three women wouldn't even look at him.

But now they were all his!

Meng Lin loved the apocalypse. Even if he died after the sun rose, he felt it was worth it.

He walked out of the tent and saw a slight bit of sunlight in the distance. A new day had started. Although he hadn't slept and did some tiring things, he didn't feel tired. He thought about killing an unknown new faction today and getting precious grain. He could make Black Dragon feel good and felt perfect about that.

He heard the snoring from the other tents, and he laughed and scolded them for being pigs. He walked to one of the tents, took a bucket of water, and poured it down. The cold liquid flowed from head to toe and over his naked body, which made him feel so good that he wanted to shout out loud.

Being able to use water like this was one of his rights.

That trash Hu Qian said there was a beautiful influencer at Cloud Peak and a young working woman. He hoped the kid didn't lie to him; if not, he would find someone to burst his ass!

Just as he was thinking about that and felt the feeling of water flowing down his body, he heard footsteps.

It should be a sentry walking over to say hi to him. These guys were vicious when fighting, and they were also good at sucking up.

Meng Lin placed down the bucket and wanted to see who it was.

But instantly, his hair stood on its ends, and killing intent covered him!

Close to two months had passed, and Meng Lin had killed many people. If it didn't reach 100, then it would be around 80. As such, he was very sensitive to killing energy.

Almost instinctively, he released his grip and allowed the bucket to fall to the ground. He shouted and waved his right hand, which wore a ring.

Meng Lin knew that he was being sneak attacked. It was a life-and-death moment, and he couldn't care so much. He used his trump card.

A transparent ball appeared around him and wrapped him inside.

"Yi. Protector Energy Shield?"

The person who sneak attacked said that. Shortly after, Meng Lin heard his equipment energy shield be broken.

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Next was the bone-chilling but scorching blade light.

Meng Lin cried out, and his body flew out. His upper body was covered in blood.

But Meng Lin was still a two-star evolved. He ignored the injuries on his body and rolled to the side to dodge the second blade light.

He used all his strength to stand up and finally saw the person who sneak attacked him.

A 20-year-old young man.

But the young man performed far better than his looks which shocked him. His cold eyes were also filled with killing intent.

"Da! Da! Da!"

Meng Li roared. Although only a few seconds had passed, his shouts had alerted the people in the camp, and people headed out from their tents. He knew he needed to hold on for a while, and his men would crush this sneak attacker.

His body started to grow, and in a blink, he went from 1.8 meters tall to a 3-meter tall small giant.

"Low-grade giant blood?!"

The sneak attacker was shocked. He didn't expect that this guy had such a precious bloodline ability.

"Good that you know. Your death date is here!"

Meng Lin hollered in rage. He ignored the huge wound sliced before his chest and punched the enemy.

As he wanted to kill Meng Lin, the sneak attacker was just 2 meters away. That punch was quick and vicious, and Meng Lin knew it would hit. With the speed and the current distance, there was no way the sneak attacker could dodge it.

Where was the giant bloodline's advantage? Strength!

But when it was about to hit, he felt his eyes go blank, and he lost vision of the sneak attacker. There was a cold feeling on his neck. He wanted to dodge but felt like something had wrapped his legs. He glanced, and a half-transparent water man hugged his legs so he couldn't move.

At a crucial moment, Meng Lin used all his potential. He used his arm to block in front of his neck. There was intense pain, and half his arm was sliced off. He roared for the third time today.

"Low wariness, low experience, what a waste of the bloodline." The sneak attacker said, but his movement didn't stop. Meng Lin felt pain in his back, and then his body went numb. His strength started to disappear. He knew that his spine was broken.

"Boss!"

"Brother Meng!"

"Who is that?"

The others were awakened, and they ran over here. Ten seconds had passed since the start, so it was already good that these people were out here.

The sneak attacker laughed coldly and grabbed Meng Lin's hair. He dragged him while using him to block the guns. He tossed Meng Lin and disappeared into the forest when he reached a spot.

"Boss, what happened?"

The others came to protect their injured boss, and very few cared about that killer. The sky had just lit up, so they couldn't see anything. To chase someone who dealt massive injuries to their boss, wasn't that them asking for death?

"Boss, what did you say?" everyone gathered here. Hu Qian shouted and placed his ear close to his mouth.

"... Hide..."

"What? Hide?"

In the next second, all of them flew into the sky.

The explosives under Meng Lin exploded.

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Ye Zhongming rode a motorcycle towards the lake island.

Chapter 234: Our boss said

Xia Lei stood 20 meters before the gachapon and squinted her eyes as she looked at it. She was calm, and no one knew what she was thinking.

Behind her stood all the people in Cloud Peak that could fight!

This was the East Mountain Village!

Uncle Hai and his men were standing there warily. Their expressions weren't very nice compared to the woman with a devilish body.

Since they knew that Cloud Peak had attacked Yingchun Grain Storage, Uncle Hai was tempted. He had thoughts in his mind; some were good, but more of them were terrible.

But Uncle Hai didn't think that it was wrong of him to do that. It was the apocalypse, so what was good? If he were weak, he would be bullied until he could not even keep his life. If Cloud Peak weren't strong enough, those grains would end up in the hands of others, so why not take it?

Moreover, things were such a coincidence. Uncle Hai was digesting the losses from the battle at the gun storage, and someone from Cloud Peak found their way over.

He told people to talk to Lu Yi while buying over some of his men to get news about Cloud Peak.

Although Uncle Hai spent his whole life farming, he was brilliant. His ability to lead the East Mountain Village showed how skilled he was.

He learned that Cloud Peak suffered huge losses in the granary battle, with only 20 over evolved.

Twenty evolved; Uncle Hai didn't care about them.

He relied on the wheel in front of the village and the level two wheel deep in the village to strengthen the entire group. Even after those people died in the battle, they still had over 60 evolved!

Uncle Hai himself and the villager, who was a smith, were two-star evolved!

He was unafraid of the group with only a third of their number.

Moreover, Lu Yi only brought five evolved. If they captured these five, Cloud Peak would have over ten evolved; why would one need to be afraid of them?

Thus Uncle Hai gave the orders to lock them down and threaten Cloud Peak to take grain to trade.

Uncle Hai was not worried about there being problems. Either Cloud Peak took grain to trade for them, or they would attack Cloud Peak. The outcome would still be the same.

When everything was settled, he would kill those who he had to kill and absorb those who he wanted to absorb. East Mountain Village would get much stronger. At that time, he would exceed Lou Family and Tech City Team and would be able to stand off against those from Ying City Jail.

But what Uncle Hai didn't expect for Cloud Peak to send people over. They also looked like they would kill them if they didn't hand their members over.

When Uncle Hai, who was previously mocking them for not knowing their strength, saw this group, his heart sank.

The intel was wrong!

It was a huge mistake!

Besides the level two pet mentioned, Uncle Hai noticed two two-star evolved! As someone of the same level, he was sure of that.

Which meant that there were three two-star evolved in this small team! The strongest Cloud Peak leader was also not here yet.

Four level two evolved, which sent a chill down his spine.

He was someone of that level and knew the gap between a two-star and a one-star evolved. In terms of high-level strength, East Mountain Village was suppressed.

As for number of evolved... Uncle Hia wanted to kill the person that he had paid.

Didn't he mention that they had only a dozen over evolved left? But look at how many evolved there were here. Over 50!

Not including the five that he took down and those that they left at home, they still had over 50 evolved here.

If they included all of them? Their number of evolved would be the same, and they even had more evolved than them.

This was the ten evolved that the intel mentioned. The gap was so huge.

What Uncle Hai worried about was not only that. Over 200 armed forces were gathered here. Although most of them were holding iron spears, he felt dizzy because they all shone a grey light. How were they going to live like that? Close to 200 grey weapons?

Also, the leading evolved. Each had a spear and also a blade on their back. White-colored blade! A dozen of them! Uncle Hai hid the cigar pipe. He was already ashamed of that weapon that he was so proud of previously.

East Mountain Village had its smith. Looking at what was happening, he didn't even need to think, and he knew they also had a smith. It was also a much better smith than what they had.

Could such a team be weak?

Uncle Hai felt like he had grown more white hair in just a short time.

He regretted his decision and knew that he was rash.

But things had already developed to such a state, and they had to solve it. He sighed and slowly walked toward the team, giving them colossal pressure.

When he got close to the wheel, a red dot moved around his face, and he started to sweat. The people behind him began to shuffle.

Damn! There was a sniper!

Uncle Hai sucked in a deep breath and tried to calm himself down. He walked to that hot woman.

Her eyes spun and landed on his old face.

Evolution could slow aging; the higher the evolution level, the more effective that effect was. Once one passed eight stars, one's look would become permanent.

But evolution won't allow one to turn young again. What you were when you evolved would be what you looked like after you evolved. So Uncle Hai or Lu Yi, who evolved when they were old, would maintain an aged appearance after they evolved.

"Our East Mountain Village is unhappy with your actions; if you don't leave, we will treat it as you provoking us. You will pay the price for your actions."

Uncle Hai felt like his words had style; in the past, the news reported things like this.

He didn't expect that beautiful woman to look away. She crossed her arms to squeeze her massive chest. It was as if she was speaking to the air, but her words made Uncle Hai furious.

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"Our boss said, release them and take out 20 modified guns as compensation. If you do that, we are still friends."

Chapter 235: Fool that came to find someone

In the damp basement, Lou Xiaoyu was panting while holding a whip.

As an evolved, there weren't many things that could make him pant. Apart from doing happy things with a woman in bed, only teaching this twin-faced lady a lesson could tire him.

"You won't speak?" Lou Xiaoyu pushed her chin up with the whip and looked at her bloodied and ugly face, "You don't have to say, and we still know. Cloud Peak, right? We got the news right away. Do you think there are things about Cloud Peak that we don't know about?"

"If you know your place, tell us how many evolved there are. How many guns and how many two star evolved? Are there people with jobs? As long as you tell us these, we will let you go; how about that?"

The woman just looked at him coldly before closing her eyes. For some reason, that made Lou Xiaoyu furious.

He tortured her for nearly a day, and she said nothing! Her body was being hit so severely by the whip. How could she not make a single sound through all that pain and torture?

When his father handed this woman, who was said to be a two-star evolved, over to him, he slapped his chest and said he could get the intel in just a few hours. So much time had passed, and he got nothing.

His father had more than one son!

If he couldn't even do such a simple thing, if there were two-star evolution potions, could he get it? When he thought about that, he felt a little bit anxious.

"Pa! Pa! Pa!"

He continued to whip her, and a dozen more wounds appeared on her body. This was a two-star evolved. If she was an average person or even a one-star evolved, with heavy injuries and now all these whip wounds, she would have died.

"Are you going to speak? Speak! Speak!"

A shout would follow each whip as Lou Xiaoyu vented his frustration.

He got tired from whipping her, but it was as if that woman didn't know what pain was. She looked at him with a calm lifeless gaze that sent a chill down his spine.

"Okay, you aren't speaking, right?" Lou Xiaoyu's eyes turned red like a furious bull.

"I will taste the feeling of an ugly woman today! Ugly is okay, isn't your body nice? Your injuries are fine, isn't that hole still okay?"

Lou Xiaoyu felt like if he couldn't force her to say anything, he might lose the chance to evolve to two-star first. That made him mad.

He placed Xia Bai down and tossed her onto the wooden bed. Although he was on the verge of losing his mind, he didn't forget that she was two-star evolved. Even if she was severely injured, she was still really dangerous.

He took needles and a hammer from beside him and pressed one arm onto the board. He pinned right into her bloody palm!

Next was the other hand.

Although Xia Bai's body was covered in blood and dirt, she was still pinned onto the bed.

But her gaze was still really calm. She looked at the guy torturing her like she was looking at a dead person.

Lou Xiaoyu opened his mouth slightly. He reached to grab her clothes. He thought about it; he would do her once and then threaten her with the other half of her face to make her speak up. If not, he would disfigure her. Then burn her, burn her to death!

At this point, the door was pushed open, and someone walked in. Lou Xiaoyu turned his head and hollered for that person to scram!

The person shivered and stumbled beside Lou Xiaoyu. He said softly, "Second Young Master, a person came over to the lake and said he was here for this woman."

En?

Lou Xiaoyu woke up and blinked his eyes.

"Go, follow me to take a look!"

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Lou Family always lived in the heart of the lake and relied on this lake to live. During peacetime, a dam was built here.

The country was unified, and the races were very connected. Apart from registration documents, the difference between races was minimal. But there were still some unique places where minority races were maintained.

Lou Family was one of them. Due to their unique geological position, their family structure was maintained, and even some martial art techniques were passed down.

Compared to a closed environment, courage and unity allowed Lou Family to get strong quickly. Especially after finding two wheels on the island, the race could fight against mutated lifeforms.

If not for one of them being level one and the other being a level three one that they couldn't use yet, Lou Family would be much stronger.

At least they wouldn't have to rely on Soul Merchant to get two-star potions.

Lou Zhengxiao was the family head. In the apocalypse, he started to look like a real ruler. He worked with the mysterious Soul Merchant and did some underhanded things to gain their protection and two-star evolution potions.

Lou Zhengxiao naturally wasn't one to get bullied and ordered around by others. He was resisting. Once the race had more two star evolved and they got stronger, he would hunt level three lifeforms. He would use their wheel to help their race walk onto the path of three-star evolved. At that time, Ying City Jail, East Mountain Village, etc, other factions. Even that Soul Merchant would get trampled under their feet.

But they had to take things slow now, and he had to resist.

But things were quite fun today. Since he brought that woman to the island, he got news from Soul Merchant that she was from Cloud Peak. It was a person from the faction that occupied that place.

After which, before he could get new information, someone came for this woman.

The lake island was easy to defend and hard to attack, so a sneak attack was impossible. The vast and clear lake and people could see them far away. Lou Zhengxiao learned about the news and waited for the person to come to shore. While impressed by his courage, Lou Zhengxiao also felt like this person was fortunate.

This lake had mutated animals. When Lou Family headed out, they would occasionally get attacked. But they were primarily fine due to their strong boats and combat strength. But for him to swim over alone and not get eaten was definitely down to luck.

Of course, to Lou Zhengxiao, this young man was a fool. He came alone for a woman; what difference was that from death? Not only would he not save her, but he would die here.

He let his few kids and subordinates handle this matter. He sat in the ancestral hall with his eyes closed. He played with some pearls and considered the development of the family.

When Lou Xiaoyu rushed out hurriedly, his big brother Lou Xiaofeng, younger brother Lou Xiaohao and sister Lou Xiaoling were all gathered. They heard their father's words. The few uncles evolved and were strong. They were sitting here. Many Lou Family warriors and members were gathered here.

"Second brother, father, let us handle this, so we must do it well. We can't be like you. You spent a day and can't even open her mouth. You are so stupid."

Younger brother Lou Xiaohai relied on his mother's love to look down on this second brother. Seeing him come out, he mocked him. This made Lou Xiaoyu even more annoyed. He just looked at his father, whose eyes were closed and didn't make a sound.

That beautiful teen Hungry Tiger Cavalry Young Master Yun called Sister Ling looked at her three brothers and shook her head. She sat down and ate the snacks that they found previously.

She might be a girl, but her spear skills were the best out of the four children. After she evolved, she was the strongest and that caused her status to be high.

"Where is that fool? Bring him over for me to see!"

Lou Xiaoyu didn't fight with his younger brother, and his attitude towards the other people in the family without status wasn't good, so he grumbled to drag the guy in.

A person ran out to bring him in.

A moment later, a young, empty-handed, wet man entered the hall.



Lou Zhengxiao opened his eyes and glanced at Ye Zhongming. He said to a member of the race to tell him to be wary of this outsider.

But in his heart, he didn't care much about it.

So what if he was two-star evolved? There were three two-star evolved here! Moreover, half of the warriors here had automatic rifles and hunting guns. The other half had spears. Even if there were two level two evolved here, they could kill them.

Even a two-star evolved would die to random gunshots at such a close distance.

"I came to find a person."

Ye Zhongming said calmly.

Lou Xiaoyu heard that tone, looked at his expression, and got furious.

Damn, your female partner was the same just now, and you too? So infuriating!

He walked over and stood in front of Ye Zhongming. He hollered, "You say you are finding someone, so what? Who are you? Who are you looking for? That woman is as calm as you, I whipped her 500 times today, and she still acted calmly like you. If you continue like this, I will whip you 500 times too!"

"Do you understand?"

He said each word sentence by sentence. Each time he said that, he tapped Ye Zhongming's face and gave out three slaps.

"This means that she is here." Ye Zhongming kept the same expression and muttered to himself.

Lou Xiaoyu cursed and pointed at Ye Zhongming's nose, "I will let you know that our Lou..."

"Peng!"

Chapter 236: Killing one person a step

Gunshots could be heard in the sky above the heart of the lake. It reverberated in the ancestral hall that was sacred to Lou Family.

Be it the people here to see the fun or the warriors here to watch the show. Or Lou Xiaoling, who was eating snacks now on the floor. Or the younger brother Lou Xiaohai who was looking on and teasing or big brother Lou Xiaofeng. Or Lou Zhengxiao, who was chanting while holding the Buddhist beads, they all looked at the motionless and headless body, and they couldn't react.

Ye Zhongming didn't place the gun down at all. It was as if the person who killed wasn't him. He walked forwards slowly, and he walked while aiming at Lou Xiaofeng, who was closest to him.

Peng!

The second shot. Lou Xiaofeng, who a second ago was looking at his younger brother, who died now, was the same as him. His head exploded, and he lay bloodied on the ground.

The difference was that this time the Lou Family saw clearly.

"Kill him!"

One of the uncles stood up and pointed at Ye Zhongming, about to take his third step.

Only then did the Lou Family come to their senses, and those warriors pulled the trigger.

A transparent barrier wrapped Ye Zhongming's body. The bullet landed on it and gave out an eye-catching white light.

Ye Zhongming naturally wouldn't leave Meng Lin's Protection Energy Barrier lying there. That fellow was already dead. Even if he was alive, such equipment was a waste on him.

The barrier was excellent defensive equipment using a white ring as a medium. In his last life, survivors often used this thing as a bullet shield.

The user's mental energy would activate the energy barrier. Each time one was attacked, one would consume a certain amount of mental energy based on the strength of the attack. But the attack couldn't exceed the defensive limit of the barrier. If not, it would get broken.

Ye Zhongming used the Flame Blade to attack Meng Lin. That fellow also used the barrier, but it shattered shortly. That was because the Flame Blade's attack strength was above the upper defensive limit of the ring.

The bullet's strength wasn't as high as the stacked attack of Flame Blade and Moon Edge. It hit the barrier and only gave out a white light. Each assault rifle bullet would cause his mental energy to drop by five.

Meng Lin was wasting a treasure as it was impossible for him to eat a Brain Bug. Moreover, Ye Zhongming had many jobs, so his mental energy was high. Because he had a low-level giant bloodline, this thing would make Meng Lin a living target. In intense battles, it would lose its effect. But Ye Zhongming was different. He was agile, and he had high mental energy. One had to hit him while he was moving quickly to break this shield. This was hard to do.

But Ye Zhongming didn't plan to dodge at all. Today he was going to wipe out Lou Family.

Peng.

Ye Zhongming fired a third bullet. Lou Xiaohai mocked his brother and fought with him to get the next two-star potion. Even if he dodged, his head was still hit. He died on the same day as the brother that he disliked.

"I will kill you!"

He opened his eyes when the first son was killed, got up when the second died, and roared when the third was dead. Lou Zhengxiao had gone mad.

He didn't expect to witness his three sons dying simultaneously one day. As a father, there was also nothing he could do.

Cruel?

Right, it was very cruel. But this was the apocalypse. When you offended others, you had to be prepared to get destroyed. The apocalypse was different from peacetime. Karma was a real thing. If you won, it was because you were skilled; if you lost, you were not skilled enough. You couldn't blame others.

If Ye Zhongming couldn't charge onto the island, then his subordinates would just get killed one after another. His base would get occupied, and people would laugh at him. If he were lucky, he would die quickly; if he were not, he would get tortured.

This was reality.

Maybe Ye Zhongming pitied other humans because he felt that if they wanted to solve the mysteries, he needed the support of others.

But this didn't mean that other humans could take advantage of him. It didn't mean that they could offend him without paying the price!

That wasn't his principle.

He could allow humans to flip open the apocalypse, but if others weren't on the same side as his faction and him, he wouldn't hold back and wipe out those who dared to block his path.

No matter who it was!

Since Lou Family dared to offend him, they would have to face his rage. If they couldn't take it, then they would all die.

There was nothing unfair. That was because Ye Zhongming was alone. He was at far more significant risk than Lou Family. If he made a mistake, he would be a dead person.

At this moment, a giant claw appeared in the sky and slapped down at Ye Zhongming. This yellow claw covered the sky above, and there was an intense sound of wind whistling.

Ye Zhongming's pupils constricted, and he kept the energy barrier. He used a wooden stick to replace it.

Staff of Nature! Water Bottle Protection!

A female figure appeared around Ye Zhongming. Those bullets shot into her body like they shot into the water and became slow before they fell to the ground. The exquisite bottle was so gentle as it hit that giant claw.

Hong!

There was an instant explosion, and the entire hall was shaking.

The claw disappeared, and that female figure dimmed, but it was still protecting Ye Zhongming.

Peng!

A 4th gunshot was fired, and the uncle that first called for him to be killed was attacked.

Ye Zhongming took his 4th step, and a few dozen spear shadows stabbed the blue figure.

Lou Family's spear technique shocked him for the first time today.

With the lead of several grey spears, those spear shadows were solid and no weaker than guns. It seemed like this Lou Family did have some trump cards.

As for that claw, it was a skill called Heaven Covering Qilin Claw. It was strong, and Ye Zhongming didn't expect it to appear on the body of a two-star evolved.

Water Bottle Protection finally shattered. The Lou Family members were bloodthirsty, and they wanted to kill the guy who killed a person with every step he took. But when they saw the situation, they all stopped.

A black gun was pointed at their family head.

Chapter 237: Retreating perfectly fine

Lou Zhengxiao's body was shaking.

He wasn't afraid, but he was furious.

He watched as his three sons were killed. He tried to attack him, but it was easily blocked. Moreover, his attack made him much closer to that guy.

Who knew that the person who he wished he could consume his flesh and drink his blood was so quick? His body flashed, and he was beside him. Lou Zhengxiao, a little slower due to the pain of losing his son, was not careful, and now the guy had a gun held up to his head.

He looked at the guy whose body occasionally had water droplets sliding off of his body and noticed that he had at least three wounds, but due to his two-star evolved body, it stopped bleeding. The lake water cleaned the blood and revealed white injuries.

He was injured. He was attacked when he crossed the lake. He was still human, and he wasn't a god.

"Release her."

He ordered as coldly as when he killed one person every step.

"Wishful thinking!"

"You will die here today!"

Lou Xiaoling charged to Ye Zhongming's side, but that figure turned behind her father and looked at her coldly.

"I won't die here, but if you don't release her, all of you will die."

Ye Zhongming stuck the nature staff to the ground and opened the defensive energy barrier. He used one hand to take off the gem that had turned dim and placed another ice-blue gem. Instantly, enormous energy flowed from it, which caused them to retreat in terror.

"This..."

Many of the Lou Family evolved and were astonished. Although they didn't know what that was, they knew Lou Family would be leveled to flat ground if this energy was used.

"Nature... Staff?"

Lou Zhengxiao's eyes jumped. He recognized the thing that Soul Merchant had once sent out information for and had asked people to find. He didn't expect it to land in this person's hands.

“Good that you recognize it.” Ye Zhongming held the gun with a stable grip. The other hand grabbed his shoulder, and this Lou Family head instantly felt like his body was controlled.

“Let her go, or you will die.”

Lou Zhengxiao sucked in a breath and tried to calm himself down. He said hoarsely, “I can’t deny that you are strong. Your Staff of Nature is strong, but we can risk our lives too and fight back. You know that I am not lying. Lou Family has many people, and your trump cards are all out, right? If you dare to kill me, maybe Lou Family will cease to exist, but you will die here too.”

Ye Zhongming was strong, and he charged in alone. But he used all the moves he could use. If Lou Family had gone all out, his hopes of survival today were low. Nature Staff’s Blue Snow Lotus was strong and could kill level three mutated lifeforms that were gathered together. Not to mention Lou Family, no one in this region could block that move.

But it had restrictions. It had a distance and a range. This meant that if Ye Zhongming couldn’t kill all of them at once, he would face their endless attacks.

The Lou Family warriors had used many bullets, which consumed much of his mental energy. Even if he had the energy barrier but how long could he last?

Moreover, he had to save Xia Bai.

So Lou Zhengxiao had an accurate judgment. If everyone went all out, both sides would suffer huge losses.

“You are right.” Ye Zhongming smiled, “But so what?”

So what?

Lou Zhengxiao, Lou Xiaoling, and the other Lou Family members were stunned.

Right, so what?

You said that if both sides went all out, it would be good for no one, but they didn’t say they wanted to go all out. He came to find someone and not to kill everyone. He didn’t want to; he came to ask for his woman!

Lou Zhengxiao’s face turned red from rage. He hadn’t felt so frustrated before. He looked at the corpses of his son and couldn’t take the sadness. He spat a mouthful of blood and felt pain in his neck before fainting.

Ye Zhongming held up Lou Zhengxiao’s body, “Release her.”

At this point, everyone focused on Lou Xiaoling. The other three young masters were dead; she was the only heir.

Tears appeared in her eyes, and she stared at Ye Zhongming, “Release her.”

A moment later, Xia Bai was carried up. When Ye Zhongming saw her, his eyes squinted.

“Release my dad, and you can go.”

Lou Xiaoling held her spear, and her tone was filled with hatred.

“No, let someone carry her and follow me. After we cross the lake, I will release him.”

Ye Zhongming shook his head. Xia Bai was in a bad state. If not for her resilience, she would have died long ago. Even if she could open her eyes, she was in a bad state. To bring such a person out of here was too difficult.

Moreover, someone dragged a cannon over. Although it looked old, like it was built many decades ago, it could be used since someone dragged it over. This cannon shot would definitely kill Ye Zhongming.

“You are shameless!”

Ye Zhongming smiled, “It is the apocalypse. Do you want to talk about morals? Even then...”

He pointed at Xia Bai, “You guys aren’t any better.”

“I am in a rush; either I kill your dad and kill my way out, or you agree to my conditions. Be quick.”

Lou Xiaoling had never been humiliated like that before. She stared at this guy and wanted to imprint that face into her soul. One day she would personally kill him.

“Follow what he said.”

A Lou Family warrior carried Xia Bai and followed Ye Zhongming, who was dragging Lou Zhengxiao. They left the hall and walked to the lake before boarding a ship. Under their gazes filled with hatred, they headed to the other side.

“I will kill you; I will kill you!” Seeing their enemy further away, Lou Xiaoling shouted like a mad person. She stabbed her spear into the lake water.

Ye Zhongming hid carefully behind Lou Zhengxiao and looked at the figure, slowly blurring out. He scoffed and then said, “I will wait.”

Behind him, the Ying City sunset showed its broken shadow.

Chapter 238: Uncle Hai's fear

"You won't kill me?"

Lou Zhengxiao's body felt soft. He didn't know what this guy did to his body and didn't want to know. What he cared about was why he chose to release him.

If they were in each other's position, Lou Zhengxiao would choose to solve the problem at its roots.

Ye Zhongming carried Xia Bai and looked at Lou Zhengxiao. He smiled and then left.

"Family, Family Head, what does he mean?"

His expression was hideous. He was still filled with rage, but there was a glimpse of despair.

His race member didn't know, but he knew what that smile meant. He had treated other people like this before.

It was... Disdain.

He didn't even care about you. He knew that you would take revenge, but he didn't care. He had absolute confidence. Even if you tried to do things, you couldn't hurt him at all.

Lou Zhengxiao always felt like he was a strong figure in the apocalypse. Even if he was temporarily using Soul Merchant, he thought it was temporary as he didn't have a two-star gachapon. One day, he would stand in Ying City and look down on everyone. He might even get higher and look down on this province and country.

But Lou Zhengxiao realized that his thought was amusing. He couldn't cross many people, for example, the guy that left.

If not for him tying up his woman, what would the outcome be if their lake island clashed with Cloud Peak?

Even if he wasn't willing, he had to admit he was too arrogant. That arrogance wasn't shown on his face, deeply affecting his plans for the family. He didn't notice one thing, which resulted in losing his three sons.

It was maybe time to make changes.

"Let's go." Lou Zhengxiao told his other family member to drive the boat. He knew that he would take revenge, but he had no confidence. That was to give his three dead sons an answer.

Lou Zhengxiao didn't know that this answer would be strongly affected three days later when he heard the news about Cloud Peak.

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Xia Lei placed her fingers on her belt. Her four fingers tapped on her clothes.

In front of her was the hesitant Uncle Hai.

This standoff lasted a while, and Uncle Hai felt there was nothing to discuss. After all, the reason why the other factions were friendly was because they had a discussion previously.

Bargaining was something that was good during peacetime and was even more suitable now.

Not every faction could afford losses. You would get swallowed up in such a situation if you were slightly weaker.

For example, Hungry Tiger Cavalries who had suffered huge losses this time. Uncle Hai was sure they wouldn't survive for long. Either they joined others, or they would get wiped out. There was no other path they could take.

He thought that this woman and her faction were like that. They wouldn't clash with East Mountain Village. Even if strong, they would suffer losses in taking down East Mountain Village. Then they would get eaten by other factions.

So even if Cloud Peak tried to scare him into making a decision, he didn't panic.

But no matter what, this woman maintained this stance. Apart from her hands, her eyes didn't move at all.

Uncle Hai had to admit that she looked beautiful even if she was standing there like a commander. He admired her and felt like his advantage was flowing away.

He didn't know where that feeling came from, but it was like that.

"Ten modified guns, and we will release them. This is our bottom line. Yes or no? One word!"

Uncle Hai lost his patience and reduced the conditions that they brought up.

"Moreover, we won't disturb each other for the next half a year."

Xia Lei finally moved. She placed her hand down. She looked at Uncle Hai and smiled like a flower.

"Uncle, look at how nice things are; we are still friends, right?" Xia Lei smiled, "But your conditions still have to be changed."

Uncle Hai frowned.

"Don't be emotional." Xia Lei wasn't afraid, "My boss said that if you agree, then in the future, we wouldn't invade each other and will even become good trading partners."

"Of course, this will depend on your choice."

Uncle Hai was impatient because of this beautiful woman that was his daughter's age, "We can discuss this."

He waved, and a person walked over. Uncle Hai gave some instructions, and he left. A moment later, Uncle Lu and the others were released. Along with them were ten modified guns.

Xia Lei took a look. The modified gun was different from the ones that Ye Zhongming modified. Ye Zhongming's ones were changed in material, which made them different from regular guns.

But the ones here were different. These were changes in parts, strengthening the basic material.

Naturally, it wouldn't be as good as Ye Zhongming's, but it was slightly stronger than guns that weren't modified.

She let her men equip these guns and slapped her pants with no dust on them. Her hips shook, and it caused many of the young East Mountain Village teens to lick their lips.

"End!" Xia Lei snapped her fingers.

Uncle Hai squinted her eyes and smiled.

"Right uncle, remember to say hi to Hai Dong for us. The boss said that god closed a door for that person and would leave him a window. He is usually a little foolish, but who knew he would be such a talented smith? Looking at these guns, we know that his 'temper' skill is perfect. His future is limitless. That is such good news."

Xia Lei raised a thumb like she was impressed. She then waved goodbye to Uncle Hai and retreated into the forest.

"Uncle Hai, should we kill them?" That villager looked at Xia Lei with a tempted expression, but he still knew the side he was on.

Since he didn't get a reply, he tilted his head and saw that the guy whose reputation in the village was high and he was the strongest person here. Now his head was covered in sweat and filled with fear!



## Chapter 239: Target- Armory

Xia Bai waved her hands and looked at her wounds heal quickly. No matter how calm she was, she was still a little shocked.

This... How did this happen?

She just changed boots?

Ye Zhongming sat at a side and smiled.

Xia Bai was severely injured. If not for her being stubborn and her mind being different from ordinary people after that incident, she wouldn't have been able to hold on for so long. She would have long died from her injuries.

But even after Ye Zhongming saved her, there wasn't much hope of her surviving. Her body was severely damaged.

Without Park Xiuying, Ye Zhongming had only one way to save Xia Bai.

Blood Stepping Boots, Star Absorbing Satan.

There was a luscious forest near the dam. Standing here for a few hours with the boots would be enough if it were typical injuries.

But Xia Bai's injuries were too heavy. The twin brothers blew her up, and then Bei Zi hit her so severely that she lost her ability to fight back. She was whipped a few hundred times on the lake island and was just a step from death.

It was impossible to heal such injuries just from plants.

Fortunately, Ye Zhongming had a lot of experience. He used Xia Bai's blood and scent and mutated lifeforms moving in and out of the forest more at night. He used Moon Edge to help Xia Bai open a bed covered in flesh and blood.

It allowed her to absorb energy on this blood bed quickly.

At the start, Xia Bai couldn't even stand up. Ye Zhongming helped her to change her shoes and then helped her up. Xia Bai could stand on her own in just an hour.

But Ye Zhongming didn't explain anything, and Xia Bai didn't ask. But from her gaze, Ye Zhongming could see the gratitude and a desire to... Make him like her.

Ye Zhongming knew the phrase wasn't appropriate, but that was true. He had only seen such a gaze from Yellow Ball. That fellow looked like that when it shook its tail and begged for food.

How could a human have such a gaze? In the past, Ye Zhongming occasionally realized that she looked at him with a particular gaze. But he didn't think much about it. After all, he had saved her life and helped her go from an average person to a two-star evolved. She was grateful to him and loyal to him.

But after he saved her this time, her gaze became like that. She was like a pet looking at her only Master.

Ye Zhongming smiled. After being momentarily shocked, he understood what was going on.

It didn't matter, and there was nothing terrible about that. He needed someone like that who could live and die for him.

Footsteps could be heard as this woman walked down from the blood bed.

Ye Zhongming frowned. Two hours passed, and there weren't many high-level mutated lifeforms on the bed. That bit of time was not enough for her to heal up. Based on what he estimated, they probably needed to wait until the sky lit up for her to regain half of her combat strength.

"I am okay."

Xia Bai squatted beside Ye Zhongming like it was a travesty for her to stand taller than the sitting Ye Zhongming.

"I know Master is busy. I am okay."

Ye Zhongming looked at her and nodded.

"Ride this bike back to the base and tell them to send a team to that armory to move things. We can send fewer people, but we must have many cars."

Xia Bai nodded. She never asked why and she just needed to execute.

She bent down to want to return the boots, but he stopped her.

"Wear it, return it to me when you are recovered."

If it was Xia Lei, Ye Zhongming might joke and say that his leg wasn't smelly. But he really couldn't bring himself to make that joke to Xia Bai.

Ye Zhongming didn't let her take it off, so she didn't take it off. She turned to ride the bike.

"Bei Zi, I will slice his hands and feed them to the dogs!"

She stepped on the throttle and left.

He looked at her back view. This subordinate was good. After which, he moved towards the armory.

Ye Zhongming solved two crises. He was confident that Xia Lei would deal with East Mountain Village. Moreover, Ye Zhongming also told her a secret about East Mountain Village, and he knew that Uncle Hai wouldn't dare to say anything.

As for Ying City Jail, their attempt at crushing the villa was temporarily solved, and revenge wouldn't come so quickly. What they had to face would be that zombie horde.

Zombie hordes and beast hordes were the most terrifying things in the apocalypse. Even Ye Zhongming feared such things. People who had never been through such a thing couldn't imagine how scary it was.

Even if those zombies and mutated lifeforms were the lowest-level ones!

The theory was simple. Like a stampede, a 1.9-meter guy surrounded by thin 1.6-meter fellows. That strong guy could hit down one person after another, and he alone could deal with a few dozen. But during a stampede, his height was useless, and he would get forced down by thin people and then step to death.

The zombie horde was like that. Not to mention Ye Zhongming was just a two-star evolved. If he was three or four stars, he had to escape when he met a ten thousand-strong zombie horde.

Moreover, there wasn't a horde just made up of regular zombies. They were all a mix of higher leveled and low-level zombies. Such a horde was far more terrifying.

The intel said that there were more than twenty thousand. That might not be accurate, but the rough number should be okay. With their current strength, there was no way they could stop it.

But how would Ye Zhongming be willing to give up on such a great base?

Since that was the case, he could only fight.

Thus, Ye Zhongming turned his eyes to the armory the three factions failed to take down even after working together.

They could defend the base as long as they had enough guns and firepower.

What Ye Zhongming had to do was something that the three factions couldn't do.

It was tough. Ye Zhongming disagreed when Yuanshang asked him previously. Moreover, he was the only one now.

But Ye Zhongming felt he could do it, just that the sacrifices would be huge. But at this point, he had no choice.

The sun rose from the east; Ye Zhongming relied on the Stamina Fountain and spent a night running to the armory. He looked out and saw marks from the battle a few days ago."

A few short figures entered and headed out from the armory, and they would even make weird sounds.

Ye Zhongming sucked in a deep breath and jumped out from where he was hiding. He whistled toward the Demon Monsters in the distance!

Chapter 240: part 1- Fighting Demon Monsters for the first time

Wang Xia had a regular name, but she had a life far more than her name.

She had a husband that loved her and also a cute kid. She had a blissful family.

She also had an income that others would envy. The holiday planner she had wasn't huge, but it was enough to make her famous in the tourism trade in this province.

This was the final time Wang Xia and her husband were going to lead a tour before they got their second child. A company worker who gave her business hoped she would lead the tour, but who knew that the apocalypse would descend just like that?

Wang Xia felt like that week was the most terrifying nightmare she had gone through in her whole life. Those bloodied faces, those violent zombies. They were things that made her soul tremble.

But what she went through next made her feel like she had fallen into hell.

Humans fighting one another for food. Humans not hesitating to betray and give up others to live...

If not for Wang Xia still wanting to see her husband and child again, she would have just found a high-rise building to jump down. It was better than her living in hell every day.

Maybe heaven wanted her to see something more terrifying than hell as she bumped into the short green-skinned monsters.

Her nightmare had begun. These were demons from the 18 levels of hell.

After the apocalypse started, Wang Xia did get raped by other guys. She did want to die, but when these green-faced monsters got onto her, she went mad.

No matter what happened in the past, they were humans. However, those humans were no different from animals.

But these were monsters!

Wang Xia wanted to kill herself, but her hands were tied up. She could only think of one way: to bite on her tongue to die.

But she failed. She didn't break her tongue.

Apart from losing her ability to shout, she had to endure the pain from all over her body.

It was a few days when she wished the earth would explode every day. To her, this was the apocalypse. Facing zombies and monsters before was like heaven.

Ten days later, she was sent to a giant storage area.

She realized that there were many women like her and even female zombies! There were hundreds of them.

Her hands were pinned to the walls, and her legs were tied to pipes. She was tied to the wall in a very insulting and humiliating position.

The storage warehouse was dark; she knew this was similar to a basement. It was cold but not damp. Every day, those monsters would feed them. Human females got canned food and some bread, while the female zombies got flesh and meat pieces.

After half a month, she realized what this place was for.

The stomach of a female zombie got bigger. This zombie that transformed from a human was pregnant.

At that time, she felt like humanity had no hope. If you counted that she was pregnant since the start of the apocalypse, it was only a month. But looking at that stomach, she was about to give birth!

Shortly after, she realized that she was pregnant too. The feeling was different from when she had her son. She vomited the same day. She didn't know if it was her body's reaction or if she just felt disgusted.

Many women were like her. They cried when they realized that they were pregnant. Many of them went mad, but it was useless. Those monsters would still feed them and even give them some brown liquid.

The warehouse turned silent as the days went by, and after some time, more women would be sent here, and without exception, they were all pregnant. Wang Xia didn't know how the monsters knew they were pregnant. But the only ones who could enter the warehouse were pregnant women.

One day, the female zombie that was pregnant the earliest gave birth and Wang Xia was filled with despair when she saw it.

It was not a normal birth but one where the stomach exploded. A green monster jumped out and was covered in sticky liquid. It then ate the mother that gave birth to it.

Wang Xia lost her mind and went mad. When she woke again, a few days passed, and she realized her stomach was huge. Based on that female zombie, at most in one to two days, that green monster would pop out and eat her. She would become its nutrients.

Her chest was filled with dried juices and food. Wang Xia felt like she had lost her mind for nearly ten days.

“Those green monsters have grown taller.”

Another girl pinned diagonally across her saw that she was awake and said in a weak voice. Wang Xia and her were captured simultaneously, and she was pregnant a few days earlier than her. Her stomach was half translucent, and the monster's outline became obvious.

The green-skinned monsters would lift the clothing of those women about to give birth to reveal that part of the body. Wang Xia was in such a state too.

“Grew taller?”

Wang Xia's words were a little unclear. Although her tongue wasn't broken, she was severely injured. It didn't heal well, either. A stench spread from her mouth. She knew that even though the monster wasn't born, she didn't have a long time to live.

“En, they have grown, and they have been growing. Today I saw a two-meter-tall monster enter.”

That woman was a little tired. She wanted to say something, but she felt an intense pain in her stomach. She lowered her head to see the monster struggling. Suddenly, a thin but sharp green hand stabbed out and ripped apart her stomach. This monster jumped out. It sniffed and bit its 'mother's' neck, sucking on her blood. It then ate her body, leaving her hands and legs hanging there. After eating, it waltzed out of the warehouse.

Wang Xia was crying. She knew that this would be the final time she cried in her life.

Where the warehouse opened, there was some shuffling. Those monsters were furious. They charged out. No one knew what happened outside.

Wang Xia tilted her head and wanted to find out. But her weak body had caused her senses to weaken, and she couldn't deduce what was happening.

A cold chill spread, and she shivered. In her blur vision, she saw a young guy walk in.

Chapter 240.5: part 2- Fighting Demon Monsters for the first time

Ye Zhongming held Moon Edge, whistling as he charged into this military base.

The Demon Monster, who slept near the entrance, bumped into Ye Zhongming. It bared its fangs and charged at him.

His trauma against this monster from his last life still existed, but it was not as bad. This had to do with his thoughts since he revived.

In his last life, Demon Monsters were a race no one dared to test. With Ye Zhongming's identity, he might not have known much, so he just felt like they were terrifying. In this life, if he wanted to find an answer, this was a gap that he had to cross.

This Demon Monster was just over a meter. Among these monsters, apart from those who were just born weakest, it was the weakest. But even though weak, it was much stronger than a one-star evolved. When it reached 1.5 meters, it would reach the Demon Monster's second evolution, and it would be stronger than two star evolved.

Every 50 centimeters would be a massive increase in strength.

This Demon Monster was weak in the race, but to Ye Zhongming, its speed, and ferocity were stronger than human evolved. Those sharp claws instantly arrived in front of Ye Zhongming.

Moon Edge flashed, and its head flew out. It was strong but still not enough in front of Ye Zhongming.

But Ye Zhongming felt a pushback from Moon Edge. This Demon Monster's skin was really strong. Many Demon Monsters charged out from the gates.

Ye Zhongming roared and used Flame Blade. He had recovered some mental energy that he had used, which allowed him to use his strongest skill.

Some Demon Monsters were sliced into two immediately and turned into air from the high temperature.

That blade killed at least ten of them.

With a loud explosion, an iron gate flew toward Ye Zhongming, who was running forwards. A two-meter-tall figure appeared at the entrance. This Demon Monster that was the same as a level three monster had appeared.

Ye Zhongming dodged the gate and stopped when he saw that figure. He sliced left and right to kill the few Demon Monsters beside him before locking eyes on this fellow.

If there were other people here, they would notice that Ye Zhongming was serious.

Even when Cloud Peak was in danger recently, Ye Zhongming didn't look so serious.

The giant Demon Monster roared at Ye Zhongming in rage. Its vast arms hung low, and they were past its knees. Behind it, many Demon Monsters of different heights surged out. Ye Zhongming killed 20 monsters, and these intelligent monsters knew they were facing a strong enemy, so they surged out.

The high-level monster bent down, and its limbs touched the ground. It bounced up into the sky like a grasshopper, jumping over 20 meters and appearing above Ye Zhongming's head. It waved its arms at Ye Zhongming and wanted to rip this enemy into pieces.

It sniffed the delicious scent of this human. Eating him, and it would be 10 centimeters taller.

Ye Zhongming stared at this monster. Moon Edge slashed at it and gave out the sound of metal clanging. The monster cried out in pain, but its body still smashed down.

After Ye Zhongming killed the small Demon Monsters, he turned around, retracted his blade, and punched.

His fist hit that of the Demon Monster.

Kacha!

The Demon Monster blocked the blade light. Its sharp fingernails were sliced off, and that blade light left shallow wounds on his chest.

This proved that it was forced to punch its enemies apart from its strong defense. After their fists clashed, the Demon Monster's body paused and flew backward. It rolled twice before landing ten meters away. One of its fingers broke and was twisted weirdly.

Ye Zhongming flew back like he was hit. In truth, he just used that force to get some distance. But he didn't feel good either. His hand hurt, and his forearm probably broke.

No matter what, Ye Zhongming was a two-star evolved. His body couldn't compete with a level-three monster. If not for using the modified potion and learning some skills to control his muscles and his strength from Mo Ye and Xia Lei, he might have broken his entire arm.

They were a distance from one another. When Ye Zhongming raised his head, he saw another monster slightly shorter than this one. Besides it, there were also a few 1.5-meter fellows.

Ye Zhongming chose to flee. He turned towards where he came from.

In just that short while, over twenty of them died. The survivors attacking together only caused slightly more losses previously. How would these Demon Monsters even let him go?

Seeing him flee, the two two-meter-tall Demon Monsters roared at Ye Zhongming. The other Demon Monsters roared in reply and chased the enemy.

One hundred meters from the armory, Ye Zhongming stopped. He turned around and saw the Demon Monster horde.

Regarding speed, Ye Zhongming couldn't outrun these fellows without the Blood Stepping Boots.

But he smiled. A wooden staff appeared in front of him. An ice-blue gem was chiseled in the staff's middle, giving off a cold glow.

Blue Blood Lotus activate!

A giant lotus floated in the sky and spun. The beautiful leaves shot out and drowned the Demon Monsters at the back, drowning the sun in the distance.