

Apocalypse 551

Chapter 551: Picking corpses

Ye Zhongming wanted to pull Xia Bai from the golden light, but his body wasn't in a good state, and he couldn't do so.

The golden light spread on her body, and his heart sank.

He didn't know what harm that unknown light would do to her.

But before he could do anything, he saw the beasts in the grey mist acting up. Their furious roars surged into the clouds!

Hearing their voices, it was as if something precious to them was being stolen.

Finally, some beasts charged out of the grey mist. It was a level seven mutated sea lion. This usually friendly fellow became a vicious and terrifying presence—especially its two cold teeth with unknown ocean beast flesh hanging from it.

The moment this level seven sea lion appeared, it charged toward Xia Bai. It gave out a warning to tell Xia Bai to leave on her own.

Ye Zhongming knew he had to attack; if not, the woman willing to sacrifice herself for him would be killed.

He amassed some energy to jump beside her and carry her out of the golden light.

The shouts from the ocean beasts reduced.

Ye Zhongming couldn't care about anything else. He rolled a few times to get further away from the wheel.

He had realized why the ocean beasts would appear here.

The moment he carried Xia Bai out from under the wheel, the golden light shone on his body. He felt an unstoppable strength entering his body. His dry stamina had recovered by a tenth such that he could carry her easily.

A tenth of an evolved's stamina was a sizeable number.

Ye Zhongming touched her waist. As expected, the broken bone there had been reattached.

Xia Bai spent a dozen seconds under the light. If the light could heal injuries, it might have other effects. It was understandable why ocean beasts would try to fight for a position.

As expected, the sealion ignored them and charged toward the wheel.

But a dozen more high-level beasts appeared from around the wheel. The weakest one was level six, and most were level seven.

Ye Zhongming had to carry Xia Bai and retreat further. They were already at the edge of the grey mist.

“What is that?”

Xia Bai suddenly spoke. Ye Zhongming was stunned, “It should be the Ocean King Wheel.”

“Oh.”

She acknowledged and stopped speaking. Ye Zhongming lowered his head and awkwardly lifted his hand.

He was checking her injuries previously and then had to move with her. She was awake, and his hand position had changed. It was now covering half her chest.

He touched his nose, and he wanted to reduce the awkwardness. But he saw Xia Bai, who was not wearing the mask, look at him. That face caused a red tinge to appear on his face.

Ye Zhongming had to admit that touching his nose was a little perverted. It was as if he had purposely touched her and was sniffing it...

Xia Bai smiled and grabbed his hand, putting it back onto her chest.

A soft feeling occupied his mind.

“Maybe we might die in a while.”

Ye Zhongming was stunned, and he nodded. He hugged her tightly.

A few seconds later, the battle on the other side entered its most intense moment.

Each monster wanted to occupy the spot under the golden light. They used their strongest skills and moves.

The level six ocean beast was the first to be killed.

Although it was strong, it was not strong enough. Many ocean beasts were killed. A red-scaled monster with two horns lasted a few seconds in the golden light, and the situation was stabilized.

With the strong healing ability of the light, that level seven lifeform fended off the other injured beasts and became the final winner.

The dozen ocean beasts left the corpses and looked at the beast enjoying the golden light.

Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai were shocked, and they were very nervous.

The two of them knew that they had found a secret.

The majestic snake-like ocean beast spent a minute under the golden light. The injuries on its body were healed in just ten seconds. Its aura started to strengthen during the remaining time, shocking the two of them.

They were familiar with this feeling. It was the same as the Copper Ink Ocean Sunflower in the Taming Test Tube.

It proved what they guessed. Besides the demon crystal on its forehead, a second one appeared!

When the golden light disappeared, although that crystal wasn't as big as the first one, it was a third of it.

The snake roared unwillingly, but it drew a chain of roars. It looked back unwillingly before walking out.

It walked to the midpoint before turning towards Xia Bai and Ye Zhongming. The viciousness in its eyes was obvious.

Ye Zhongming prepared to use his trump card to fight to the death.

But who knew the monster would just glance before entering the mist and disappearing?

This...

Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai looked at each other and didn't know what had happened.

Two evolved above six stars were the best food source for mutated lifeforms. Why would it let them go?

"Golden light can heal and increase strength." Xia Bai's hand tightened.

"The mist seems to stop them. They can only enter the range of the wheel when the golden light appears." Ye Zhongming analyzed.

"Each beast leader has only one chance; they follow some rules."

Xia Bai straightened her back, and her eyes lit up.

"If we..."

The two said simultaneously and saw what each other wanted to do.

Ye Zhongming smiled, "Since we stumbled into this place, we can't return empty-handed."

Xia Bai nodded and pointed ahead. Ye Zhongming looked and smiled.

The black patch wasn't obvious, but the glow was still there. They saw a bunch of corpses around the wheel!

It was as if picking corpses was also a way to get rich...

Chapter 552: I just want to be closer to you

Although their strength hadn't recovered, they could move freely—especially Xia Bai. Ye Zhongming was carrying her, but actually, her body was in a much better state than his.

The two of them were dealing with the corpses in the mist...

"This should be an island."

Ye Zhongming stared at one level seven lifeform. Its remaining half-body was gory, but he was already used to it. Or rather, everyone in the apocalypse was used to it. No one would care about the blood if you gave ten thousand people a choice. They would only bother about getting the demon crystals and materials.

Ye Zhongming relied on his experience and some guesses and knew this should be an island. It was one wrapped in a grey mist, and on it was the Ocean King Wheel.

"There are 30 here, and I can't recognize some of them."

If Cloud Peak members were here, they would be shocked. They had never seen the female demon Xia Bai speak so sweetly and so many words. She didn't even wear a mask. The rumored face that was destroyed was gone, and what replaced it was a gentle and warm face. One could only see some coldness flash across her brow.

“It is okay; this is good enough.” Ye Zhongming looked at where she was and remembered the number.

“Why are you counting?”

Xia Bai completed her job and tossed the materials she collected together. She moved beside him and squatted behind him to see him use his dagger to slice off the spike that was in one of the corpses.

Ye Zhongming wiped using one of the clothes that Xia Bai handed him. He wanted to reply but saw that the cloth were special. He raised his head and rolled his eyes.

What was Xia Bai doing? How could he use such a thing to wipe his hands?

She smiled when she saw his reaction.

“The two of us split up to deal with these things, but what we are calculating is the time.”

Ye Zhongming replied casually. Xia Bai didn’t understand fully, but she thought about it and roughly knew what he was saying.

It referred to the time the battle took. For example, the battle that they witnessed was the latest one. Those corpses with dried blood and smelly corpses probably died a long time ago.

Ye Zhongming was experienced, and he had guesses based on these factors.

“We can’t walk out of the mist as we are trapped here, so we can only wait for the next time it opens up. I want to see how many beasts would die each time, and using the number of corpses, we can see how many high-level mutated lifeforms there are.”

Ye Zhongming looked around and still handed that soft lace thing to Xia Bai. She tossed it aside.

“If there aren’t many, we can continue to guard this place. If there are too many, we retreat?”

Xia Bai stood up. She was adapting to the light, so she squinted her eyes, and no one could tell what she was thinking.

Ye Zhongming nodded, “We came here to get rich and strengthen Cloud Peak. Be it the Secret Realm or to handle the revenge from Soul Merchant or Glory Army, we need to strengthen. If possible, I don’t want to leave so easily.”

“But the two of us are still in danger?” Hearing Xia Bai say that, Ye Zhongming was stunned. In his impression, this woman was never afraid of death.

“Right, but I don’t think it is so easy for us to die.”

Ye Zhongming stood behind the meat from the beasts and closed his eyes.

He activated the Star Absorbing Satan and Soul Refining Technique to recover his stamina and mental energy. Xia Bai didn’t know the Soul Refining Technique, but she needed her stamina and

mental energy to recover, too. She sat near him, hugging her legs while watching him stand there. Her eyes were dazed, and no one knew what she was thinking about.

The area around lit up, which kept Xia Bai alert. She took a look. Apart from the beasts out of the mist, there weren't any other abnormal points. But she knew this signaled that the Ocean King Wheel was about to start.

Looking at Ye Zhongming, she noticed his aura was climbing. In such a short while, he had healed a decent amount.

Xia Bai was delighted, but then her expression changed. She was struggling with something deep down.

Xia Bai was still a woman. She thought this was a rare chance for them to be alone. She thought about how they might die in the next round of attacks. She stood up and walked beside him. When he opened his eyes, she carried him up.

Ye Zhongming trusted all the core members, so he allowed her to do what she wanted. If you had to identify the most loyal members of Ye Zhongming, apart from Yellow Ball, it would be Xia Lei, Liang Chuyin, and Xia Bai.

He was happy with Xia Bai by his side, so he entered the meditation state without hesitation.

Who knew that Xia Bai would do this?

When Xia Bai pushed him to the edge of a mountain of shells, a sharp glow appeared in Ye Zhongming's eyes.

Humans were often stunned when they faced sudden situations during peacetime, but in the apocalypse, they would be wary and fight back.

So, Ye Zhongming's reaction was normal. But in the next second, his sharpness calmed down. He didn't know whether to laugh or cry a few seconds later. Then, he felt really comfortable.

He looked at her, kneeling in front of himself and helping him. He felt warmth in his heart. Xia Bai's abnormal actions before were perfectly explained.

Even if this woman became strong and her level increased, she still didn't feel a sense of safety. Things had happened long ago, but she was still in that nightmare.

When tears landed on him, he exploded. He felt like he was floating in the sky. He heard Xia Bai say two sentences, which made him pity her.

"I just want to leave a mark on your soul and body..."

"I just want to be closer to you."

Chapter 553: Why not useful

Ye Zhongming tossed all the useless materials into the Gate of Sacrifice, with Xia Bai looking at him from the side.

Their relationship suddenly developed, but that didn't make them awkward. On the contrary, things became more natural.

Girls and guys in the apocalypse often sleep together for normal or weird reasons, much less, they have shared experiences.

Ye Zhongming saw that Xia Bai was more natural in front of himself after this matter. As for how she behaved in front of others, he was not so optimistic.

Strictly speaking, everyone who survived the apocalypse had mental issues. It wasn't bad for Xia Bai to keep her two personalities.

After finishing all this, he felt like the sky was lightning up. The area around was brighter. But there was a wind, and they looked at one another. They knew that the wheel was about to activate.

Ye Zhongming pulled Xia Bai back to that spot.

The two of them had recovered—especially Ye Zhongming. With the Star Absorbing Stan and the Soul Refining Technique, his recovery exceeded Xia Bai, who was shone on by the golden light. In just half a day, he could get back to his peak.

The two of them waited quietly for the changes. They memorized everything useful; no detail could escape them.

Like before, a tornado blew the mist and opened the sky. Moonlight shone on the wheel, and the golden crown shone a golden streak of light.

Xia Bai was wary. She noticed Ye Zhongming run toward the outside of the mist, but he stopped, and his body bounced back.

He shook his head towards her to tell her that they couldn't get out.

It seemed like they had to think of another way.

The two of them didn't enter the golden light immediately. The ocean beasts didn't show signs of bothering about them. They started a fight to the death for the golden light.

They had seen such intense battles but were still shocked by it.

The attacks of mutated lifeforms were cruel, but scenes between a dozen humans wouldn't be as brutal and gory as this.

This was because the mutated lifeforms were more used to using their bodies to decide the outcome while humans cared about themselves.

It was as intense as the last time, but the difference was that a level seven six-armed naga was standing in the golden light a long time ago. It was so strong that it could fend off several waves from different directions. Although it kept getting injured, the golden light healed it. The other beasts roared furiously.

Either they killed the two-meter-tall naga or continued this battle of attrition.

Some intelligent mutated lifeforms started to regret it. The six-armed naga wouldn't be so arrogant if not for them killing a few of the beasts on the way to the wheel.

Ye Zhongming didn't attack. He was observing and calculating the time and the changes in the wheel.

The naga was the last one standing, and it mutated for the second time. The beasts left. The naga wanted to kill the two humans, but maybe the time didn't allow it; it left, too.

"13 minutes!"

The two of them said simultaneously. They had recorded the time it took since the wheel opened. It was the same.

A moment later, he signed.

"Seems like we have to leave after benefiting some small wins."

Based on what he estimated, it was also not an accurate guess. If the ocean beasts headed to the center city, the humans faced at least 30 level-seven lifeforms. This was enough to scare off anyone.

Although they didn't know if the monsters went to Cloud Port, if they all went there, they might siege together.

Ye Zhongming couldn't take that risk as he was responsible for their lives.

"Twice a night? Will it happen during the day?"

The truth proved that it would activate in the day, too!

This time, Ye Zhongming attacked. He used the Explosive Mechanic and Crystal Energy Demon gun at close range when those beasts were fighting.

He killed the one in the golden light first. He paused, and the beasts started to kill one another. When a new beast entered the light, Ye Zhongming struck. The explosive mechanic fired when they regained their rationality and prepared to chase Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai.

Ye Zhongming spent large amounts of crystals to kill this group before dragging Xia Bai into the golden light.

This was an instinct. But when they touched the light simultaneously, Xia Bai, who was a step later, was sent flying to the side.

"Don't come out!" Xia Bai saw that Ye Zhongming wanted to help her, so she stopped him. The two of them recalled that this light only allowed one person.

Ye Zhongming nodded and sensed the power of the light.

He had around two minutes.

When the light ended, he was back to his peak strength. His stamina and mental energy were full.

But he noticed that his strength didn't increase by much.

But his expression changed. He wanted to see if he could enter a second evolution but was disappointed. So, what was the point of staying here?

The two of them didn't give up. He passed the Blood Stepping Boots and recovery necklace to Xia Bai so that she could recover. When the wheel was activated for the second time in the day, Xia Bai was back to 80% strength.

The two of them had the strength to challenge these beasts.

Like it was compensating Ye Zhongming, three level-six beasts entered the range. The other seven were level seven.

When mutated lifeforms touched the golden light, they only had 40% of their strength, and even then, they were covered in injuries.

Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai attacked at the same time. After killing the beasts, they won 3 minutes under the golden light.

“You go.”

Ye Zhongming pushed Xia Bai in, and he looked from the side. Ye Zhongming asked her how she felt when the golden light was over.

She closed her eyes and said, “Do you have a level-one potion?”

Ye Zhongming nodded and passed a modified potion to Xia Bai. She used it, and her body changed.

“Level 2!”

Ye Zhongming passed a level-two potion to Xia Bai. He had the first three levels.

“I think I know.”

Xia Bai used the level-three potion and said to Ye Zhongming.

Chapter 554: Ocean King Mark

Ye Zhongming understood what happened from Xia Bai’s description.

In his impression, after humans go through the golden light, they should gain a second evolution like those mutated lifeforms.

The Copper Ink Ocean Sunflower lying in the test tube proved the strength of a second evolution.

Ye Zhongming was looking forward to it.

Once Xia Bai and he evolved a second time, their overall strength would increase. Xia Bai would even get eight-star evolved strength because of it.

Eight stars was a really strong grade, even ten years into the apocalypse.

Ye Zhongming stood under the golden light with such anticipation, but the truth disappointed him.

He even thought that humans couldn’t get stronger from the golden light.

But Xia Bai’s situation told him the golden light was still useful.

Typically speaking, humans couldn’t use lower-level evolution potions as they were a waste and ineffective.

Ye Zhongming was an exception. He could inject potions to increase his strength. So did the other warriors who had grasped the secret realm techniques.

Of course, there was a limit. For Ye Zhongming, potions of the first two levels were useless.

Xia Bai’s changes were similar to Ye Zhongming and Ah Yang’s, but there was some slight difference as she obtained the Ocean King Mark.

The apocalypse was just so miraculous. Survivors under mysterious control chose to forget about it as they obtained strength.

When the golden light shone on Xia Bai, she received the Ocean King mental mark and obtained the right to gain nine types of Ocean King abilities.

Right, not a second evolution or a direct increase in strength, but she obtained the mark's ability. The key to activating the abilities was the evolution potions.

This was a strength increase but different from Ye Zhongming's impression; this increase only gave the person abilities.

Based on what Xia Bai said, when she used the one-star potion, she obtained the ability to breathe underwater. When she used the second potion, she reduced the ability to reduce water resistance. When she used the three-star potion, she obtained better senses underwater.

When Ye Zhongming heard it, he didn't know how to describe his feelings. Were they useless? No. The basic abilities to live underwater were prerequisites to becoming stronger. But they weren't exactly very useful either.

So, apart from hoping that the other potions gave better abilities, Ye Zhongming felt like the mark wasn't very helpful for them.

There was also a problem. You could look forward to something even if these abilities weren't strong. Ye Zhongming couldn't even do that. He had used too many potions, so he lost the ability to get the mark.

No matter what, Xia Bai's getting the mark was an improvement. It was another small gain apart from them getting the corpses.

"Look!"

Xia Bai interrupted his thoughts. Ye Zhongming walked beside her and looked toward where she pointed.

"That is... Number?"

Ye Zhongming saw a few dots on the golden crown. The two of them paid attention and thought they were decorations as they matched the overall style of the crown. But after a few activations, especially since Xia Bai got the mark, she had some connection with the crown, so she paid attention to these small dots.

The two of them were evolved, and their memories were perfect. Moreover, it was a short time since the wheel had activated, so they confirmed the use of these small dots.

"This means that it would activate four more times." Xia Bai nodded.

Four times. That meant one more day. Since they couldn't head out, they had to remain and see what happened once the four uses were done.

Ye Zhongming felt the restrictions of the mist would be removed, and the real secret would appear. At the same time, that would be when the two of them would leave.

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Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai waited for the Ocean King Wheel's numbers to finish, while on the Cloud Port's side, the situation wasn't good.

The second siege hadn't stopped. It had lasted for a full day and night.

Everyone in the city went from fervently fighting to numb.

Killing an ocean beast or having an ally die couldn't cause much effect. In these 30 hours, death became the only rhythm around them.

If not for them knowing that they would die if the city got broken into, the humans wouldn't have been able to hold on. Even then, the despair each second increased, and no one knew when it would explode.

Numerous parts of the wall were broken into. Although the survivors took them back quickly, the situation wasn't good. Even the Ying City Alliance suffered the fewest losses and was in a bad state.

They had used up the crystal grenades, and even the reserve parts of the crystal guns were damaged. The only thing that could be used were the lightning turrets. After all, demon crystals could be found everywhere. But this thing had a cooldown time. Like cannons, it would still be damaged if you used it too many times. To prevent that, Cloud Peak didn't dare to use it too often.

Under such a situation, losses appeared in the alliance army. The ocean beast wave stopped being afraid of the killing weapons. They launched their strong attacks.

Liang Chuyin used the V1 Rocket Launcher to replace the lightning turret. She wiped the sweat off her forehead and looked towards Mo Ye, whose face turned white.

To protect the wall, Mo Ye used her job skills several times. Her mental energy had dropped below the warning line, and she was about to break down.

"Sister Mo, everyone is finding it hard to hold on."

Liang Chuyin said.

Ying City Alliance and Cloud Peak wouldn't be in despair if they followed other faction standards.

But Cloud Peak members knew that each Cloud Peak warrior was precious, and they spent a lot of money. Be it strength or loyalty, they were no weaker than those super factions.

Ye Zhongming demonstrated that he wouldn't let warriors sacrifice in vain even if he wasted many resources.

If this situation continued, the two core squads here would suffer losses.

If that happened, how would they answer Ye Zhongming?

Mo Ye turned her head to look at other spots. The walls were drowned in beasts. The human defense line had to retreat, and maybe some places would be lost.

Cloud Peak didn't have the energy to bother about that.

"Take that thing." Mo Ye slapped the wall that was dyed in blood and made a decision.

Chapter 555: Sky Breaking first battle

Many people were unsurprised by Cloud Peak's secrets. Especially those from Ying City. They were always interested in this faction that rose beside them and was the head of Ying City.

When they were free, they would gather together to drink wine and alcohol that they risked their lives to collect. They discussed the strength rankings of core Cloud Peak members. They would smoke slightly dirty cigarettes and talk rumors about Boss Ye. They would bet a few demon crystals about how long Boss Ye and Lady Boss Xia Lei last in bed. They would also guess if Cloud Peak had any new equipment when they fought.

They would even hold a full faction meeting to discuss who Boss Ye was a son of...

So, they might not come into contact with Cloud Peak's core secrets, but they paid attention to everything Cloud Peak did.

For example, these well-kept machines were covered.

Seeing that Cloud Peak would finally use these things, many evolved lying down or sitting stood up. They looked over and wanted to see what these were.

The black cloth over the first machine was removed to reveal the metallic glow below.

Cannon!

This was the first reaction of many when they saw this machine. After they observed, they saw that this was a cannon. But different from usual cannons, this was more beautiful and looked more elegant. It did not have the killing energy and aura of those lethal weapons and just looked like a model from a museum.

On top of the firm base was a dense metallic structure with a strict design. The four wheels were white grade.

The squarish barrel also gave off a white light.

Sky Breaking Y01 Attack Style Crystal Cannon!

When Ye Zhongming returned from the secret realm, this crystal cannon finally had an outline. Le Dayuan and Ye Zhongming tested it together before.

Ye Zhongming's return reduced the material worries for Le Dayuan. Some unstable materials were solved. This allowed him to equip the cannons with things he only dreamt about in just a few days. This improved the already working test product. After a few tests, the first batch of crystal cannons was formed and named the Y01 Attack Form!

Y was the first letter of Cloud Peak in Chinese, and 01 represented the first one. This cannon's advantage was its movement speed and the low demon crystal requirement. Its attack was condensed; it was firm and durable, as well as precise. It was suitable for attacking or sniping targets.

Although its range was relatively short and the crystal energy conversion wasn't high, the attack range wasn't big, either, but as compared to the last life, this crystal cannon was many years more advanced!

It was enough for this cannon to be of greater use.

Of course, this cannon is modified compared to the last life. After all, Ye Zhongming provided the parts. The crystal weapons didn't have a level, but the materials did, which was why some parts had different colors.

These ten Y-1 turrets were the outcome of a month of hard work. Ye Zhongming had few demands, but Cloud Peak had a common consensus. They would go all out to do so if they could do something to protect their boss.

Everyone knew that Ye Zhongming was Cloud Peak's soul. If he were fine, Cloud Peak would continue to survive and develop. They would also live and have a glorious life.

But there were dangers in the apocalypse, and no one knew when they would face accidents. Ye Zhongming decided to head to Cloud Port to go against the beast wave. Le Dayuan tried his best to provide Ye Zhongming with some good cards.

Thus, the first model of crystal energy cannons was born.

Le Dayuan only slept 20 hours in a month. Fortunately, he was evolved. If he were a normal person, he would have died from exhaustion.

When these ten cannons were placed on the wall, they gave off a sharp aura. The aura wasn't from the cannons but from those warriors controlling them.

This was confidence in themselves, the faction they belonged to. This sense of belonging was one that all the Ying City people envied.

"Aim the level four to level six mutated lifeforms. Aim the big ones and ensure that you hit!"

Mo Ye instructed those people.

Although they didn't know why the leaders of the wave didn't show themselves, Mo Ye didn't think they were afraid. She felt like they were waiting for something.

Mo Ye was planning to use the cannons to deal with the leaders, but the situation was bad. The number of mid-grade beasts was increasing. Ying City Alliance would suffer huge losses if these level four to six beasts charge.

She weighed everything and decided to take the cannons out.

Mo Ye decided because she trusted Ye Zhongming. She was confident that he would appear at the most dangerous moment.

They aimed like how they trained in Cloud Peak.

The helpers reported some data and situations to support these controllers.

"Zi!"

As compared to the guns, the cannons were louder. The people around this wall could hear it. Ying City evolved was shocked. They were too familiar with the firing sounds of the crystal weapons.

Since there was that sound, it meant that Cloud Peak still had energy. They could defend the city as long as Cloud Peak was still there!

They had fought alongside Cloud Peak and had developed confidence in them.

A level-six naga warrior was commanding its subordinates to attack. A light fired, and it could only tilt its body before it was hit.

The level six naga was only beneath the leader, leading tens of thousands of naga warriors. Its body was strong, too, but after being hit, it felt intense pain. It lowered its head and saw that its chest was bloodied.

It was furious. It raised the fork in its hand and roared towards the Ying City part of the wall. In the next second, another light hit it. This time, it lowered its head and didn't see its body as there was a big hole.

Sky Breaking Series cannons. The first time it appeared in the world, it showed its bloody nature.

Chapter 556: Guang Yao was affected

The Sky Breaking Y01 Attack Form crystal cannon shocked everyone with its skill.

The two shots killed a level-six ocean beast! How strong was it?

When most humans worked hard to become three-star or four-star evolved, level-six mutated lifeforms were things they had to look up to.

Ye ZHongming suppressed Ying City, and the highest evolved level was five-star. Soul Merchant, Glory Army, Sky Elephant Division, etc. super factions used their strong buffs and benefits from the start, and the strongest expert they had was six-star.

So, lifeforms at this level were seen by survivors as people similar to those on the Forbes list or core leaders of a certain country.

Now, these crystal cannons easily killed such people and shocked them.

Ying City people all had such a thought... Why was Cloud Peak able to bring out trump cards that everyone envied? How strong were they?

Along with the level-six Naga captain being killed, the cannons continued to show their might. Level four mutated lifeforms were killed with one shot. Some level-five lifeforms without strong defensive ability would be instantly killed if their crucial spots were hit.

For the few level six lifeforms, apart from those slow ones without defensive talents, which would become Cloud Peak's target, Cloud Peak would let the rest go so that they could increase their efficiency.

Although the range wasn't long, the 200-meter distance was enough to reduce the pressure the defense was facing. Moreover, as the cannons were very accurate and condensed, the targets found it hard to escape. With Mo Ye's instructions, those strong mutated lifeforms were the main targets. After a few rounds, the beast wave was in chaos.

The warriors facing the beasts' attacks felt this the most. They felt the pressure reducing. When they saw the ocean beasts going into chaos and attacking one another, they couldn't help but cheer out loud.

Since last night, the human troops had nothing worth cheering about. This sudden cheer caused the other humans to turn.

Guang Yao was dressing his wounds over at Sky Elephant Division. A level-six mutated eel charged up the walls. He had to attack it. After losing a dozen warriors and being injured in his ribs, they were finally able to kill it.

Guang Yao's face sank when he heard the cheers.

Sky Elephant Division was in charge of the city defenses. After killing the beasts that came from underground, he told his men to pay attention to Ying City.

So, Guang Yao found out many things on this day.

For example, there were rows of ocean beast materials on the wall. For example, a battle pet was evolving towards level six. For example, the Holy Army Coat they paid was modified and much stronger. For example, the number of crystal weapons they had was shocking. Just crystal grenades they used were in the thousands. For example, their losses were much fewer than everyone else's. For example, Ye Zhongming disappeared with that seven star evolved, and no one knew where they went...

All this news was like meteors that smashed into his heart. It made him feel very frustrated, and he wanted to vomit blood.

He finally placed his pride down and admitted that Cloud Peak was stronger than Sky Elephant Division.

But he was still confident as he hadn't used his trump card.

That equipment was the top two in strength, even in the T1 resistance zone.

This was what gave him confidence when facing Cloud Peak.

He looked at the ocean beasts and cursed. He took out a watch from his pocket.

He looked at the countdown timer solemnly.

Based on the news he got from the resistance zone, if that thing happened, it would occur in 20 more hours.

For Sky Elephant Division, lasting that long wasn't a tough matter. But the ocean beast wave was too strong, so they had to join hands with Ying City Alliance and work with the other Cloud Port Factions to hold on.

The situation was dangerous. Most of their bullets were finished after keeping the needed ammo to deal with that matter.

Guang Yao had to ask his men to fight the beasts head-on to save on ammo. Hundreds of elites sacrificed themselves in such battles.

But if they had to last for a full day, he didn't know how much power they would have left and whether or not they could complete the mission the resistance zone gave him.

"Commander!" Someone ran up the wall, and after looking at the situation, he bit his teeth and passed a new Lazy Man Case to a brother he recognized. He said to Guang Yao, "Cloud Peak took out ten really strong crystal cannons. They destroyed the beasts within the shooting range!"

Guang Yao stood up, and his voice was hoarse, "Demon Crystal... Cannon?!"

This person was in charge of the center city defense and was sent to observe the Ying City Alliance.

"Yes, demon crystal cannon, ten of them. Standing on the walls, I saw this weapon kill a level-six lifeform; it only... took two cannons."

Guang Yao was stunned, and he sat back down.

Others might not know, but he knew that even if Cloud Peak and they were allies, if that thing happened, they might clash. Now that Cloud Peak took out another trump card that crushed that ocean wave, their strength was kept. Then tomorrow, what would he do? Did Sky Elephant Division have the right to battle them? Did they have to give that thing up?

Guang Yao sucked in a deep breath. His expression became firm.

He looked at his group, which had already lost a quarter of them, and knew this couldn't continue. He had to preserve their combat strength to have enough numbers tomorrow.

As for the other things, he couldn't bother anymore.

He had to live first.

He waved and told that person to leave. He took out a square box and opened it carefully to show an equipment wrapped in golden light.

Chapter 557: Level 8 dragon

The battle in the center city continued. Cloud Peak and Sky Elephant Division took out their trump cards. On the ocean surface near them, Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai faced the biggest danger since they entered the island.

They bumped into a level-eight mutated lifeform.

They confirmed that the golden light could heal and give humans the Ocean King Mark. The two of them planned to look on for the final four times. When they saw beasts fighting one another, they would attack to get rich. When they faced stronger ones, they wouldn't try their luck. They would wait to pick up the corpses.

The first three times were very smooth. They gained many things. They got many high-level materials, along with the previous few tries, and they also got close to 20 level-seven crystals and a dozen level-six crystals.

If they didn't know that the center city was having a war and worried that things would happen to their subordinates, if not for restrictions for the Ocean King Wheel, Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai would be willing to spend some time here. This was free money that was without any risk. No one would be willing to give up on such a great chance.

But things often went against their wishes. When both of them thought that things would be smooth, in the final time of the Ocean King Wheel, the tornado brought a sudden guest-- Little Peng.

When Little Peng landed on the ground, Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai were shocked. They thought this fellow had landed elsewhere and didn't expect him to appear now.

Little Peng was not willing to come. But the wind had scattered them, and he landed far away on the ocean surface. With Black Hatred's cover, he was planning to head back to shore. After over a day of hard work, victory was in front of them. But before he was able to escape, the tornado brought him here.

Ye Zhongming was naturally happy to see that his brother from his last life was free. He was also pleased that he could get him the Ocean King Mark.

If only one person could get the mark, he had to get at least Black Hatred a second evolution.

His thought was good, but maybe because this was the final chance, there was a level eight beast... Pliosaurus.

The orange crystal on its head caused Xia Bai and Ye Zhongming's mouths to dry. After all, they couldn't even defeat the level seven Copper Ink Ocean Sunflower! Ye Zhongming didn't have other equipment to use.

Ye Zhongming felt like this should be the highest evolution level on Earth; it should be one of the strongest mutated lifeforms.

This Pliosaurus was a level-eight monster!

The ocean was indeed a place that could nurture miracles.

The moment this level-eight Pliosaurus went on the island, it showed its might. It walked proudly towards the Ocean King Wheel. With the golden light's temptation, a level-seven beast blocked its path. The Pliosaurus used its slightly small three-meter body to knock into its stomach. A few seconds later, that giant beast fell and died.

Facing this level-eight opponent, it had no way to fight back.

The three of them held their breath and were afraid that this terrifying lifeform would target them.

"The mist is scattering."

Xia Bai said to Ye Zhongming. Ye Zhongming, who had been paying attention to the level-eight Pliosaurus, noticed the mist around the wheel had disappeared. It was very quick, and the entire island was showing itself.

The figures in the mist had disappeared, and all that remained were a few dozen ocean beasts. These were the last batch and the strongest one.

Ye Zhongming wanted to go but wanted to know what would happen when the Ocean King Wheel's final chance was finished. He felt like things wouldn't be so simple.

So he suppressed his fear of the level-eight lifeform and only slightly retreated. However, he didn't leave. He planned to watch the situation before making his choice.

The Pliosaurus continued its killing. In just a while, three level-seven monsters died from its attacks, and it didn't even use its talent skill.

The other beasts realized that they wouldn't have a chance if they didn't kill it. The remaining beasts worked together to attack it.

The three of them had to retreat to avoid being affected. The sharp skills swept the island; even if you weren't the target, the three of them still felt the pressure.

The golden light lasted a long time. When the Pliosaurus killed the final opponent in front of the wheel, 20 minutes had passed.

But the golden light continued.

It had many injuries, and the Pliosaurus continued to move towards the golden light.

"We can't... Let it enter."

Ye Zhongming breathed out, and a black mist appeared in his eyes. Exquisite patterns appeared under his skin, and his hair grew longer, dancing in the ocean breeze.

He activated his bloodline.

He removed the Crystal Energy Demon Gun from his space, and the Osmium Giant appeared beside him. At the same time, an even bigger earth giant appeared.

The Demon Nurturing Bee Nest appeared behind him, and Needle Birds rose into the sky. The Needle Bird King led them to circle his head, and they waited for his order.

Nature Staff was stuck into the ground. There was a water element stone that was waiting to be activated.

He passed the V1 Rocket Launcher to Little Peng. This low-level evolved aimed at a level-eight mutated lifeform that he would never have thought about in the past. His arms were shaking.

Xia Bai stepped forward, holding the scythe in front of her body. Black Calamity appeared and wrapped around her. Under the shadows, her body started to fade. This was the unique state that her bloodline brought her.

After that one sentence, Xia Bai was ready to risk her life for Ye Zhongming.

"If we let it heal up and gain its second mutation, we won't be able to gain anything good, and we will die here."

Ye Zhongming might not be its match; if possible, he wouldn't want to battle it.

But when Ye Zhongming saw the Pliosaurus's victory and thought about retreating, he saw an unbelievable scene.

He knew that he couldn't go.

The picture on the wheel changed, and it was now a map of the world. A few positions lit up.

One of them was Cloud Port!

Moreover, the golden crown flew from inside the wheel and quietly floated in the sky!

Chapter 558: City broke

Guang Yao looked at a Chain Slicing Tank frozen by a level-seven beast's ice dance. His heart felt so pain that he wanted to die.

Guang Yao took out his killing move-- Star Weapon Armory to hold on and ensure that the center city was protected.

This golden equipment was the top equipment everyone in the Resistance Zone wanted.

Guang Yao paid such a price to get it that his body hurt just thinking about it.

However, he had to ensure his team maintained their strength to complete the mission. He had no choice but to take it out.

Strictly speaking, the Star Weapon Armory was a space equipment. Compared to other space equipment, this only had one ability, Armoury. You could place weapons inside and provide energy to them.

This seemed simple, but when you looked at Ye Zhongming's material bag, you would know how strong it was.

They were very similar and used to store a specific type of item. The Material Bag could only store materials and ensure that the materials wouldn't change and lose energy.

But the Star Weapon Armoury was different. Not only was the space big, but it had the provision ability. It could provide energy to equipment and ensure that the equipment inside had ammo, was repaired, and maintained.

Think about how when you placed equipment inside, their ammos would be refilled. What kind of ability was that? If it didn't require so much energy and hadn't strict requirements for the level and number of equipment, the Star Weapon Armoury would be a piece of purple equipment.

Why did Sky Elephant Division have so much ammo? It was not only because they had so many Lazy Man Cases. Although the Resistance Zone was able to keep much strength in the apocalypse, their production couldn't maintain the ammo for the entire zone.

The reason why Sky Elephant Division had so many bullets was because of this equipment.

Guang Yao used a large number of demon crystals to change his team's style towards one that leaned toward hot weapons.

After having so many bullets, he used his connections to find something he could put inside-- Chain Slicing Tank!

This white weapon was a killing weapon that came from the level-six wheel. This wheel was within the resistance zone. As it was a high-level wheel, the tank was not a piece of special equipment that would disappear after it was drawn once. It was a piece of common equipment on that wheel.

This tank didn't have a cannon but a barrel to fire weapons. One could fire giant teeth wheels that increased the spin and speed through the barrel.

As long as it hit the target, it could cause huge damage to level five and even level six lifeforms.

It might not be as terrifying as the Sky Breaking Series cannons, but the barrel had many sharp teeth wheels. There were 50 pieces, and each was white grade. These teeth wheels could be refilled. As long as they placed the tanks back into the armory, they could use demon crystals to replenish them. Even if the tanks needed high skill, the white tanks couldn't be destroyed. Those broken ones could be repaired in the armory.

After realizing he could place it into the armory, Guang Yao spent a huge amount to purchase these tanks.

Although this thing wasn't as precious as a six-star evolution potion, this was a great item that one could get from the wheel even if the people in the Resistance Zone had good relationships with each other and had a strong sense of belonging and honor as compared to evolved outside.

But this was the apocalypse, and the Resistance Zone was still affected. Orders worked in the past, but now, each division cared about their interests.

So Guang Yao owed a huge favor and used a high price to purchase the eight Chain Slicing Tanks that were gotten from the wheel. He placed them into the armory.

One could say that apart from the Holy Army Coat, this Star Weapon Armoury and Slicing Chain Tanks were half of what Guang Yao had.

He didn't want to use it today, but he had to take it out to maintain his strength.

Although the Chain Slicing Tank couldn't kill a level-six mutated lifeform in two hits, its attacks could cause similar effects to the Violent Lightning Turret. After the giant teeth wheels fired, they could slice beasts in the trajectory into two.

Cloud Peak had powerful demon crystal cannons and aimed the high-level mutated lifeforms. They killed them to affect the ocean beast wave around.

Guang Yao's tanks aimed at those normal beasts. He wanted to kill a large number of them to get an advantage. The remaining people would then focus fire on those higher-level lifeforms.

The two biggest factions in the battle had different methods but obtained good results.

Although the tanks were expensive, warriors protected them, and their weaknesses were hidden.

So were the Demon Crystal Cannons. Cloud Peak's core members would protect them.

After showing their trump cards, the city held on. In the first ten hours, both factions had spare energy to help the other factions.

But everything changed today.

The leaders of the ocean beasts entered the battlefield and launched their attacks.

The survivors did kill many ocean beasts. The thick ocean wave was reaching its end.

But this didn't mean that they were about to win. When many level-seven beasts entered the battlefield, the defense lasted only an hour before some parts of the wall broke through.

It was a true break that couldn't be reclaimed.

If not for people knowing that the humans would die if they lost the wall, which was why everyone was fighting to the death, maybe once that first part was broken, everything would end.

The collapse of that area dragged the other sides into chaos, especially at the gates. The ocean beasts attacked from both directions, and the Sky Elephant Division suffered heavy losses.

The Chain Slicing Tanks that he spent a considerable amount on were being destroyed one after another.

Cloud Peak was in the best situation, but that was only relative. The entire center city was in danger, and might collapse at any moment.

An entire part of the wall fell, and ocean beasts rushed in like a wave.

Everyone was in despair as the outcome was decided.

But right then, a golden light bridge passed the ocean surface and city and shone into the center of the city!

Chapter 559: Fighting level 8

Time passed.

Ye Zhongming, Xia Bai, and Little Peng faced the level-eight Pliosaurus.

Ye Zhongming knew about this beast but had never met one in his last life. But in rumors, it was a dinosaur that went extinct with its race a long time ago.

He didn't know why this species would appear in the apocalypse and even mutate. Maybe it relied on its strong genes to do so. It was a tough ocean beast to deal with.

But those were rumors. Although remembering the features and abilities of mutated lifeforms was something every survivor would do, there was still a strong sense of unfamiliarity and unknown when he met this fellow.

The battle began with Little Peng's V1 rocket launcher. He didn't do so on purpose but because he was nervous.

Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai didn't blame him. Due to his evolution level, it was already decent that he had not broken down from the pressure.

V1 Rocket Launcher was a contribution weapon, and it was strong. Little Peng was quite accurate at this range, and the rocket exploded on its body.

Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai's attacks arrived.

They didn't think that one rocket could kill a level-eight lifeform.

Osmium and Earth Giants charged into the dust. Black Calamity and the Crystal Energy Demon Gun entered the battlefield.

This was the strongest mutated lifeform he had met in both lives.

There were some level-eight lifeforms in his last life, but those were done in a group operation. When he was a six-star evolved, he only shot from afar and cleared the small monsters around. The main force was the team captain.

When he faced a level-eight lifeform in this life, he finally understood what strength was.

The Pliosaurus wasn't in a good state. It was injured after many level-seven beasts attacked it. The wounds were so deep that one could see the bones. For that mysterious light, its level advantage was not enough for other beasts to fear it.

It naturally noticed those few humans, but they weren't a threat. If it got the golden light and completed a second evolution, those humans would be fragrant food and a good appetizer.

The Pliosaurus didn't expect the weak humans to attack it.

It roamed the ocean for a long time, and no one dared to challenge it. It crossed thousands of miles to get here, so being interrupted didn't feel good.

It was furious. It decided to kill these few humans first.

It had a pair of wings. They weren't used for flying; at least, they couldn't do so when it was level eight. Only when it was level nine could it fly.

But the wings increased their speed in the ocean and made them more agile. It was also an important attack and defense weapon.

From level one to eight, its level was enough to turn heads on Earth. But even then, its evolution path was tough.

It looked down on these humans, but when the battle began, it wouldn't be careless and would go all out. This was the reason why it was able to live until now.

The Pliosaurus didn't tank the humans' attacks. It used its toughest part-- its wings and held them in front of itself.

One could say that this carefulness saved its life.

Regarding strength, Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai weren't its match, but his equipment could endanger it.

Especially the gun. This purple weapon was strong. If he attacked a level-nine mutated lifeform, he might be able to kill it, much less this Pliosaurus.

Moreover, due to its size, the dragon was 3 meters tall and not much bigger than humans. It was at a disadvantage compared to that giant body that he faced in the Competition Death Wheel.

When facing Ye Zhongming's shots, the giant lifeform's body was huge, so the chance of a fatal area being hit was lower.

Ye Zhongming did plan to catch it off guard.

But this pair of wings blocked the attack.

"Si! Si si!"

The Pliosaurus gave out an ear-piercing screech. Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai's attacks exploded, and its wings showed signs of its bones breaking. The right wing had small holes, and black energy still swept the area.

Pain stimulated its senses. Its wings shifted backward, and then it flapped quickly. Two blue light shadows sliced toward Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai. It was so quick that it made one tongue-tied.

Ye Zhongming had started to prepare the defense the moment Xia Bai attacked. When he saw it flapping its wings, he activated the Staff of Nature. The moment Water Bottle Protection appeared, it clashed with the light.

Two summoned giants also blocked in front of the two of them.

The light appeared quickly and disappeared quickly, too.

It left a broken nature gem and two summoned giants sliced into two.

Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai were left in cold sweat.

That was because the Staff of Nature and the Summoning Technique were his strongest defensive skill, but it was destroyed in one hit.

This meant that they couldn't block the Pliosaurus's next attack.

Ye Zhongming frowned. Green vines appeared from beneath the Pliosaurus and wrapped its body. At the same time, a group of needlebirds surrounded it. The bugs from Darkness Calamity also exploded into a bunch of black powder that wrapped it within.

After the Gardener Job was upgraded, Ye Zhongming's usage of this job improved. He scattered seeds previously and activated them from afar. This was something he could do accurately after the job was upgraded.

The Pliosaurus cried out in pain. Immense pain appeared from its wounds. If not for its strong body and mental strength, it would have fainted from that pain.

It resisted the pain and opened its mouth to spit a water pillar. It turned into a water ball that wrapped itself within. The ball blocked the Needle Bird attacks and also started to heal it.

"Gentle Healing!" This was another talent skill of the Pliosaurus apart from Wing Shadow Slash.

The situation stabilized. The Pliosaurus looked at its opponent. If they didn't have any other move, the battle would end, and it would eat them.

But when it looked, it charged out from the Gentle Healing that hadn't disappeared.

That human had run to a side, and it was where the Ocean King Wheel was at. This angered the Pliosaurus as the human tossed the low-level human and his battle pet into the golden light. His hand was also about to touch the golden crown!

The Pliosaurus roared, but Ye Zhongming's finger touched the crown. Golden light shone, and streaks of light shone in all directions. It crossed the island, the ocean surface, and connected to the distant sky.

Chapter 560: To the golden bridge

Using persistence to welcome hope, use hope to exchange for survivor. That was what many survivors believed in.

It wasn't that they were poets, but the world had forced them into that.

Aside from Cloud Port Alliance, the scattered reinforcements, the huge Ying City Alliance, or Sky Elephant Division, all came for money.

But things were unexpected. The ocean beast wave was huge, and they couldn't be defended. When they surrounded the city, everyone here was trying to hold on.

They hoped to exchange this persistence for hope, the hope to continue living. They prayed that the beasts would disappear as suddenly as they appeared.

Some people thought about breaking out, but facing the endless beasts, even Cloud Peak or Sky Elephant Division didn't believe they could survive.

They could fight the beasts with the city protecting them. Without these walls, they had no confidence.

When the wall collapsed, their faith fell.

Death was something that all survivors faced. They often talked about not being afraid of death and would often mock people who cowered in front of death and scolded them for being cowards.

But when death was unavoidable, they realized that they weren't much better.

Stunned, pain, they gave up, they went mad...

Each person acted differently in front of death, but one thing was the same: all their reactions were caused by despair.

In that instance, the three core factions in the city made different choices.

Elegant Cavalry Squad went all out, and the entire squad suffered huge losses.

They lost half of their squad, and there were many heavy injuries. Only a 3rd of the original number could still move.

This casualty rate was enough to make an elite squad collapse.

The reason why they were still holding on was because the city hadn't been broken into.

But now that it broke, Meng Xiangjiang ordered them to break out. When some of them dashed far ahead, he led his core squad forward and ran towards an area of the city.

There was a secret passage there.

Although he didn't know if that passage existed or if those beasts destroyed them, that was still hope. If no one found it, he felt like he could live.

As for those people who came to help Cloud Port, they weren't something he considered. He didn't even have time to think about the Sky Elephant Division he wanted to join.

His only thought was that he had to live.

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Mo Ye chose to break out when the city was broken into.

She didn't manage to wait until Ye Zhongming returned. The prepared path wouldn't be able to be used then.

No one expected that he would leave to investigate that black smoke two days ago and for him not to return.

Mo Ye gave a short speech and told them about Cloud Peak's attitude. She described what was going to happen. At that moment, she was the core of the entire Cloud Peak and Ying City. She was the third most powerful behind Ye Zhongming and Xia Lei.

Her calmness was something everyone recognized.

No one objected, and no one interrupted. They knew Mo Ye and Cloud Peak were prepared to die with everyone. Since that was the case, there was nothing else to say.

Moreover, Ying City Alliance had blind faith in Cloud Peka. They felt that things would be solved if Cloud Peak were still alive.

There was also the guy who always created miracles. Ying City members believed he would return at the crucial moment and save everyone.

Thus, only Ying City was orderly when the entire city was in chaos. They protected the Sky-breaking Series cannons and the Lightning Turrets. In a short time, they made a giant stretcher and lifted Yellow Ball on it.

They then chose to break out towards the path that Ye Zhongming disappeared towards.

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Guang Yao maintained his faction's combat strength. His choice was different from the Elegant Cavalry Squad and Ying City Alliance.

Before the wall collapsed, everyone knew that they wouldn't be able to defend it. He didn't panic. Although he was shocked, he made his pre-planned choice.

He ordered his men to give up on the defense and gather toward the center city.

He had no exact time, but he knew it would be quick. The thing that the Resistance Zone knew about and wanted him to verify was about to happen.

She had made his choice. Even if he died, he would make a gamble.

He would gamble that the news that the Resistance Zone got was real.

One could say that the Sky Elephant Division was the faction with the clearest goal in the entire city.

The organization formed during the peacetime had discipline other factions couldn't compare with. The other factions had just started moving when their members retreated from the walls.

Without any defense, the walls started to get invaded. Ocean beasts charged in and roared. They gathered in the city.

At that moment, a golden bridge appeared.

Guang Yao was originally expressionless, but now he couldn't suppress his joy. He clenched his fist and roared.

The news was real.

"Charge up the bridge!"

Guang Yao gave his men a clear order.

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"Sister Mo, look!"

Someone reminded her about what happened in the center city. Mo Ye looked towards that golden bridge, and her expression changed. Hesitation flashed.

She saw that the city's beasts gave up eating the humans and ran towards the golden bridge. She saw Meng Xiangjiang, who was fleeing, suddenly stop. She saw Guang Yao leading his men and charging towards the bridge.

She instantly changed her focus.

“We will go to. To the golden bridge!”