

Apocalypse 561

Chapter 561: Connected to Asia

When Ye Zhongming touched the Ocean King Crown, when Guang Yao and Mo Ye charged toward the Golden Bridge, dozens of places around Asia had similar scenes.

Yokohama, Japan, millions of beasts were attacking a giant light structure. People familiar with Asian architecture could see that it was a much bigger Kamigamo Shrine.

The city was tattered, and there were corpses all around. None of the corpses were intact. The city had a few million people. After a year of the apocalypse and after the beast wave, there were less than a hundred thousand. The light protected these people.

Everyone could tell that this amazing equipment was on the verge of collapse. It was unimaginable that this equipment could survive so many attacks for so long. If Ye Zhongming were here, he would judge that the equipment was at least purple grade! It might even be a seven-colored equipment.

If Ye Zhongming entered the light, he would see that ten thousand people had a brown colored tube stuck into their backs. Their blood was being injected into a piece of purple equipment. Its shape was the size of the shrine.

An old man wearing a warrior dress held a samurai blade. He stared at the wave and roared.

“Hold on, hold on! You are heroes!”

The old man’s face was twisted, and his eyes were bloodshot. But deep in his eyes was a cold gaze. He would glance at the humans with the tubes in their bodies like he was looking at pigs.

A strong ocean beast’s talent skill hit the light, and the hundreds who were providing blood started to shake. Blood flowed from their holes, and they fell to the ground.

“It is time to show your loyalty; it is time to show your faith.”

He waved his hand, and many people stepped out. Some survivors were dragged to where those people were, and the sharp tubes were stuck into their backs.

As for those dead people, they were dragged and tossed to a side.

The ocean beast attacks got more and more ferocious. Many Ocean Beast leaders joined the attack. More and more people in the light died, and it became more frequent. Thousands of people said goodbye to the world in just a few minutes. It looked like it was getting more intense.

When the beast wave attacked again, a thousand people died at the same time. The light of the shrine shook, and it was about to shatter.

A golden bridge crossed the ocean and landed on those humans. The shrine that could block the beast wave at the price of a thousand lives a time was useless against it.

The old man laughed when he saw the bridge and couldn’t hide his excitement. He knew that his persistence had paid off. He pulled his blade and roared while leading people into the bridge.

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Haeundae, Busan.

This Korean beach, the set for a famous catastrophe film, was now occupied by ocean beasts. A thick, bloody scent stayed in the air.

Like many ocean cities, this place was also swept by an ocean wave.

The difference was that Cloud Port and Yokohama held on, and the humans were the final line of defense.

But this place had collapsed a few minutes ago, and it became a feast for the beasts. The delicious taste of the humans was the best meal that the mutated beasts enjoyed. There were hundreds of thousands of evolved, but a few minutes later, half of them were killed. They could only rely on certain strong evolved or battle squads to form small resistance.

But every one of them knew that they would die today. No matter how strong they were, there was no way they could survive when they were in such a large beast wave. Even a nine-star evolved couldn't.

The golden light descended like a savior. The ocean beasts, still attacking the humans, gave up on the delicious food and charged toward the bridge. They even fought one another for it.

Many Koreans were stunned for half a day and were hesitating. However, they also proceeded towards the bridge.

They didn't know what happened but felt like the Golden Bridge had a shocking secret.

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India's Kolkata, Sri Lanka's Colombo, Jakarta, Abu Dhabi, Bandar Abbas, Istanbul...

The ocean cities were all struck by an ocean wave. At that moment, they were all connected by the Golden Bridge.

But some humans were luckier. They survived until the golden bridge arrived, and the ocean beasts stopped. Some places were covered in death when the bridge came. The evolved failed to hold on.

Guang Yao looked back at Cloud Port and the city center. He got anxious when he saw the beasts charge into the bridge and disappear.

The information that the Resistance Zone provided ended here. He had lost his advantage. He knew that the other side was the Ocean King Wheel, but he didn't know anything else.

But he knew that he had to get on it before it disappeared.

Right, the bridge had a time limit. Guang Yao didn't know how long it was, but he gave the order to clear the field to prevent accidents.

Anyone that blocked their path could be killed, even humans.

The warriors were stunned, but they still executed the order.

Ying City Alliance was the other faction. Without the ocean beasts attacking them, Cloud Peak's core was the arrowhead, and they were unstoppable. They were like a bullet shooting through the air.

Any lifeform that entered the bridge disappeared. She also saw Sky Elephant Division enter without thinking. She stopped hesitating and ordered them to speed up.

Sky Elephant Division reached the bridge first, and Guang Yao was the first to charge in. He disappeared, and the entire division disappeared a few dozen seconds later.

Ying City Alliance arrived, and like the other lifeforms, they disappeared.

Mo Ye fell into a daze and heard people exclaiming and shouting around her.

She calmed herself down and looked at where her subordinates were shouting. A familiar face was smiling awkwardly and waving toward her.

Chapter 562: China Alliance

“Why are you here?”

Mo Ye couldn’t hide the shock on her face. She didn’t expect that her decision would allow her to bump into the core of the entire Ying City army. This female officer was delighted.

You would never know the pressure if you weren’t in that position. Mo Ye took over when Ye Zhongming left and was in charge of the lives of 20 thousand people. She knew how much pressure she was under.

Each order she made decided the lives and deaths of many.

If not for her strong mental strength and Cloud Peak members standing by her side, if not for those strong weapons.

Mo Ye might not have been able to hold on.

At this point, Mo Ye realized that Ye Zhongming had done so much for Cloud Peak.

Violent Lightning Turret, Crystal weapons, equipment, evolution potions...

Mo Ye knew about these in the past, but this was a moment when she felt that they were so important.

To a certain extent, these saved her life and the lives of Cloud Peak and Ying City Alliance.

Thus, when she saw the guy who sustained her belief in such a sudden situation, her nose felt sour, and her eyes turned red.

It had been a long time since she cried. The last time was in high school when she saw the senior she liked holding another girl’s hand.

But now, that senior’s face was blurred while this guy’s face got clearer and clearer.

Ye Zhongming looked at the Ying City Alliance army surrounding him and the surprised Cloud Peak members. He retracted the awkward smile on his face after the golden crown flew away, “More accurately, I don’t know, too. Anyways, I was sent here by some storm.”

Everyone smiled, but they believed him. Since the day that the apocalypse started, there were all sorts of unbelievable matters.

“But now it seems like we are in trouble.”

Everyone looked around and saw many unknown lifeforms on this island.

More and more humans and ocean beasts came from the Golden Bridge. That number was increasing each moment.

Surprisingly, those violent beasts didn't do anything to the humans. After a short chaos, they just stared at the crown hanging in mid-air.

Due to human nature, humans gathered together and were split from the ocean beasts.

Five minutes later, the Golden Bridge disappeared. The bridge connecting the outside world to the island was gone. To a certain extent, the island was sealed.

The grey mist appeared again, but this time, it was on the shallow beaches of the island. Before completing some requirements, the lifeforms here couldn't escape.

This was the problem that Ye Zhongming referred to.

Be it the initial gambling wheel, the poppy wheel, or the competition death wheel, they were famous for using life and fresh blood to complete.

Ye Zhongming didn't think that this would be different. In that short instance, he had grabbed the crown.

But he failed. The strength of the crown was from some laws. Before lifeforms reached a specific condition, they couldn't get the crown.

What were those conditions?

Just looking at the evolved and ocean beasts around, one knew that one had to use life to complete it.

"Mr Ye."

Guang Yao's voice spread. This Sky Elephant Division looked at Ye Zhongming with a complicated expression.

"Let him come."

Ye Zhongming waved when he thought about it and told his men to open a path.

Guang Yao wanted to curse when he saw Ye Zhongming.

His T1 resistance zone was among the few organizations that knew about this.

Guang Yao fought in Cloud Port and used his trump card but lost over half of his group. What was his goal?

So that he could cross the golden bridge and get the crown?

Of course. He was sure Cloud Peak wasn't part of that group that knew beforehand.

But, their boss arrived here in advance. How could he accept that? Apart from cursing him for being lucky, there was nothing else he could do.

From observing the situation on the island, he realized that Cloud Peak was the strongest faction.

Also, what was going on with the other countries appearing?

Did they know about this news?

Guang Yao had many thoughts before making up his mind.

He wanted to find Ye Zhongming and cooperate with Ying City Alliance!

Although the two factions worked together before everyone knew it was for interests, they were forced to do so and were also interested in each other's gear.

The truth was that both sides wanted each other dead.

But now, not to mention the race battle between humans and beasts, what about other countries? Guang Yao felt that he had to work with Ying City.

He believed that anyone not from the same country was an enemy.

Even if he had to battle Cloud Peak, that was after they got rid of the others.

He was okay with not getting the crown, but he had to ensure it ended up with the Chinese.

So, he came to work with Ye Zhongming. Although he didn't know what they would face, joining hands was a good decision.

"Those are Japanese. I recognize that old man; he is a famous samurai." Guang Yao spoke first and didn't talk about working together. He introduced the other factions to Ye Zhongming.

"Those are Koreans. There are a few of them left, but they are strong. Those are Indians. Those are from Indonesia. Scoff. Also, those are from west and central Asia. They aren't from the same country but are gathered together because of their proximity."

"I don't know what the wheel would get us to do, but we should work together. Be it if you or I get the crown, we just can't let others get it."

Guang Yao took a deep breath. For some reason, the crown gave him a huge pressure.

Guang Yao cursed. He felt like this fellow wanted some benefits. He bit his teeth and waved to his men wearing the Holy Army Coat. He was prepared to give them to Ye Zhongming.

"No need, I agree."

Guang Yao looked at Ye Zhongming's face and smiled.

Chapter 563: Shocked

The other countries were shocked by how united the Chinese were.

Ying City Alliance wasn't the biggest group, as the Japanese and Indian survivors had a clear advantage.

Like what Guang Yao thought, they were in the best state. Cloud Peak's two core squads didn't have many losses and were the best preserved out of all the factions.

Before they knew what they were about to face, every lifeform was an enemy and stimulated the other countries. Moreover, even if this was the apocalypse, things that affected one's country were still a big issue.

Ye Zhongming heard that in his last life, the survivors would often battle the Mongolians and Russians on the north and west. The scale was enough to call it a war.

Although Ye Zhongming had never personally gone through it, his blood boiled when he heard it.

Very few things could cause the cold survivors to feel that way in the apocalypse, especially many years into it.

Moreover, Ye Zhongming heard that each country had its unique points. For example, Ying City and Cloud Port survivors' equipment, skills, and battle styles were unique. The other countries had their special things.

Ye Zhongming knew of a popular battle beast from Russia, Roaring Ice Bear. Its tanky look made it very popular but expensive, and Ye Zhongming couldn't even purchase a young puppy.

Now that most Asian battle squads were gathered around, Ye Zhongming thought about robbing people.

It wasn't his fault; the world was to be blamed. When others saw Cloud Peak's equipment, they had similar thoughts.

He accepted Guang Yao's request. Apart from their love for the country, Ye Zhongming didn't have the confidence to face the Ocean King Wheel. It was better to have an ally than to face the dangers alone.

After all, Sky Elephant Division had the rights and skill to assist Cloud Peak.

As for Meng Xiangjiang and the other scattered factions, after Ye Zhongming and Guang Yao joined hands, they didn't have a choice and could only join this Alliance. But Meng Xiangjiang didn't think that it was a bad choice.

When facing unknown dangers, you had to find someone tall to block for you. Even if the sky collapsed, they would hit them first.

With such thoughts, the Alliance between the Chinese factions went very smoothly.

This set an example for the other countries, and their survivors joined hands. Some small countries tried to work with other countries, but both sides were apprehensive. Aside from the few in central and west Asia, the other countries didn't show signs of working together.

What surprised Ye Zhongming was that the ocean beasts had lined up once more and formed into many dense formations.

Each formation had a leader. The lowest was level six, but there were very few of them. Most of them were level-seven mutated lifeforms.

The strongest ocean beast faction was naturally the Pliosaurus faction. Although it was injured, it was still very strong. The moment it gave off its aura, many beasts were willingly ordered around by it.

In the world of mutated lifeforms, the level was more strictly followed than humans.

The factions were split, and the numbers could be estimated. There should be around 100 thousand people, and China took up a third of that.

There were many more ocean beasts. Most of those who entered the Golden Bridge were ocean beasts. Ye Zhongming estimated 300-400 thousand. At least in terms of numbers, the humans were at a disadvantage.

The humans didn't have any level-eight lifeforms.

"Ocean King Treasure activate; please get ready!"

A voice rang out in all their minds. Ye Zhongming was familiar with such a situation, and even those who followed him to the Competition Death Wheel were familiar.

This was the nature of the wheel!

Ye Zhongming was at ease and even had time to observe the ocean beasts. Most of them showed a reaction. He didn't know how, but the wheel made the ocean beasts understand what was happening.

But the Ocean King Treasure tempted Ye Zhongming.

Something that the wheel called a treasure was something very good.

A second passed, and the wheel made a joke to all the humans.

The Ocean King Wheel started to change; it went from one wheel to nine normal wheels that differentiated level one to level nine.

The difference from other wheels was that although the method to spin it was the same, each had a metal plate before it for the person to stand on.

A detailed person noticed that the wheels were similar, but the things were different.

Each wheel had ten rewards, and no one recognized half of them! Ye Zhongming took a look and made a guess. But he wasn't very certain.

After seeing the ten wheels, they thought they were waiting for evolved to spin it. But a translucent wall blocked each person who wanted to walk up, and they couldn't get close.

When everyone was discussing using various languages, the Ocean King Crown moved. It flew around and twitched its elegant 'body.' The entire island shone gold.

All human evolved were covered in the golden light.

Many people used their defensive skills or equipment but were useless under the golden light.

It lasted for two seconds before disappearing. Everyone tapped their bodies and didn't notice any changes. At first, They didn't care and thought the crown was showing off. But a moment later, many people screamed.

They looked towards others and noticed that everyone's forehead had a... Demon crystal!

The same crystal on the bodies of the mutated lifeforms!

This mutation shocked Ye Zhongming. He looked around. Mo Ye, Chuyin, Little Tiger, Ah Yang... Each one of them had a crystal representing tier level. Ye Zhongming touched himself, and his forehead had a shining, cold crystal.

Damn... What was going on?

Chapter 564: If you were gold

One wouldn't understand that chill if one didn't personally go through it.

Even Ye Zhongming felt uncomfortable.

Think about it: if one day a horn or a tail grew from your body, what would you feel? Now that you were like a monster, even someone who was mentally strong would directly collapse.

Although having demon crystals wasn't a huge change, it was even less than those whose jobs and skills gave rise to unique body parts, but it gave off a different meaning.

In the apocalypse, survivors slived to get demon crystals. Now that they had demon crystals on their bodies, this...

It was unbelievable.

Everyone had a different expression, but there was one similarity: they were caught off guard.

But, after all, they had lived for close to a year. The survivors who arrived here had been changed by the ocean besat wave. Be it mentally or physically, they were much stronger. They suppressed their fear and started to study why such a thing would appear on their bodies.

After the Ocean King Crown did that, humans had time to adapt. It just floated there and didn't move.

Ye Zhongming used that time to touch the red demon crystal on his head. He started to think about this matter.

The Ocean King Crown wouldn't give humans evolution crystals for no reason. He had never heard of humans with demon crystals in his last life. He felt like they were temporary. They would disappear when they got out of this island or out of the crown's control.

Also, Ye Zhongming felt like the nine wheels were similar to what he guessed. The fact that the crystals appeared from nowhere also proved this point. He would find out in a while if he were correct.

He had to admit that the wheel knew how to play if his guesses were correct.

Moreover, it was a game that killed humans.

"You, do you know something?"

Guang Yao moved over and asked Ye Zhongming.

Although his occupation was special during peacetime, he was very smart and studied a little about psychology.

After allying, he stayed near Ye Zhongming. When he calmed himself down from the terror of having demon crystals on his body, he paid attention to Ye Zhongming. This guy didn't have any negative emotions. He was frowning and thinking while looking at the wheel and touching the crystal on his head.

It seemed like he knew something.

Ye Zhongming looked at Guang Yao and smiled, "Why not let's trade information? What do you think?"

Guang Yao giggled, "I don't have much information; I came here..."

"Now, this has no point." Ye Zhongming interrupted him, "You are the first team that charged onto the bridge, and you are telling me you know nothing?"

Guang Yao glanced at Mo Ye, who crossed her arms and stood behind Ye Zhongming, "Okay. I can tell you about it. The resistance zone that I am a part of found out in advance. Don't ask how we found out, as I don't know. I only knew that a golden bridge would appear, and after entering, we would get to a place with treasure."

He pointed around and sighed, "But this treasure seems problematic."

He kept silent momentarily before saying, "I only know this. What about you?"

Ye Zhongming looked away. He knew this fellow wasn't telling the truth and should be hiding something.

"The crystals on our head should be temporary."

The moment he opened his mouth, Guang Yao and the other core members behind him eyes lit up.

Even if they walked out from this place, they would still get hunted if their foreheads still had demon crystals. This was not a life that they wanted to live. Hearing Ye Zhongming say that, they heaved a sigh of relief.

"But this isn't good." Ye Zhongming looked at the beasts, "These demon crystals may be going to kill us."

"What do you mean?"

Little Xiu opened her mouth, and she seemed very friendly.

"You must be curious about those items you don't recognize on the wheel, right?"

The core members nodded. They didn't recognize half of the items on the wheel, which wasn't normal.

"If my guess is correct, the mutated lifeforms can spin them. The rewards we don't recognize are for them. Our demon crystals are their money."

What?

Not only were the Sky Elephant Division and Elegant Cavalry Squad stunned, but even those from Ying City were in disbelief. But they weren't stupid; they just thought about it and felt like Ye Zhongming's words made sense.

Why would humans and beasts enter this place at the same time? Why would the beasts attack so many ocean cities? Why would this wheel appear? Moreover, why did it have treasures that people didn't know about? Why would demon crystals appear on their bodies?

"Also, did you notice that our crystals and theirs are different?"

With Ye Zhongming's reminder, everyone compared theirs to the beasts. At the edge of the human ones, there was a golden line that was so thin that you would miss it if you didn't pay attention.

If not for the resistance zone's trust that he was in full charge after he arrived here, Guang Yao would think that someone betrayed him.

No matter what, the apocalypse was one where you had to risk your life, and dying was normal. But if you were not only their food but now their money source, the dangers you faced would increase.

One could say that humans had some hope without the demon crystals. Now that they had the crystals, if Ye Zhongming was right, there was no way out between humans and beasts. They would have to fight to the death.

There were hundreds of thousands of humans but many more ocean beasts. If the Ocean King Crown wanted a war, then...

Guang Yao felt like death was approaching.

When everyone was thinking, the crown moved. It shot out a golden light. This time it didn't land on the humans but on the level one wheel.

Chapter 565: Battle begins

One had to say that it was eye-catching when the golden light shone on the level-one wheel.

The normal-looking wheel became very catchy.

But to the survivors, it looked like the god of death was staring at them.

But what happened next made people forget all these, and instead, their hearts were filled with greed.

The level-one wheel had ten rewards. After the golden light shone, they were displayed in mid-air. The ten rewards had pictures, and each one of them had an explanation beside it.

The five items humans weren't familiar with were marked with their functions.

Humans understood right away that they were prepared for the monsters.

Many Chinese people looked towards Ye Zhongming with more respect.

When you know the answer, you might think that you could guess it just by thinking about it, but what about when the answer wasn't announced? People who could guess the outcome then were worthy of respect.

As it was a level-one wheel, the rewards didn't cause much commotion. Of the five that the humans recognized, apart from the one-star potion, there were a few other items. Their value wasn't decent, but humans had passed the first evolution peak, so the rest weren't too interested apart from some individuals.

Those items prepared for the beasts were the ones that attracted attention.

One of those was Ye Zhongming.

For example, there was a food item called Bone Hardening Collagen Condensing Biscuit. After use, it would strengthen the bones of mutated lifeforms, and it was useful for those below level three.

There was also something called Happiness Stealing grass that could raise the happiness of mutated lifeforms and increase their chance of getting pregnant.

One of the rewards was even more miraculous. It was called Water Washing Pearl, a fake eye that you could use to replace your eye and get a special ability.

To the Chinese, your bodies came from your parents. Although this was old thinking, this concept was still ingrained in the minds of many. It could have changed in the apocalypse as the pressure to survive increased. But a year passed, and such thoughts still affected many people.

Most people couldn't accept changing their eyes into a fake one.

But mutated lifeforms didn't care about that. Their only thought was to get stronger; as for how that happened, it wasn't important.

The five mutated lifeform rewards were placed there, and naturally, it attracted their attention. But like the humans, it wasn't useful for the higher-level beasts. They didn't know how the Ocean King Crown informed the beasts, so they understood, but only a few ocean beasts expressed their desire.

After the humans and beasts saw the wheel, the metal board under the wheel made a sound. All lifeforms watched as it turned into a cylinder-shaped metal room.

"Defeat your opponent, enter the room. Level one spinning room will activate 50 times. Each time, you can spin twice."

The moment the notification appeared, the information made people think carefully.

The notifications were very useful for special wheels. Understanding the wheel would affect your decisions and then affect what you get. It would also affect your fate. After receiving the notification, everything turned silent.

"Defeat your opponent? Who was the opponent? Humans or beasts?"

"Be it humans or other races, what was a challenge? A solo or a group battle?"

"What were the conditions for victory? Win one challenge, or did you have to continue several times? Was there time to rest? Could you heal up and recover?"

"You could spin twice when you entered? So, did it mean that in five times, you could spin all the items on the wheel? So what was the point with the 50 times?"

"Or rather, the things would always be there, and you could spin for them."

"If humans spin and get what the beasts get and vice versa? Then how? Fight?"

Survivors tossed problems, but no one knew the answer.

Ye Zhongming had many questions, but he was more used to observing and seeing if he could find some answers.

"What thoughts do you have?" Guang Yao and the others were impressed by Ye Zhongming's prophet-like abilities and wanted to know his thoughts.

Ye Zhongming smiled, "No matter what, we just need to think about it in the worst way."

The others looked at one another and didn't understand why. But Cloud Peak did.

They had joined several special wheel fights with Ye Zhongming and knew that while getting great items, you were facing death at every turn. There would be dangerous evolved or monsters, and this Ocean King Wheel was the same.

“This level-one wheel changed.”

Everyone saw an empty white region beside the rewards through the opened metal room. The current level one wheel had more than just ten regions; there were a hundred.

No wonder!

No wonder the room was opened 50 times, and you could spin twice each time. This was the reason.

Many people cursed.

This was such a scam.

50 challenges. That would be okay if everyone worked together and didn't fight one another. But was that possible?

Impossible, everyone knew that it was. Even if it was just a level-one wheel, evolved wouldn't give up on those rewards. Moreover, beasts were staring. Even if humans could agree, the beasts wouldn't.

Thus, a fight was destined.

The wheel had planned it.

The Ocean King Wheel retracted its golden light, and the gate of the metal room closed to block everyone's sight.

“Each lifeform can only challenge two of the nine wheels, and you can only challenge once per wheel.”

“Level one wheel challenge begins, human challengers; please enter.”

After hearing the notification, humans looked at one another and didn't know what to do. Finally, a West Asian person walked out and planned to accept the challenge.

Chapter 566: Surprising Cloud Peak challenger

At the same time, some Japanese stood out. They had the same thinking as the West Asia evolved.

There was more movement over at the ocean beast side. Thousands of them walked out the moment the notification appeared.

This wasn't a large number for the huge group of ocean beasts.

Four digits of ocean beast challengers were frightening, and many who wanted to challenge stopped.

People didn't understand what was happening and heading up like this. What if you had to challenge all the ocean beasts? You would die from exhaustion.

The care and self-preservation of humans were on full display. Everyone planned to look on first. Anyways, the Ocean King Wheel did not have a deadline.

The faces of the two challengers from Japan and West Asia turned ashen white. They didn't expect the situation. They thought about challenging others but didn't expect so many ocean beasts. Moreover, they scared off the other human challengers.

The wheel split between the human and ocean beast camp. What if they made the two factions face off? The two of them... Against so many ocean beasts, weren't they asking for death?

Regret nearly made them want to commit suicide.

The evolved that thought that no one would be interested in the low-level wheels and wanted to take advantage of the situation. Who knew that they would end up dying?

The two cried and looked towards their faction bosses and good friends. But now, their friends all looked at them coldly and abandoned them.

Ye Zhongming squinted his eyes and hesitated. Before understanding the wheel, he did not plan to strike.

“Brother Ye.”

A voice broke his thoughts. He turned his head and saw a member of Xia Bai's squad. This all-female squad was not only famous in Ying City but the entire China. After arriving here, they attracted attention. Many countries paid attention to this group that looked beautiful, had the same equipment, was strong, and gave off a cold aura.

Many outsiders couldn't understand why so many beautiful people would gather together

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Chapter 567: Too many surprises

The person that Cloud Peak sent was called Ling Yan. When she appeared on the battlefield, a number appeared on the heads of all the humans and ocean beasts.

The first guy to come out had a number 1. The Japanese had the number 2. Ling Yan had the number 3.

From 4 onwards, it was on the side of the ocean beasts. The last number was 4351.

4351 lifeforms chose to challenge the first wheel.

As expected, the notification sounded, and the battlefield closed. The challenge began.

That depressed West Asian body was shifted to the center of the battlefield.

“Challenger, please enter.”

The West Asian's number turned red, and the other lifeforms turned blue.

“He had to challenge all of them alone?”

Little Xiu asked in disbelief. If that were the case, the first person would be too depressed? Wasn't he destined to fail?

"No."

Guang Yao shook his head.

"I think this is why the wheel is smart." Guang Yao's voice was heavy, "Don't forget that there are 50 spins. This means that you can choose to risk your life, and you can also choose to wait for the next challenger to appear."

"The person chosen is at a disadvantage, but as long as he shows terrifying strength, then it might be a good thing."

The others agreed with what Guang Yao said. If the challenge continued, then one spin was enough. There was no need for 50 spins.

This resulted in a need to judge your opponent's strength. It also depended on whether you countered your opponent. If the reward was spun and didn't disappear, it didn't matter. But if the reward disappeared, then you had to pay attention to the challenge order and if the wheel still had the reward you needed.

From this angle, the people who fought first would have an advantage.

All in all, the pros and cons depended on the order of appearance.

Humans were often cautious when facing such choices. The Japanese and Ling Yan didn't move when the challenge started, but the ocean beasts went crazy.

Many ocean beasts charged towards the battlefield, and the situation was so frightening that the first person shivered.

Very quickly, the ocean beasts that had a higher priority appeared on the battlefield.

The West Asian was a two-star evolved, and the first ocean beast that challenged him, number 1876, was a level-two lifeform. There was nothing good to say, and both sides clashed.

As this was the first battle, both sides paid close attention. Even if such a battle didn't mean much to the high-level lifeforms, they wanted to see what would happen once the battle ended.

The battle wasn't too exciting, but it was bloody. The West Asian paid the price of an arm to kill the ocean beast.

The human faction sighed. The challenger was in a bad state and couldn't win another battle.

Many ocean beasts roared with bloodthirst and wanted to take advantage of the situation.

But a gold light caused both sides to quieten down. The 1st challenger's injuries healed up, and he was back to normal in just a few seconds.

Facing such changes, the survivor cheered emotionally. Many people couldn't understand what he was saying, but it was probably about how his injuries were healed.

Many ocean beasts that wanted to challenge him paused.

The value of the rewards on this wheel was higher than regular level-one wheels, but it was still a level-one wheel. The rewards were good but not overpowered, so high-level lifeforms didn't participate in this battle.

Out of the 4351 challengers, the highest level was three-star. The two-star West Asian was very strong, and with 50 spins, was it worth it to battle a strong level-two evolved?

Not only would humans think about that, but the ocean beasts that received the wheel's message also knew how to judge the situation.

Thus, the notification that challengers could battle rang out, but no one entered the battlefield.

Fifteen seconds later, the system recognized him as the winner.

The West Asian who thought he would die was delighted. He didn't expect happiness to arrive so suddenly. He was then allowed to enter the metal room to spin twice.

But the needle stopped on those white spots. He didn't get anything and wasted 20 level-one crystals.

But the two white regions disappeared, and 98 areas were left.

"I told you the wheel wasn't so nice; they treat us like monkeys!" Little Tiger shouted in rage.

He wasn't too angry, but he hated being played by others due to his personality.

Ye Zhongming shook his head and pointed at the ocean beast wave, "I think they are the angrier ones."

"Why?" Guang Yao was willing to speak with Ye Zhongming as he could learn much from his mouth.

"They don't have money!"

The moment he said that, everyone understood.

Right, their money was the crystals on the heads of the humans, but no human died, and they didn't get a single crystal. Even if the three human evolved on the first wheel died, that was just three crystals. They couldn't spin the wheel once.

In other words, without enough humans fighting, even if the beasts succeeded, they could only watch.

"Does that mean if we work together and send a few people each round, they wouldn't get a single reward?"

Little Xiu's eyes lit up and suggested.

Ye Zhongming and Guang Yao looked at each other and shook their heads.

That was the theory. But the problem was, if humans sent a few people, how could they ensure that each faction gained what they wanted? So her idea wasn't practical.

With this problem, the only benefit was on the first few wheels.

Hearing their explanation, the humans felt like the Ocean King Wheel was a test of intelligence. There were too many surprises.

Chapter 568: Patriotic

Whether the Ocean King Wheel was direct or they were playing with one's intelligence, humans and other mutated lifeforms were still the playthings of others.

This feeling of being controlled made Ye Zhongming decide to search for answers. He did so so that he wouldn't be a chess piece.

This process was arduous, but Ye Zhongming had never given up.

The first round of challenges became boring because of Ye Zhongming and Guang Yao's analysis. The 2nd Japanese was also a two-star evolved, and he was very strong. With Ye Zhongming's analysis, he had martial arts foundations during peacetime.

This was similar to Mo Ye and Xia Lei.

This gave him more advantage, and his strength was close to being a three-star evolved.

This person was an expert in such a challenge.

Many ocean beasts attacked after adapting to such a challenge. But without an exception, all of them failed. After one battle ended, he would recover. This allowed the Japanese to last 15 times on the battlefield.

He even killed a level-three mutated lifeform. After which, no one dared to challenge him.

Even if he took the chance to spin, there were still 48 more chances. There was no need to go all out and risk your life. So, the other life forms gave up.

The Japanese won and were delighted. He spun twice, and he was quite lucky. He failed once and succeeded once. He got a useful reward for humans and left the room with a smile.

When the humans and ocean beasts were enemies, even the Chinese and Koreans who had issues with them during peacetime also felt happy for them. This was a victory for humans, and the ocean beasts didn't get demon crystals, which restricted their possibility of spinning the wheel.

But things were often filled with accidents. When this Japanese passed by the Chinese region, he had a vicious smile and even did a neck-slicing action.

Honestly, Ye Zhongming was patriotic. He received an orthodox Chinese education, and as he had his thinking and good English standards, he often crossed the firewall to read about his country's history. He understood the truth about the wars and the ambition of their nation. About how they launched an invasion that filled the entire Asia with hatred.

So Ye Zhongming wasn't those brainless patriots. He knew his nation's strengths and weaknesses and wouldn't be blindly arrogant. But something unavoidable was that he didn't have any good feelings towards the Japanese due to what his countrymen had faced.

On the internet, Ye Zhongming wouldn't be an internet warrior and curse at them. But when he saw some comments, he couldn't help but laugh.

Like many of his countrymen, he loved his country and his people.

He believed that his people would reach the top.

But this thinking didn't mean he would retreat or step back when others provoked him. On the contrary, after the fights and brainwashing of the apocalypse, he wouldn't back down.

We were happy that you won, but what did your actions mean?

Did you look down on us? Did you think that you are strong?

Even a rational person like Ye Zhongming frowned when he saw his action. Killing intent rose in his heart, much less Guang Yao, someone from the violent organizations during peacetime.

The spear from the Holy Army Coat stabbed towards the Japanese. Guang Yao didn't act like a six-star evolved that acted cool.

If you dare to do such an action before me, don't blame me for bullying you!

However, the wheel's rules stopped Guang Yao's attacks and allowed the arrogant Japanese to escape.

Seeing Guang Yao's attack being blocked, the Japanese mockingly laughed. He walked back to their camp. His friends cheered because of his actions, making the Chinese region's expression ugly.

Ye Zhongming closed his arms. Although he didn't attack, his rage was no lower than that of Guang Yao and the Sky Elephant Division. He looked coldly at them and smiled.

Anyone who understood him would know that he was angry.

Anyone who knew him would know that once he was angry, many people would die and bleed.

He smiled coldly at Guang Yao, "Do you want to work together? Do you think it doesn't matter who gets the reward as long as we get it?"

Guang Yao's attack impressed Ye Zhongming, which was why he said that.

Guang Yao was stunned, and then he nodded solemnly.

"Right, as long as the Chinese get it. As for how many people will fight for it back at home, that is our problem."

Ye Zhongming nodded. He said, "Hand over your demon crystals and materials; I will strengthen your team and you."

Ye Zhongming sat on the ground and told his men to hand over their materials. He started to craft equipment.

When the conflict rose to a country level, Ye Zhongming showed off shocking ability.

Materials and equipment disappeared, and better ones replaced them.

The Glory Smith job was on full display. Ye Zhongming used all his mental energy and materials to make stronger equipment.

On the other side, the challenge continued. On this side, Ye Zhongming was crafting.

Ye Zhongming planned to use the materials he got from the high-level beasts in the future, but he didn't care now.

He told Guang Yao to hand over his ammo. Guang Yao hesitated for a moment before agreeing. Thus, Sky Elephant Division and the entire Chinese region witnessed a smith going mad.

White-grade bullets filled all the Lazy Man Cases. Dozens of them were silver, too!

Ye Zhongming used all the materials that he had.

Apart from that, white equipment was the minimum. Silver equipment was being crafted like they were free.

Guang Yao was shocked and took everything out, allowing Ye Zhongming to use them. This was what caused there to be so much silver equipment.

When high-level equipment was stacked in front of the Chinese region, everyone had one thought. China would win today!

Chapter 569: If I can't kill you we can be friends

The Chinese region finally witnessed a good, no, a fantastic smith.

Everyone was stunned when they saw high-level equipment appear like a factory line in his hands.

Most people felt like with this person here, wouldn't Cloud Peak be like a treasure gathering basin?

Some leaders even wondered why he had so much mental energy. Where was his limit? Did he have any methods or secrets that they could borrow?

People like Guang Yao, who reached such a level, considered more things from his job to himself as a person, from support jobs to mental energy recovery equipment. Deep in his heart, he had more respect for Cloud Peak and reevaluated their strength.

Although some matters brought up Ye Zhongming's emotions, which caused Guang Yao to support Ye Zhongming, he knew that his own emotions had changed quickly. He craved more and more. He wanted to spread what he felt and saw back to the Resistance Zone.

Underestimate-- Focus-- Shock- Respect. This was the change in his thoughts of Ye Zhongming and Cloud Peak. It became increasingly intense, such that he thought about how he would inform the Resistance Zone.

If he could kill him, they should go all out to kill him. They should be friends with him if they weren't 100% confident.

He was such an elite smith with strong fighting powers; he was too terrifying.

He crafted many pieces of equipment, and everyone wanted one. Ye Zhongming couldn't make tens of thousands in two hours, so he had to distribute them properly.

Whoever wanted to challenge would have the right to get equipment first. Cloud Peak was in charge of the exact distribution.

This was a definite matter. Ye Zhongming was in charge; even Guang Yao had to lower his head. The other factions had no right to speak up.

Under such a situation, Cloud Peak and Ying City Alliance naturally gained benefits. Cloud Peak openly hogged some benefits during the distribution.

But no one objected; rather, they didn't say it out loud. When they saw the equipment they were interested in being given to others, big factions like Sky Elephant Division would even use demon crystals to purchase or trade for them.

It was very expensive, but it was worth it. They didn't know when they would meet such an elite smith.

In any faction, such crafting was not something the ordinary members could come into contact with. Even the T1 Resistance Zone was the same. Smiths like Ye Zhongming were on the level of their leaders.

Thus, even Guang Yao purchased a silver dagger.

The China Region survivors calmed down, and the level one-wheel challenge ended. Over 500 people from China got equipment, shocking even Cloud Peak. When was their boss so amazing?

This was his true strength. When he didn't care about mental energy, he was terrifying when he went all out.

He called Mo Ye and the core members over and instructed some matters before closing his eyes to recover some mental energy. Xiao Min and Ah Yang surrounded Ye Zhongming in the middle.

Mo Ye started to follow his request to send people.

Ye Zhongming planned to attack every wheel!

He wanted the rewards. So after the level two-wheel, Cloud Peak would go all out! Mo Ye needed to arrange the members sent for each wheel based on strength.

Ying City saw Cloud Peak being so proactive, and they thought about retreating. Although the rewards were good, they had to rely on Cloud Peak in the future. If they challenged them and offended them, it was not worth it.

But Ye Zhongming thought about that and sent Mo Ye to find those Ying City bosses. He told them there were many spins, so they could send their men too. They had just to try to avoid the Cloud Peak challengers.

After getting Ye Zhongming's assurance, the Ying City Alliance was very busy, and they discussed how to join this majestic battle.

The others in the Chinese region naturally didn't dare to fall behind. They had the same thought and just had to avoid Cloud Peak. If they couldn't, then they would fight.

The other countries didn't know what was happening with the Chinese, as Ye Zhongming was blocked when crafting the equipment. Only a few people guessed when they saw the shining equipment.

However, such people were the minority and paid more attention to the wheel.

Like many guesses in the past, many ocean beasts didn't have crystals to spin the wheel. What was surprising was that after the beasts entered the room, they would be shone by the golden light. Some humans saw them mutate a second time.

They didn't spin but could evolve again. This caused Ye Zhongming's eyes to open wide.

He had a bad feeling. Was this wheel planning to con the humans?

The three humans didn't die—especially Ling Yan, who showed her three-star strength. She fought twice, and no beast challenged her. She was the top of everyone, and her skills and equipment were also strong. Her two battles were an insta kill, so no ocean beast tried to test their luck.

But Ling Yan wasn't lucky and got nothing from the two spins.

This was why Ye Zhongming told his men to head out. They had to use numbers to get the rewards.

The level one wheel challenge ended, and the notification followed, the wheel disappearing into the ground. A translucent crystal ball rose, and there was a black pentagon.

Everyone looked at each other and didn't know what it was. The Ocean King Wheel didn't give any instructions.

Ye Zhongming thought about it and felt like he missed out on something.

The second wheel challenge started. With the first wheel as the example, more evolved and lifeforms entered the challenge. There were 3000 humans alone!

Ye Zhongming absorbed a demon crystal, and he glanced at the challengers. He looked at Guang Yao, "Let's snipe?"

Guang Yao nodded, "Sure!"

The two bosses had a simple conversation. The Chinese that joined the second wheel challenge received clear instructions.

The Chinese joined in every battle that there were Japanese.

They were going to snipe them so that they didn't get anything.

Cloud Peak sent 27 people, and the lowest was three stars. The highest was five stars.

At this point, the advantage that the Cloud Peak core had previously was gone, and what replaced it was the number of high evolved.

There were five star evolved in the level two-wheel challenge.

Before the battle began, Ye Zhongming called the Cloud Peak evolved, led by Xiao Min to his side.

"Pay attention to the order. We want two prizes. One is that lucky card; the other is the beast item called Blood Boiling Oilment."

Chapter 570: Ability Swapper

There was no need to use a five-star evolved for a level-two wheel challenge. After all, everyone had two tries.

But Ye Zhongming knew that when you sniped them, they could snipe you, too. The outcome would depend on strength.

So, he sent one of Ah Yang's brothers to suppress the battlefield.

As long as he stood there, the other regions would be afraid. They had to consider the consequences if they tried to snipe the evolved from China.

The five-star evolved would snipe them once they felt like they were targetting the Chinese Region.

This was a threat.

Ye Zhongming wasn't afraid that his men would die but hoped they died for a reason.

The moment the challenge started, the strength of those who joined was higher than before. That attracted attention.

All sides sent strong formations. Over 300 were sent by the Chinese, who said that they wanted to snipe the Japanese.

Both wheels had 50 chances, and each victor could spin twice.

The battle was intense immediately as it was limited, and the competition was fierce. Each battle would go through many challenges to set the winner.

The Asian region noticed that the Chinese were sniping at the Japanese, so naturally, their expressions weren't good. But the Chinese were stronger. After 15 rounds, the Japanese didn't even get one chance to enter.

That Japanese leader had a bad expression, and he couldn't hide his killing intent when he looked over.

After learning that the wheel's rules protected those who didn't join the battle, many Japanese evolved started to curse at them. They would hear broken Chinese. The Chinese didn't hold back and scolded them. The scene became more interesting than the challenge.

Ye Zhongming didn't care. This was a way to increase the sense of belonging. Even if they worked together temporarily, no one knew what would happen next. It was better to be more united.

He paid attention to the Blood Boiling Oilment.

Fortunately, one Chinese survivor succeeded and got the item. Ye Zhongming used two white pieces of equipment to trade for it.

To people without pets, it wasn't useful. Those two pieces of white equipment could raise their strength.

As for how it was used, the wheel had a clear explanation. It was a drink that could allow battle beasts to increase their combat strength.

Berserk was the best method to raise combat strength. Although it would leave after-effects, survivors loved it. A short explosion was a very useful ability.

This bottle of Blood Boiling Oilment was only basic grade, and it could allow beasts under level three to enter a berserk state between 5-15 minutes, raising its strength by 30-100%.

Ye Zhongming told them to pay attention to two items. It wasn't because they were very good that Ye Zhongming, who was six-star, would be interested. He got a job scroll during the city defense, which gave him an idea.

This job was called-- Ability Swapper (Battle Beast)

Ye Zhongming didn't pay much attention to it and just kept it as it was rare.

He knew that others wouldn't trade a good job scroll.

This was why he wasn't very interested when he got it.

But when the wheels appeared, he recalled this scroll as he found that it would be very useful.

Ability Swapper (Battle Beast): this job could obtain an ability from a unique battle beast item and keep this ability. When facing a suitable beast, one could give it permanently to the beast.

After giving the ability, it would disappear from the job user, and the job would return to normal. When you faced the next battle beast item, you could continue to obtain the ability.

If the previous ability were still on the job user's body, the new ability would replace the old one. This was what swap meant.

Strictly speaking, this was a great job. Survivors were unhappy or underestimated because items relating to battle pets were too rare, even rarer than six-star potions.

Note that it had to be unique to battle pets.

Ye Zhongming lived for two lives and rarely saw such items.

So even if someone learned it, it wouldn't be useful. It just helped to increase mental energy.

Ye Zhongming had many job skills, so naturally, he wasn't interested in such a job.

But when the wheel appeared, he was touched. On these nine wheels, each had five unique rewards. There were 45 rare battle pet items.

The ideal state was that he could collect 45 abilities and give his battle pets 45 abilities.

Although this was the most ideal state, it was not practical. But that didn't stop Ye Zhongming's heart from beating quickly.

He didn't move on the first wheel as he was careful. He had to observe the wheel and see if there were any traps.

After seeing the first challenge, Ye Zhongming decided to strike.

If he didn't move on such a great gift, then he wouldn't be Ye Zhongming.

He learned the job skill. He used the unique job skill on the Blood Burning Oilment-- Ability Swap.

A red liquid disappeared from the skill light, and Ye Zhongming obtained a notification.

"Obtained ability-- Basic Blood Boil."

Ye Zhongming looked carefully, and there was an introduction to this ability. When you gave this ability to level one, two, or three battle beasts, you could make them berserk and raise their strength.

Ye Zhongming looked at the wheel and smiled.

He was rich!