

Apocalypse 601

Chapter 601: Cursed Abyss's crafting platform

Night Demon Plains, Cursed Abyss!

This was once one of the few places, along with Dawn Saint Halls Gate of Blessing and Posthumous Peoples Saint Pool, that gave Ye Zhongming hope of leaving the Secret Realm.

He didnt expect to roam here.

Although he didnt know what was happening, he knew something magical must have happened. This had to do with the Secret Realm key, or maybe because of the Black Abyss Envoy.

But no matter what, he knew that that job skill didnt kill him.

But his current situation Didnt look too good.

The rumbling magma was hot, but Ye Zhongming couldnt feel anything. He would even be touching it at certain moments. He could see the magma swell and then shatter.

He could see the magma roll like waves.

Shortly after, his head felt numb as he saw that he had entered the magma!

After moments of nervousness, he realized that he was in soul form. He entered the magma, but he was fine.

He relaxed and noticed that the magma was beautiful.

Was that a lifeform?

Ye Zhongming looked at small translucent fish swimming in the magma. They looked like they didnt have any scales. They werent afraid of the high temperature, which was quite a miracle.

As if they sensed something, the fishes turned their heads toward where Ye Zhongming was at.

At this point, he realized that these fishes had purple crystals!

Level seven! So many level seven!

If Ye Zhongmings body were here, he would swallow his saliva.

There were many level seven beasts in the ocean beast wave. There were over ten that attacked the city alone. During the wheel challenge, there were at least 50 of them.

That number made the human evolved filled with despair.

But how many of these fishes were there? There were over a hundred!

A hundred level-seven mutated lifeforms. He felt a huge pressure even if he was here in his soul state.

They didnt notice anything, so these level-seven lifeforms, or rather, demons, left.

He continued to roam, and he got deeper and deeper. The magma became brighter until he reached the bottom.

He thought it was over, but he noticed something which stunned him.

He saw that there was a Furnace?

Ye Zhongming was unsure what it was, but he felt it was similar to a furnace. Under it was a black platform, and there was a silver hammer.

He was unsure as he was far from it, and his mental energy didnt get close. But from what he felt, it should be a crafting platform.

But who built this under the magma ocean? Be it the platform or that hammer, they were made of metal. What metal could last so long under the high temperature?

That was a good thing. This was his first thought. After which, he was filled with questions.

But before he got an answer, his mental energy surged and returned to the Cursed Abyss. He then floated in another direction.

When he left, a demon monster opened its eyes in the deepest cave of one of the mountains. It looked at where Ye Zhongming left and closed its eyes.

Through the light of its eyes, a level-nine silver crystal shone on its forehead.

Ye Zhongming moved quickly. He could see plains that were covered in ice and snow. There were no humans, but he would occasionally see some demon monsters.

At the same time, he noticed something. The darkness lifeform had reduced after he went through the magma.

This was surprising. He felt like when these darkness lifeforms disappeared, he might break free from this soul state.

Wasnt that the undead hill?

Ye Zhongming noticed that he was on the hill. This was where he appeared the first time he came to the secret realm. Ahead was Ah Taos tribe.

He thought back to the tribe that was on his side. He recalled the leader who taught him the Soul Refining Technique and Scorching Flame Technique and the gentle Secret Realm lady Miya, who was willing to sacrifice herself.

The snow on this side of the hill was bigger. Under the cold wind, the deep snow would get moved to reveal a part of the ground. One could see some Posthumous people's corpses. Due to the low temperature, they looked exactly like when they died, but their bodies werent complete.

They probably came out to hunt during the winter but failed to return.

He was here!

Ah Tao tribes mountain.

Ye ZHongming wanted his soul form to enter and take a look, but it was as if he wasnt in control. He continued forwards.

But suddenly, something summoned him. He noticed that he had stopped, and he flew into the mountain.

He saw Ah Tao, he saw Han Yihao and his wife, he saw the Grey Mountain Tribes leader, he saw Mountain Bank, who was forced to join them but was now on their side, he saw those 300 Iron Zombies

Of course, there was also Miya, who gave up everything for him. She was hugging her knees in bed. She held a soft white jade Ye Zhongming gave her before he left.

This girl was thinking about him!

That strong tug on his soul was from her.

Ye Zhongmings heart felt warm.

It was as if Miya sensed something. She stood up and looked around curiously. She then ran out and tried searching the giant mountain.

Is it You?

Chapter 602: Team in the ice

Although numerous campfires were lit around the mountain, the temperature wasnt high. The ground was ice cold and firm. Miya stepped on the ground, and her body temperature quickly got cold.

But she ignored it. Her beautiful eyes looked around like she was waiting for the person in her dreams to appear.

She did sense that familiar aura around her. It was friendly and warm. Miya even heard that voice that charmed her.

She turned her body to spot the figure she thought about day and night. Unfortunately, it was still the same. There was peace in the noise. Apart from that, there was nothing at all.

Miya was disappointed. She knew that the guy she thought about wasnt back. If not, the mountain wouldnt be so silent.

But what was that feeling in her heart?

Miya, what happened? Did something happen?

A muscular auntie hugged a pile of beast leather to pass the area. She looked at the stunned Miya and asked with concern.

Miya was the Nu Pu of the tribe. Although she was together with the guy who left and she lost the most valuable first blood, because the guy was noble, her status didnt drop. Instead, everyone respected her more. Especially the two who came from the same place as that guy. They respected her. Those zombies also became Miyas guards.

Nothing, go do your stuff. Miya forced a smile. She saw the auntie walk far away and looked around reluctantly before returning to her tent.

Ye Zhongmings soul was looking on. He saw her expressions. Her love for this woman was increasing through this close observation.

Unfortunately, he couldnt stay here. His soul flew back into the sky in a certain direction.

Blue Secret Realm was covered in a white veil, and one couldn't see any Posthumous people. But some monsters were good in the cold. They were very strong. Ye Zhongming saw them looking for Posthumous people resting areas to launch attacks on them.

In the end, the Posthumous people mostly ended in defeat.

Ye Zhongming's soul continued forward. The white color was very boring. He didn't know how long this would last. He was originally happy that the darkness around him had reduced, but now that mood was gone. He could only roam in the skies of the Secret Realm.

This was until he saw a team moving in the snow!

Although he wasn't a native, he knew Posthumous people's fear of the winter. It was too cold, and they had to stay in the mountains to escape the winter. No one would be outside as they would just be asking for death.

But what was this team doing? Were they afraid of the temperature?

Ye Zhongming flew past them and saw that they mostly rode a demon monster covered in fur. The humans rode on them, and half their bodies were in that thick and dense fur. The problem of warmth for half of their body was solved.

Their bodies were covered in thick fur, and they wore a round hat that wrapped their entire head, only revealing their eyes,

They carried a vine basket on their backs; no one knew what was inside. They shone an unknown red glow.

This should be for warmth.

Above them was a big bird that circled. It was as if it was not afraid of the cold. This level-seven lifeform didn't meet many opponents in the sky either.

This level-seven bird was so big that it could block the snow for the team. It could also block the cold wind to protect this team.

This was the first time he had heard of a 5000-strong Posthumous people team moving in winter!

Ye Zhongming was curious and didn't know which super tribe had such confidence.

But his gaze focused as he saw a few familiar faces.

Those people came from the imperial city!

One of them was Hong Xiang!

Ye Zhongming understood what they were doing. Their goal was the Ah Tao tribe! Or rather, the Cloud Peak Tribe Alliance!

No one would expect them to move during winter.

They were slow, and some of them couldn't reach their destination. They might not even get to Ah Taos tribe before the winter ended.

But when they got there, it would be when the Cloud Peak tribe was at their weakest. If they were caught off guard, they wouldn't be the match of this team with a King and a level-seven beast.

Ye Zhongming was in a bad mood as he had caused this, but now, he couldn't even save himself. He didn't know how he would pass this crisis. He could do nothing even if he knew that the Imperial City forces were about to strike his alliance.

His soul continued to roam, and that team got further until they disappeared. Ye Zhongming still felt depressed.

A while later, he came to a familiar place the Posthumous People Imperial City.

His soul entered the city immediately, and he saw this miraculous city. He saw the natives that were living as if it wasn't winter.

He even entered the holy land and the Saint Pool that he left from.

A ceremony was going on, and water surged out. Many Posthumous people were prepared to enter to cultivate.

The level eight protector sat in a corner and looked carefully.

Since Ye Zhongming conned him previously, he had never left the pool.

But the protector sensed something, and he looked above. He sensed something was there, but he couldn't spot it.

The water was full, and various tribe experts were prepared to head in. Ye Zhongming's soul sunk into the pool first.

This feeling was the same as when he sunk into the magma!

He saw the keyhole. He thought it was over but didn't expect his soul to continue sinking, taking him to a giant space under the pool.

A fountain was spitting water toward the bottom. This was probably where the saint water above came from.

Before Ye Zhongming could continue looking, he felt someone staring at him. He tried to search and saw a human-shaped monster smiling at him on a giant pillar connecting this area with that above!

Chapter 603: Meeting Yangos again

It was hard to describe what Ye Zhongming felt.

He confirmed that this was not a human.

It had three legs that were in a triangle. It had three arms that were a similar distance away from each other on its body.

The only thing that a human could accept was its face.

Ye Zhongming noticed that there were strong energy fluctuations in its body.

Ye Zhongming was familiar with this energy, similar to the Scorching Flame Technique. Thinking about it, it was similar to the Soul Refining Technique, too.

Maybe all techniques in the secret realm were similar.

Ye Zhongming felt like this person noticed him.

Unfortunately, his soul continued to float. He would jump out of this place a while later and return to the sky above.

Come back to find me!

When Ye Zhongming returned to the sky, his soul received such a notification.

Come back to find him? He knew he would return. Why find him? What was he? Why would he be at the bottom of the pool? Why could he see his soul? Who trapped him there? Why was he there?

A series of questions appeared in his head. He thought about it but had no idea.

He felt like this area was weird. He looked and saw a city.

It was a city. Although the architecture differed from humans, this place was suitable for humans.

Moreover, he saw many humans in the city below.

This.

He had just seen the poor Posthumous people who could only live in the mountains. Now, he saw signs of human civilization. It was like one had jumped from a slave society into a civilized area.

It was still an ice land that proved that the Blue Secret Realm was still in winter. But why could the humans still move around outside?

Ye Zhongming observed but saw that the town was covered in light. If not for his soul being very sharp, he might not have noticed it.

He looked at the thick snow and also at the clean town. This looked like a city that was protected by a barrier.

This should be Dawn Saint Halls area.

Ye Zhongming heard from the Posthumous people that only the strong Dawn Saint Hall believers could build such a long-lasting base. Only they could create this barrier to protect the people that lived here.

Very quickly, his soul continued forward. More and more such towns appeared, but only a few had the scale of the first he saw. Ye Zhongming realized that towns in his mind were maybe giant cities here. The first city should be the border city of Dawn Saint Halls territory.

Ye Zhongming felt the temperature here was higher than the Posthumous people's land.

After floating for a while, Ye Zhongming felt like his soul was lighter. He noticed that the darkness lifeform had reduced since he exited the pool, and it was only half of what it had been before.

This was the best news for him.

Moments later, he saw a majestic architecture.

The towns before were special, but he found them old-fashioned.

But this one in front of him was majestic.

After being magnified many times, the most exquisite castles on Earth might be able to compare with this structure. That could show how majestic it was.

The style differed from Earth but filled one with respect and awe when they looked at it. Three tall white towers dazzled Ye Zhongming.

A palace was at the top of the tower!

Three stone towers that could be called miracles were the foundations and pillars of this palace.

This was the true Dawn Saint Hall!

Ao!

A dragon roared, shocking Ye Zhongming, who was in awe of the building. He looked at killing intent rose in his mind.

Yangos!

The level-seven evil dragon that forced him to open the Secret Realm and nearly killed him.

Of course, this fellow wasn't level six but level eight!

This fellow was flying between the majestic buildings of Dawn Saint Hall. It was nimble, and from afar, Ye Zhongming noticed that its evil aura was much lighter. If not for the fierce glow that emanated from its brown eyes occasionally, he would have trusted the aura on its body.

However, mysterious white talismans were on the sides of the demon crystal on its forehead!

Ye Zhongming was stunned as he recognized that it was the mark of a contract.

Did.

Like it was proving his guess, Yangos glided a distance in the sky and stopped at the palace entrance. A woman in a white robe holding a crescent-shaped halberd jumped on its back. It grabbed a bone from its back and tapped with her halberd. Yangos roared before flying into the sky towards the center of Dawn Saint Hall.

When that woman got near Ye Zhongming's soul, she twitched but didn't say or do anything.

Yangos became her mount!

Ye Zhongming, who had witnessed Yangos's might and strength, was filled with disbelief. This evil dragon was level nine and pretty much unbeatable in his last life. It had its pride, so why would it become a mount?

But the truth was in front of his eyes!

Ye Zhongming guessed that this woman was the core member of Dawn Saint Hall. Moreover, Yangos had evolved twice quickly to become level eight. It might have had something to do with her and Dawn Saint Hall.

Ye Zhongming's soul continued to float, and in the blink of an eye, he was in the hall above the three stone towers. He moved towards the core. There was a shining red gate.

Even if Ye Zhongming were stupid, he would know what the gate was called.

Gate of Blessing!

People who come are guests; ask for a blessing!

The old voice rang out in his mind. This was the next time he was spotted since that human-shaped monster.

Chapter 604: Level nine

An old white beard man had appeared beside the gate. He held a white metal staff and looked at Ye Zhongming.

Ye Zhongming was sure that he noticed him.

Ye Zhongming was shocked for just a moment before returning to normal.

He knew that even if his body was here, there was nothing he could do.

This old man was a nine-star evolved!

He had lived for two lives and had seen a few nine-star evolved. This was the time when he was the closest to one.

Although it seemed quite weird now.

Since you are here, then make a wish.

The old man said again. This time, he used the white staff to point at where Ye Zhongming was at.

Ye Zhongming didn't do anything; he couldn't do anything in this state. He didn't know how to make a wish, and he didn't know what the old man meant.

His soul was not under his control. He stopped for a moment near the gate because of the old man and then rushed toward the red gate.

How can you leave without making a wish?

The old man's expression became solemn. He placed his staff between the gate and didn't allow him to leave.

Since Ye Zhongming entered the Secret Realm, his soul was unobstructed but now, he slowed and was being affected by this.

The old man scoffed; stopping him was bad for his body, too.

Soul Space Wandering! Tell me where you are from, and how can I get to that place?

The old man found it tough to stop the soul and retracted his solemn gaze. A viciousness appeared on his face, showing his determination to get an answer.

Soul Space Wandering! What was that?

Ye Zhongming had lived two lives but had never heard that. Also, this nine-star evolved, what they called level-nine in the secret realm. He knew that he was from another place! Did he hear of it from Yangos?

Was his current state called Soul Space Wandering?

If I consume you, I might be able to bring my people into your world, so you have to stay! Even if you are the laws of this space!

His words became thunderous and rang in the entire Dawn Saint Hall.

At the same time, a power that made Ye Zhongming terrified shot out from the staff. It went through the exquisite windows of the palace, and he saw the color of the skies change.

Not only did Ye Zhongming see these scenes, but the people living in the cities looked up in shock.

They were used to the snow, and now they saw the sky darken and the clouds disappear; rather, they were blocked off, and dark clouds were above. There were huge streaks of lightning inside that looked like they would smash into the ground.

At the same time, a red and white glow appeared in the palace that fired toward the clouds, but they could not chase them away.

The woman riding Yangos looked into the sky and was in deep thought. When she saw the light from the palace, she gave an order. Yangos understood and rushed back to where they came from.

How long has it been since the Saint Father used his strength? Who infiltrated the place and forced the Saint Father to such an extent?

Was it that ball previously?

She was curious and locked eyes on the palace.

Ye Zhongming was uninterested in the phenomena outside. He was feeling intense pain in the soul state as if his soul was being sucked away. He thought back to many body-stealing incidents in peacetime and felt he was facing something like that.

But he couldn't do anything. His body wasn't here, and he didn't even know what state his soul was in. Maybe it was just a part of his consciousness.

He wanted to use the Soul Refining Technique, but it was useless.

But he knew he had to do something; if not, this level-nine fellow might kill him.

This was his second life, and he didn't want to die here doing nothing.

Gate of Blessing?

Ye Zhongming looked at the gate, giving off red and white rays.

Although the level-nine old man's words were to test him out, it seemed like he could make wishes here.

Ye Zhongming didn't care if it was real or not. He was drowning; any bit of hope could help. He didn't care and just used all his might towards the gate.

This was his last hope. He was gambling. Be it the Cursed Abyss, the Posthumous People Saint Pool, or this gate, none of them were built by natives. They came from outside, like the wheels on Earth.

A giant explosion made him lose consciousness. When he woke, he saw a red light from the gate hitting his soul.

He saw his skills, job, equipment, etc, data spinning. The red light was running through them, and a few seconds later, it started to slow. Ye Zhongming's equipment and skills slowed, too, and then they stopped. A skill and the red line combined.

Time to fulfill your wish, selecting offering.

Black Abyss Soul Power, level, Excellent.

Successfully upgraded Elimination technique, obtained Intermediate Elimination Technique.

Remaining energy, obtained Advanced Elimination Technique.

Remaining energy, obtained Great Elimination Technique.

Remaining energy, obtained Excellent Elimination Technique.

Remaining energy, obtained Super Elimination Technique.

Elimination Technique has reached highest grade, unable to upgrade. Please select the next skill.

Upgrading Treasure Nurturing Gourd, obtained Blue Grade gourd.

Energy used, wish fulfillment time over.

Ye Zhongming was stunned as the notification signaled the end. Ye Zhongming was first delighted. He didn't expect to gain so much.

The Elimination Technique reached super grade. This was the first time he heard of a skill having excellent and super grades!

After the joy was him wanting to die.

His wish was to leave this place!

Chapter 605: I am back

Ye Zhongming naturally wanted the fortune the gate had given him if possible.

Be it the blue-grade gourd or the elimination technique that upgraded to the highest level, who knew how much he had to pay to get to such a level? He might need many years, and it might not even be possible.

He was excited for it to be upgraded so many times.

But the situation was different.

The Japanese used Black Abyss Envoy to con him, and he had no choice but to open the Secret Realm. But he didn't know he would enter in such a weird way. Moreover, he ended up touring the entire Blue Secret Realm.

He saw so much and naturally had more questions. His thoughts and guesses increased. He knew that he had some understanding of the world. As long as he continued on this path, he would find something and might even understand the mysteries of the apocalypse.

But now, he had to leave this place and get out of this state where he couldn't do anything at all.

He would rather not have the upgrade of the gourd and his skill and get free instead.

Level nine evolved were as close to gods in his heart. They were too strong and had various weird and powerful skills. Who knew if this old man would use some secret skill to wipe him out or turn him into a zombie to be ordered around?

So, at this moment, he was extremely anxious.

But right then, the old mans body shook, and he stepped back. That power restricting Ye Zhongming disappeared.

Ye Zhongming felt a giant power controlling him to charge toward the gate.

The old man used his white staff, and white stars covered the gate. Ye Zhongming knocked into it and bounced back.

His heart sank. This old man had a way to control the space laws!

How strong did he have to be?

When Ye Zhongming was in despair, the Gate of Blessing showed its might. It seemed unhappy that someone dared to cover it. The red light shot in all directions, which was stopped by the white stars. But it lasted for only two seconds before the stars were shattered.

The level-nine old man took a few steps back, and blood appeared on his mouth that dyed his white beard.

Ye Zhongming used this chance to jump into the gate and disappear.

The sound of air being flapped appeared. Yangoss giant head appeared at the entrance. Its brown eyes looked at the old man, filled with shock.

It looked at the fresh blood on his face!

In Yangoss heart, this old man was so strong that he could wipe him out in just a second. He was one of the strongest people he had met in the different worlds.

He was so strong that he could drag it from six to eight.

Was this person injured?

It only came back to its senses when a halberd knocked its head. Its body tilted, sending its female master to the entrance.

That elegant woman stepped on the pure and clean floor and walked toward the thinking old man.

Saint Father.

Her voice was as elegant as her looks, and it made one refreshed.

The old man looked at her and didnt say anything.

I saw the energy from the gate explode. I have never seen it in so many years. Who was it? Did he use a high-grade offering?

The old man didnt reply and just turned towards the closed gate, which was back to normal. After some time, he said, I might have missed the best and last chance to bring our people out of this hell.

The women couldnt take it anymore. She couldnt keep calm, and a look of disbelief appeared.

This challenge was weird, and what happened next was even weirder.

Everyone saw a five-star Japanese turn into darkness lifeforms to wrap the Cloud Peak boss. The Japanese all cheered as if they had won a war.

But slowly, they noticed that something wasnt right.

If the Japanese celebrating and Cloud Peak members attacking the wheel meant that Ye Zhongming was dead, why didnt the wheel announce the outcome?

The stable sealed space even showed signs of flickering light.

It was as if a lamp was about to run out!

Afterward, they saw the darkness lifeforms made of bats and crows reduce.

This change caused the Japanese laughter to disappear. Disbelief appeared on their faces; even the old samurai standing still took two steps forward.

Cloud Peak stopped attacking the wheel, and they all looked confused.

A long while passed, and those darkness lifeforms were reduced once again. There were even some parts where one could count exactly how many were left.

The Japanese realized that things werent going as they thought. That Chinese didnt die and were using a method they didnt know to deal with this Black Abyss Envoy job!

Contrary to them, Cloud Peak warriors couldnt hide their excitement. If not for the outcome being uncertain, they would have cheered loudly.

But they knew that their boss should still be alive, and he was working hard to fight back and break the despicable Japanese moves.

On the ocean beasts side, the Pliosaurus and other high-level ocean beasts paid close attention.

Finally, the darkness lifeforms gave out a piercing scream. Everyone was familiar with that sound and would hear it daily in the apocalypse.

It was the sound people would make when they were in despair.

Those darkness lifeforms disappeared. There was nothing on the battlefield. Before anyone could guess, a figure charged out from space and fell to the ground.

This person stood up and looked at his friends. He touched his nose and said awkwardly, Long time no see.

Chapter 606: Water and Fire Pot

Cloud Peak members were stunned and then gave a deafening roar!

No one knew better what Ye Zhongmings three words meant to them.

In many of their hearts, Ye Zhongming was turning into their faith. If he was alive, they had the confidence to continue living. If he stood there, he would be the spine of the entire group.

Especially those who had lost their loved ones and were tortured by others. Ye Zhongming saved their lives, and he was why they were living!

Such a mentality couldnt appear during peacetime and only during extreme societies like the apocalypse.

Maybe this was a mental illness, but so what? Many leaders in the apocalypse hoped their subordinates would get such an illness!

The typical case would be Xia Bai and her squad.

So when Ye Zhongming was in danger, many people went crazy with Xia Bai. When he appeared, many people cheered.

They vented their worry and despair because they knew that it was okay. Even if they offended people, they had Ye Zhongming, so it didn't matter!

Ye Zhongming's eyes felt warm when he saw his subordinates going crazy.

He had never enjoyed such an honor in his last life.

He waved at them and used his gaze to console a few crying women. He then walked to the spinning room.

No one would challenge him now. No one dared to challenge him.

As he was one of the earlier ones to challenge, there were still many white spots. If this was him in the past, he could only rely on his luck. But things were different now as he had the Super Elimination Technique.

The basic Elimination Technique was restricted in the number of things it could eliminate, but the Super Elimination Technique differed.

The Super Elimination Technique followed the laws of the wheel. You could eliminate choices you didn't need on level one to three wheels. In other words, Ye Zhongming could get anything he wanted from low-level wheels. The most he could eliminate was 9.

The experienced Ye Zhongming realized that his subordinates and he wouldn't lack low-level potions. In the past, he needed six to seven times to get one, but now he only needed one spin to get the low-level potion he wanted.

For four to six wheels, he could eliminate seven choices!

On average, seven were eliminated for wheels with ten choices, meaning three remained. His chance of getting a certain reward became $\frac{1}{3}$. Based on probability, he would get what he wanted in three spins.

If he announced this success rate, people would go crazy with jealousy.

The wheel conned people by not only needing them to challenge lifeforms above their level, but it also had an uncertain success rate.

The latter was the most vicious one. You might get trash from the wheel after risking your life for a higher-level crystal. The wheel used this chance to claim many lives and forced many people into madness.

As for high-level wheels, Ye Zhongming's heart jumped when he looked at them.

Five!

It didn't look as many as the medium and low-grade wheels, but one must know that only a few rewards had low value for levels seven to nine. Most of them were things that people yearned for. The remaining five were good if you could remove five you didn't want.

Moreover, why were high-level potions so hard to get? There weren't as many high-level mutated lifeforms. Even super factions needed to accumulate for a long time to spin once, and the success rate was still very low.

When there weren't enough high-level crystals, one still had to endure the low success rate.

With the Super Elimination Technique, the success rate went from 10% to 20%. This was enough to save half the amount of crystals. How much would this be if this was turned into an evolution rate?

This advantage might not be apparent in the short term, but when more high-level mutated lifeforms appear, Cloud Peak will be able to lead all other factions.

In his last life, this was the skill that Mu Xinfei got. She might have become a nine-star evolved because of this skill. But Ye Zhongming could be sure that the Killing Rose didn't have as many fortuitous encounters as him. He raised the technique to the highest level a year after the start. He was confident that not only would he reach that high level, but he would nurture his subordinates and then lead them to challenge the laws of this game!

Although the wheel was split into many parts, and he could only eliminate seven of them, it wasn't a problem. He calmed himself down. The real value of this skill was on those normal wheels outside.

But things were like that, when you didn't care, that is when you had good luck.

Ye Zhongming spun twice. The first time, he got a mutated lifeform item called Earth Gaint Strength Potion. If he used the extraction ability on it, he would get a strength-type skill.

The other thing made his eyes light up.

Water and Fire Pot, use fire element skill as a heat source and water element skill as the broth to cook mutated lifeform meat. After eating, you can raise the energy in the mutated lifeform material, making it easier to absorb. The energy that can be extracted now is 120%.

Effect 1, recipes can be used. Follow recipes to craft better food, limited to stews.

Effect 2, connoisseur, chefs, etc., unique equipment. After making food, the effect would increase, limited to stews.

Ye Zhongming had never bumped into unique equipment in his last life. Now, not only was he lucky to craft one, but he also gained this.

He looked at the introduction, and he praised it. It was a white grade equipment that didn't look high but this was a great tool to strengthen everyone. No wonder it was on a level-six wheel!

Ye Zhongming touched his chin and thought back to the Treasure Nurturing Gourd, which was blue grade.

Chapter 607: How

Based on one of the Nurturing Treasure Gourds abilities, the blue gourd could nurture a piece of silver equipment. The Water and Fire Pot was white grade and met the requirements. If he placed it in there for some time, the pot would turn silver if the gourd had enough energy.

White equipment like the Spirit Qilin Pendant could also be upgraded with the gourd without wasting upgrade scrolls or unsealing liquid.

One could say that the gourd had, to an extent, decided the lower bound of Ye Zhongming's equipment.

Of course, the upgrade of the gourd was fortunate. It would be tough to get it to gold.

Ye Zhongming placed the pot into the gourd. The effects would improve once this equipment reached silver and its function improved. He could find some recipes and chefs to bring out the best of its ability.

After getting the rewards, Ye Zhongming returned to the team, which caused more cheers. The core members were concerned and worried; he had no choice but to console and calm them down.

Cloud Peaks noise starkly contrasted with other factions' silence. Many people knew that Cloud Peak was unstoppable today.

The following challenges were very smooth. When Cloud Peak members participated, they often won. When Guang Yao went up, Ye Zhongming didn't tell the ocean beasts to cause trouble. This Sky Elephant Division boss used his strength to win a chance to spin.

But as compared to Ye Zhongming's luck, he wasn't that fortunate and returned empty-handed. He saw Ye Zhongming's smile and didn't feel he had won. On the contrary, he couldn't lift his head.

This feeling made him frustrated.

When all the challenges ended, the people realized that the benefits were all gained by the China region. The other regions died.

Some people who didn't pay much attention were shocked that China or Cloud Peak were very strong. Each one of them could crush the ocean beasts that terrified everyone else. Those sensitive ones were wondering why the Cloud Peak members won so similarly. They entered the last challenge and managed to kill ocean beasts that others couldn't. Their victory methods were very simple and violent. They spammed their attacks and won.

Some people suspected Cloud Peak and the ocean beasts had something going on.

But everyone was in a single space and hadn't seen both sides communicate. Humans and beasts were different races and were fighting to the death. It didn't seem possible, but they weren't sure.

These people were in pain and didn't know how to choose.

When the level seven wheel started, a weird situation occurred. Apart from some ocean beasts, no humans decided to join in. When the time was about to end, even after Cloud Peak sent some members, no other people from other regions went up.

Even those who hadn't noticed that Cloud Peak and the ocean beasts were working together knew that only the core members would enter the level seven challenge. Only level six ocean beasts would join in. Moreover, spins should be even fewer than the level six wheel. With the number of challenges reducing, the chances of meeting a strong opponent were very high.

After Cloud Peak and the Chinese showed off their strength, the others didn't have the confidence to challenge these people.

The items were good, but it was more important to stay alive.

Moreover, even if some people were confident in challenging Cloud Peak, they had to see if they had money to spin the level-seven wheel. This needed level-seven crystals. Some factions might have killed level seven lifeforms and had some crystals, but did they have enough? Most factions didn't. Cloud Peak might be the only faction that had enough crystals.

So, with the difficulty of winning the challenge and without money to spin, no one was foolish enough to challenge.

Even the Japanese elder who wanted to eat Ye Zhongming alive didn't challenge.

The level seven wheel challenge officially began, a battle between Cloud Peak and the ocean beasts. Moreover, since they were working together, Ye Zhongming and the Pliosaurus worked together to kill those beasts.

They attacked each other first, and then Cloud Peak ended the fight to obtain high-level crystals and materials.

It looked cruel, but the Pliosaurus didn't care about their lives. It wasn't hard to imagine. The Pliosaurus knew that it was just clearing out its opponents.

There were many ocean beasts, so the Pliosaurus couldn't be the strongest. In the mutated lifeform world, if one wasn't the strongest, there was a chance that one would be eaten. Maybe tomorrow or the day after, other beasts would get as strong as it and defeat it, eating it.

This was why the Pliosaurus wouldn't care that it was reducing the strength of its kind. It knew it could only work better with humans and wipe out challengers to keep its advantage.

That ocean beast that was not under control was an example.

Of course, there was another point. It wanted the items on the level-seven wheel, but this human didn't have enough. It chose to give him some to have a higher chance of getting more things.

Even the dumbest humans saw a problem. They were initially suspicious, but that turned into shock and then envy. The other humans exploded after the challenge ended, and Cloud Peak collected all the level-seven crystals to spin seven times and got three rewards. They cursed at Cloud Peak with jealousy.

But what could they do? Nothing!

Apart from that weird beast with strong mental energy, nothing else could affect the laws of the wheel.

When Cloud Peak ignored their shouts, the humans calmed down, and everyone realized a problem.

What would they do for the level eight and nine wheels?

Chapter 608: 75%

Everyone was forced into the ocean king wheel space. No one knew what was going to happen, and everybody was guessing.

Now that the first seven challenges were over, only two remained, and no one would challenge. None had level-eight or nine crystals, so it would be for nothing, even if they challenged.

If nobody challenged, would the wheel space end?

At this point, Cloud Peak answered.

Someone appeared.

That person was in charge of commanding Cloud Peak's forces- Mo Ye.

Everyone saw Ye Zhongming hand her the purple weapon, and he sent her up.

Challenge, level eight wheel?

Many people didn't know what Cloud Peak was planning.

But would people head down?

Those ocean beasts were tempted but didn't have any level eight crystals. Some intelligent people knew that Cloud Peak had their reasoning, but when they thought about facing someone with a purple weapon, they decided not to take a risk.

Mo Ye was the only person up for the challenge; naturally, she won without fighting.

Unfortunately, Cloud Peak couldn't spin the level-eight wheel, so Mo Ye returned immediately.

Next was the level nine wheel. This time, Ye Zhongming used his second challenge. Still, no one else competed, and he returned after a short while.

When the challenge was over, the nine pearls appeared, and the ocean king crown gave its new notification.

Matter 1, regions that have participated and have won at least one challenge can select one crystal to leave. If two regions select the same crystal, they must challenge, and only the victor can leave.

Ocean race lifeforms are not restricted. After it ends, they can return to their own regions.

Matter 2, those who participate and win will increase the final odds of the ocean king wheel challenge. The top-ranked region will have an additional 30% chance of winning. Second place will have 15%; third will have 10%. Fourth will have 5%; fifth will have 1%.

The winning chance

Notifications caused the human survivors to go silent. After this, they started to curse Cloud Peak for being the scum of the human race.

Previously, they cursed Cloud Peak for taking all the benefits. Now, they were furious with the wheel.

Even Ye Zhongming, who knew he was the biggest victor, couldn't help but feel a huge humiliation at being toyed with.

The notification said that these crystal balls were the way out. With regions as one unit, only those challenged and won could use the crystal balls to leave. If two regions chose the same ball, they would fight, and the winner could leave. As for the one who lost Sorry, if not all of your members died, then you can just swim back to where you came from.

As for the ocean beasts, they would just head home and find their parents. The final reward had nothing to do with them.

The second matter meant that those who participated in the challenge would be rewarded. Still, with their regions as a unit, those who joined the first level wheel and won would have a 1% chance of hitting the final reward.

You could add all the black stars together if you joined multiple challenges and won. That would be your final rate. For example, West Asia had won in the level one to five wheels, so their final success rate was $1+2+3+4+5$, and their final rate was 15%.

Moreover, there would also be a rank. Based on the rankings, the top rank would get a 30% rate increase, and the lowest would get a 1% reward!

Everyone looked at each other and then at the China Region. All of them cursed in their mother tongue.

They had Cloud Peak, who joined all nine wheels. Their success rate was 1-9, which was 45%. They were also ranked first, meaning their total rate was 75%.

As long as they weren't too unlucky, they would hit something!

Many people regretted not challenging the level eight and nine wheels; if not, they would have 17% more.

Also, why was Cloud Peak so sharp? It was as if they were prophets to know they should send people, even without demon crystals, to spin the level eight and nine wheels.

Although many people couldn't understand if they worked with the ocean beasts, they did have their suspicions. But to say that they knew about this success rate, the rational survivors didn't believe that. They were one of those that were being played with by the wheel.

If that was the case, Ye Zhongming's senses were so sharp. He was also very bold, which was worthy of their respect.

A seemingly simple act gave him much more chance of winning a reward.

This person was amazing!

The final reward rate proved this point. China Region was the highest with 45%. India was second with West Asia, while the Japanese were pushed to 4th.

Although they were sniped by the Chinese, the wheel took into account just one success, which was why they were 4th.

Four ranked 5th: Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, and the Philippines. Even if they added the additional 1%, they didn't have much chance.

China is ranked 1st, obtained additional 30% chance.

Another series of notifications came, and it was down to the final reward.

Based on rankings, we will now start the draw

Chapter 609: Stop lying to me

Whenever many people think back to the final reward, they would regret how slow their minds work. Many people fully analyzed the matter after returning to their regions.

Especially those regions that were ranked in the top five. While waiting for the rewards, they realized they would be sent to the battlefield to face opponents who chose the same path. Or they would return to where they came from, and there were still ocean beasts around them.

They could only sigh when they thought about all that, apart from being stunned.

China was ranked first, so it didn't matter what ranks the others were.

After they reacted, they knew that if China hit the reward, they would leave with it.

After this, a rumor spread in many parts of Asia.

China obtained a huge treasure. This news even spread to West Asia and into Europe.

The people who returned to the center city did get a treasure. As they participated, they witnessed the entire treasure drawing process. The ocean king crown that played with six figures worth of humans and ocean beasts appeared before everyone. It wasn't shining like before; instead, it gave off a gentle golden glow.

One could even see a seven-colored light on the crown.

This group of people who returned to the center city were all wary of each other. They split into three groups. Cloud Peak, Sky Elephant Division, and the others.

This was the Ocean King Crown!

Although they didn't know its use, it was obvious that everything that occurred for the last few days was because of it. Even if it was given to the humans as a reward, even if it didn't have that overpowered ability, it was a piece of equipment that was at least purple grade.

Who wouldn't be tempted by that?

But Cloud Peak's strength was on full display during the challenges. Even if one looked at the Ocean King Wheel, no one dared to take it.

Apart from Ye Zhongming.

Have you thought about it?

The moment he touched the Ocean King Wheel, Guang Yao, who had been silent, finally opened his mouth.

There is nothing to think. Your two sides have over ten people who used various methods to spread the news, and I can't stop you. Do you think I would still be talking to you if not for us just escaping?

Ye Zhongming retracted his hand. He didn't rush to grab him. He wasn't afraid that others would snatch it. He sensed some invisible obstruction. Although this thing didn't have attack strength, no more than five people could break this barrier.

The hearts of many people sank. Although Ye Zhongming was calm, everyone knew he meant what he said.

The Ocean King Crown was a treasure. If Ye Zhongming and Cloud Peak got it, there would be many problems that would look for them. Ye Zhongming probably wanted to kill all of them to silence them.

No one would feel comfortable hearing such calmness in front of death, but one had to admit that Ye Zhongming and Cloud Peak had the right to say such things.

Guang Yao was the strongest person out of the rest. But in Cloud Peak, there were two that would defeat him and around 3-5 who stood a chance against him. This did not include the situation where

Cloud Peak shared its equipment. If one person used the equipment of everyone else, there might be 5-6 people who could kill him.

Ye Zhongming had already used good equipment to wipe out the evolution gap.

The alliance collapsed immediately. The act of spreading news meant that this matter couldn't be kept a secret. This was why Ye Zhongming and Cloud Peak didn't attack them, as there was no point. Even if he killed all of them, apart from increasing their casualties, they couldn't stop the news from spreading.

Since that was the case, Ye Zhongming planned to leave with the equipment. But Guang Yao spoke up, so he didn't mind speaking a little. He cared about the resistance zones. At least in his last life, his identity was not good enough to reach that level.

I can't fight you for this now, but in the future, people who think they are strong enough will go and look for you. Your Cloud Peak and you will face endless attacks. Did you think about that?

Guang Yao took in a deep breath and walked near the crown. He looked at the exquisite equipment and gave out a look of yearning. Getting it was his mission.

Continue speaking. Ye Zhongming looked at him with some interest.

In the wheel space, I learned about Cloud Peak and you from others. Allow me to be direct: your foundations are shallow. I don't deny that you are strong. But sometime in the future, you might just be blown over.

But.

Guang Yao didn't give him a chance to interrupt and said his real intention.

But we are different. We are the t1 resistance zone. There are many divisions like us, and they are even stronger than we are. Our system is perfect, our warriors are well-trained, and our logistics are well-provided. We have a strong crafting system and best maintained the human structure during peacetime.

We have unlimited potential. If anyone could get stronger, adapt to the apocalypse, and even lead humans to stand back on the peak, we are the ones!

He was emotional, and his face was filled with pride.

Ye Zhongming recognized that state; it was his belief.

If we work together, even Guang Yao hesitated but still bit his teeth, If you can join us, we will get stronger. You will get unimaginable benefits. Although the resistance zone has never accepted an outsider, I think it will be possible if it is you.

The condition is if we give you the crown? Ye Zhongming smiled and said directly.

We share it!

Guang Yao corrected his words. He pointed at the crown, This isn't an ordinary item, and in the process of getting it, Cloud Peak and you did the most work. We don't want to occupy it; we just hope to be able to study it and own it together. We can slowly cooperate in other areas until we finally become one!

I think, at that time, we would become the strongest faction. We will lead our warriors that have become stronger to rid the world of the darkness!

Ye Zhongming looked at him. He had to admit that this person knew how to talk. Especially for Chinese people with firm patriotism beliefs, it was easy for one to lose themselves in concern of the big picture.

In the apocalypse, when there was no sense of safety, if one was covered by a system that you were used to, that was something that many people were happy to see. They would even be willing to pay a huge price for that.

People in the apocalypse were worse off than dogs in peacetime. People nowadays understand what those words mean. Becoming a dog in peacetime was something that many people wished for.

Someone else may have chosen to work together to look at the place Guang Yao mentioned. Guang Yao might have accomplished things.

Unfortunately, he met Ye Zhongming. Someone who had lived for ten years in the apocalypse. His firm beliefs of only trusting and relying on himself were etched deep in his bones.

His words couldn't sway him at all.

Ye Zhongming broke the crown's protection and grabbed it.

He then looked at the stunned Guang Yao and those around him. He said slowly, I don't know about the Resistance Zone; I don't want to join this organization I don't know anything about. I will lead my brothers and sisters to a better life.

I was a normal person during peacetime. In the apocalypse, I am a normal survivor. I have firm principles.

I only believe in the power that I create. I won't hand my lives and those behind me to anyone or any faction.

We will take control of our destiny.

What you have said is just to cover that you are not strong enough. You want to use this method to get things that you want. But what if you were strong enough? Or if we were in each other's shoes. Would you do the same? Will you give up something that was in your hands? You might be even more vicious than me then.

Ye Zhongming waved and told his men to clear up the center city battlefield. He looked at Guang Yao, Go tell your resistance zone leader. Also, the rest of you, tell those who will trouble me in the future.

I have the item and won't give it to anyone. If you want it, then come and fight for it. I will slice your hand off. If you use your legs to snatch it, I will slice your leg!

He looked at the defeated Guang Yao and the others. He smiled, Don't think too highly about yourselves. The truth will prove that you might not be the hope of mankind.

I might be that hope.

He paused and allowed the others to digest. He then said the final words of the day.

The Ying City Alliance has taken over this place; the rest of you can scram.

Chapter 610: Cloud Port branch

Sky Elephant Division was the first to leave. Although they didn't manage to convince Ye Zhongming and didn't have the confidence to steal the crown, they had the generosity to leave. As for fighting in the future, that was another issue.

Moreover, Guang Yao adjusted his mood. Before leaving, he had a friendly trade with Ye Zhongming.

As for the other survivors, they couldn't compare to the Sky Elephant Division. If they didn't leave, would they remain and get robbed?

The center city was covered in money. The survivors who didn't enter the wheel space through the bridge weren't in a good state. There were even more beasts that didn't head into the wheel.

The beasts ravaged this place for a few days before retreating. The few that were circling weren't a threat to survivors.

But some people chose to stay. They expressed to Cloud Peak that they didn't want the spoils of war around but because this place was their home. They didn't know where to go if they didn't leave this place. A few of them wanted to join Cloud Peak. At worst, they could return this team to Ying City to develop.

Ye Zhongming didn't chase these people away and just marked an area for them to rest. The spoils of war there were left to them.

Before returning, he had completed his trade with the level-eight Pliosaurus. The rewards on the level-six wheel were still okay, but they didn't get much from the level-seven wheel, so he didn't get as many resources as he thought.

But that was relative. The Pliosaurus was brilliant, but it didn't understand the human definition of wealth. Those things were just rubbish in the ocean, and it was happy to use trash to trade for something it needed. As for the number of waste, it didn't care about the amount.

This naturally benefitted Ye Zhongming. Just level four and above materials, it was so much that it shocked Cloud Peak.

These were right after the space opened up, and the Pliosaurus's subordinates spent two hours scouring the area around.

Ocean beasts were mutated lifeforms, and two hours of their activity were far more than ocean lifeforms during peacetime. It was shocking.

Ye Zhongming wanted to know where the Pliosaurus and the weird beast with strong mental energy came from, but they didn't reply.

Cloud Peak sent a group to clear the remaining beasts that were around while the others from Ying City and themselves cleared the battlefield.

Ye Zhongming wouldn't hog all the items. On the contrary, he gave of the center city area to the Ying City factions. Allowing them to enjoy the spoils was a way to make them happy to follow him.

Moreover, these people stood on his side in the wheel challenges, and many died. This time, he used the number of casualties to reward them.

When Ying City Alliance spread out, laughter filled the entire city. It was because they were picking money!

After the ocean beasts left, what was remaining here? Corpses and also corpses with demon crystals! Their meat was good quality food, and their body parts were great materials! The dead humans left weapons and equipment. If you were lucky and opened the stomachs of some beasts, you might even find the savings of the humans that they ate.

No one dared say that Cloud Peak was ripping them off; no one had such thoughts. They understood the benefits of standing on the same side as Ye Zhongming and Cloud Peak. Even Zhao Xingmei and Baifeng found it hard to calm themselves down. They saw their chance of reaching six-star.

Undoubtedly, Ying City survivors would get much stronger after surviving this challenge.

Ye Zhongming naturally didn't need to clean up the battlefield himself. He sat in a building that was still standing, and Little Peng was opposite him.

You want me to build a branch here?!

Little Peng told Ye Zhongming he was willing to join Cloud Peak, but who knew the guy would want him to build Cloud Peaks Cloud Port branch here?

Little Peng didn't understand that suggestion.

Firstly, he didn't have much communication with Ye Zhongming. Although they suffered a life-and-death experience, they knew each other for a short time and didn't know much about one another.

Little Peng's current evolution level wasn't high, and after joining Cloud Peak, his strength was much lower than that of the core members. Those people were more suitable and would be able to suppress the masses.

The last thing was his position in Cloud Peak. If he became the boss of the branch immediately, he would have huge power in the apocalypse where information was closed off. Wouldn't that make the other bosses of Cloud Peak jealous?

No matter what, Little Peng felt that he wasn't suited for that position.

You worry too much. Ye Zhongming smiled as he heard his reasoning. He stretched a finger, I trust you, and you trust me. That is enough. It doesn't matter how long since you joined Cloud Peak.

They did know each other for a short time but they were brothers in his last life.

After a few interactions, Ye Zhongming knew his personality hadn't changed, so he was not worried.

Ye Zhongming pointed a second finger, Your lack of strength is easily solved; just increase your evolution level.

As for the third problem, that doesn't exist. No one will be jealous of you here. None of my subordinates will be willing to stay here; they will only be happy you are here.

Ye Zhongming continued, You are from here, and you will hire survivors from around here. Your identity is more easily accepted. Those who aren't willing to leave will be your foundations. I will be responsible for your needs; you just have to build the branch. In the future, this will be Cloud Peaks bridge to the ocean.

With the Ocean King Wheel, Cloud Peak naturally needed a port.

Moreover, although this place was far from Cloud Peak, Ye Zhongming planned to find some teleportation equipment to connect the two bases.

Little Peng agreed, and the matter was settled.

After solving this problem, Ye Zhongming used the gap when they hadn't finished clearing up the battlefield to take out the Ocean King Crown.