

## Apocalypse 661

Chapter 661: Same source lifeform

What level do you think the Death King Tree is now?

Ye Zhongming didnt know how to reply. He thought about it before saying, At least level seven.

Ye Zhongming instinctively avoided fighting the Death King Tree because of that. Now that the treant was asking, he was unsure what the Death King Trees actual level was.

Level eight.

The treant gave a clear answer that shocked Ye Zhongming.

The Pliosaurus was also level eight, but it was an ocean beast. In the vast ocean, the number of lifeforms was many times that of land, so their evolution speed being so quick wasnt a surprise.

Ye Zhongming believed, and it wasnt confirmed in his last life, but the first level nine lifeform should be in the ocean.

But there was actually a level eight lifeform on land?

It might be possible in primitive forests where mutated lifeforms were common. Mutated plants and mutated animals would kill one another, and there was a chance something would climb to level eight. But could a city closed for more than half a year give rise to a level eight lifeform?

Before Ye Zhongmings questions could be answered, the treant gave shocking news.

If it eats me, it might get to level nine!

Impossible.

Ye Zhongming denied it instinctively. He had never heard of a mutated lifeform that could act as a potion! Eat you and become level nine? It sounded like a game.

It is possible. We have the same source. If I absorb it, I might get from five-star evolved to six, even seven. On the other hand, if it absorbs me, I might help it cross the level eight to nine gap. That is the power of the source!

I have to leave this place because of that. I am afraid that I would turn into a tree without a mind. I am also afraid of dying.

Ye Zhongming stopped speaking because what the treant mentioned was possible. In his last life, the heaven tree that occupied an entire city got to level nine in a short time. Didnt it cause all life in the city to disappear? Maybe it absorbed another lifeform similar to the treant, so it reached level nine.

One would always have suspicions about things they didnt know, which would cause disbelief.

We have the same source; if I try to hide, it is hard for it to find me. The treant pointed at the branches, I made those, and they arent from the Death King Tree.

Ye Zhongming nodded and understood why this place was so hidden.

I worked in this lab in my last life. he smiled bitterly. I was the prodigy; I finished my master's at 22 and studied for my Ph.D. while working.

So I am a human even if I don't look like one. He raised his voice, I won't use the lives of fellow humans to help me evolve.

Even if you don't believe me, I am a prodigy. I am very smart. Even if I turn humans into dried corpses and collect their crystals to evolve, how long can I do that? This place is closed, and there aren't many people. Moreover, I am not invincible here. My escape plan also needed a lot of help, so why would I do that?

As for the hard disk, these are just some materials. Even if I give it to you, you won't understand it. These were some results from the lab previously; I have been studying them after being trapped. He waved his body, Anyway, I am just like this. I am full of mental energy and must rest for only an hour daily. If I don't find something to do, I would be bored to death.

He used this method to answer Ye Zhongming's questions. Ye Zhongming didn't say anything. There was some movement on the side, and wariness appeared on his face.

No worries, it should be someone on my side.

The treant said hurriedly and stopped Ye Zhongming's attack. The twins stood beside him.

The ground beside the lab moved, and the brick was pushed aside. A guy and a girl appeared from behind the bricks.

You?

They exclaimed when they saw Ye Zhongming standing there.

Ye Zhongming had met them before. They were the duo that bought the Death King Tree seeds. Their appearance here made Ye Zhongming understand that the news about using the seeds to craft equipment was fake. It was because the treant needed the seeds to slow down his transformation.

Ye Zhongming was also sure that the treant wanted to flee. He didn't want to turn into the Death King Tree's food and was using other evolved to be his cannon fodder so it could escape.

It might not have lost its humanity and wouldn't kill humans to evolve, but it wasn't merciful. It would sacrifice and make use of others to reach its goals.

That was normal in the apocalypse. Without those reasons from before, Ye Zhongming would have been suspicious.

He looked at the tunnel to the lab, and it was hidden. It should be connected to the underground city.

I still need this. I might not understand, but my people would. Ye Zhongming placed the hard disk into his space. The treant didn't stop him but just said that things were very complicated and people who weren't professionals wouldn't understand.

Have you heard of Liu Zhenghong? Her grade in your field should be higher than yours, right?

When he heard her name, his body shook, You are talking about teacher Liu?

Do you know her?

She gave a lecture in my school! The treant got emotional, She is your subordinate?

Ye Zhongming nodded, You can say that.

Then, bring me to see her. I have things that I need her help.

He pinched his chin and looked at the treant, Are you sure you want to find Liu Zhenghong?

Sure!

Okay, then I promise you. He smiled. But that smile seemed like an animal to the treant.

Fox!

Ye Zhongming used his actions to tell the treant that his feelings were right.

Chapter 662: Basis of cooperation

The atmosphere outside Linhai was very tense.

The city developed during peacetime, and Linhai was in the economically advanced ocean region; many buildings here provided good cover for both sides.

This resulted in many tense standoffs during the apocalypse.

The bosses of both sides met in an abandoned building. But Cloud Peak realized that these people werent here for a fight but they came to look for Cloud Peak.

Miss Mo, what you say has no proof or witnesses.

Mo ye looked at the guy in a white suit and red tie playing around with an unlit cigar in his hands. He frowned and said.

If you think Cloud Peak is explaining, then I am sorry, you are mistaken. I am just telling you the truth. I dont care if you believe me or not.

So I can understand your words as our Cannibal Chain people dying for nothing?

A young man behind the middle-aged guy looked at Mo Ye in annoyance, and his tone was sharp.

If you continue speaking to our Sister Ye in such a tone, you will die here.

Liang Chuyin was hot-tempered.

Due to her frank and trustable personality, she was very popular in Cloud Peak. Along with her relationship with Ye Zhongming, many people liked her. But she was hot-tempered. No matter how clingy she was to Ye Zhongming, she was vicious to outsiders.

Moreover, after she showed off her eye-catching skills to defeat the opponent during the Ocean King Wheel battle, her strong image was implanted in the hearts of everyone from Ying City.

Apart from Xia Lei and Mo Ye, she had the most power.

Of course, their comments were after removing Xia Bai, Le Dayuan, and Liu Zhenghong from the conversation. Those three werent normal people.

Although Xia Lei and Mo Ye werent old, they were mature and calm. Even if they held power, they wouldnt misuse it.

Liang Chuyin did many things, which resulted in her influence increasing. She also became a symbolic person in Ying City.

Many people even teased her and called her the Cloud Peak flower, which showed her position.

Now that a member of the Cannibal Chain called Hai Jia wanted to threaten Mo Ye, Liang Chuyin knew that Mo Ye wouldn't fight back, so she took up that responsibility.

After building Cloud Peak, Poppy Wheel, Competition Death Wheel, and Ocean King Wheel, Cloud Peaks confidence had grown. Although they weren't too arrogant, they were confident they could fight any faction.

Cloud Peak wasn't even afraid of super factions like Soul Merchant and Glory Army, so why would they care about a business-focused Cannibal Chain?

As a core member, Liang Chuyin already had a bad temper. She didn't care about anyone apart from Xia Bai, Xia Lei, Mo Ye, and Ye Zhongming. Seeing the Cannibal Chain members ask for trouble, she was in a mood to fight.

The middle-aged man waved, and that shut up Hai Jia, who wanted to say something.

Miss Mo, our Cannibal Chain alliance came with sincerity, but your attitude is not friendly. The middle-aged man's expression changed, and he smiled, I want to know if it is your intentions or boss Ye Zhongming's? Allow me to be frank: from the news I got, the one in charge is Ye Zhongming. Even if he isn't here, Miss Xia Lei is in charge. Can you represent the entire Cloud Peak?

His words were hurtful. It looked like he was respecting Ye Zhongming and Xia Lei but was demeaning Mo Ye. If Mo Ye cared about power, she wouldn't feel good and might even feel unhappy with Ye Zhongming.

So when they heard the Cannibal Chain middle-aged man say that, many core Cloud Peak members frowned.

Originally, we were just unhappy with the helpers that Cannibal Chain hired for choosing to stand aside and not help. Don't make us hate Cannibal Chain. Normally, people we hate won't live for long.

Since you know so much about Cloud Peak, you should know we can do it.

Mo Ye tapped the dusty table and said calmly.

The middle-aged man lowered his head and laughed after thinking about it.

Let me introduce myself; I am Ruan Xiao, the Southeast Region manager of Cannibal Chain, one of the five regional managers.

Although Boss Ye met us in Peace Town, I think Cloud Peak and him don't understand us. Simply put, we do business; we do all kinds of business as long as we can earn money. But our main business is to sell and collect information and trade luxurious items.

Ruan Xiao looked through the gap where a window stood at Linhai and then back at Mo Ye.

If my guess is correct, Boss Ye should be in Linhai, right?

The atmosphere in the room became cold.

Don't be nervous; it isn't tough to guess. There aren't zombies or mutated lifeforms around. Since most of you are here, you aren't looking at the scenery. There is only one possibility, which is that your boss has entered Linhai.

I don't mean anything bad. I said all that because I want you to know that even if we suffered huge losses for no reason previously, we are still sincere and came to work together.

Mo Ye looked at him and said calmly, Work together? Is there a need?

Yes! Ruan Xiao waved, I have more detailed information about Lin Hai than you, so you can help your boss and even allow him to get out safely. Isn't that a way we can work together?

Before Mo Ye could reply, he continued, Cloud Peak definitely has your goal for coming here. I am not interested in that, but in helping you complete your goal. I have some news that would affect the success of your operation, so does that count as a way we can work together?

Also, I know an important treasure in Linhai. Whoever gets it will get much stronger. Miss Mo, isn't that a way we can work together?

Seeing Mo Ye sit up straight, Ruan Xiao smiled.

### Chapter 663: Nurturing Treant

Mei Na verified the treants plan.

Although Mei Na knew little, it concerned their lives, so she asked the person who contacted her about it in detail. This gave Ye Zhongming some news from another angle.

This made Ye Zhongming less wary.

The law of survival during the apocalypse meant that people who were 100% good didn't exist. The treant showing a nasty side meant he could better win Ye Zhongming's trust.

He had to shift the equipment from the lab now. Ye Zhongming knew that he had many things to do before the Feasting Day arrived.

He had to gather and move all the equipment near the city's edge. That was a huge operation.

To move the equipment down, he had to open the tunnel from the lab to the underground city. Next would be the width of the tunnel. Those places that were too narrow had to be dug. He also had to dig new tunnels to the edge of the city. Even if he couldn't reach the suburbs, he had to try to get close.

This was not a huge operation, but it wasn't a small one.

Fortunately, Ye Zhongming had many new helpers.

The factions that the treant gathered together became his free labor.

Things naturally didn't go too smoothly. But with Ye Zhongming's strength and the reputation he built up from destroying the Black Cloud Team and the Stabbing Wing Battle Squad, along with the treant's promise, this calmed the evolved down.

Facing the death of remaining in Linhai, not to mention asking them to do some physical work, they would be willing to do so if you asked them to fight. Risking their lives was their only way out now.

They were unhappy because the commander of the plan had changed. As Feasting Day was getting close, this was not a wise choice.

But after understanding Ye Zhongming, they relaxed. Of course, it was because he revealed his identity. He was the boss of a big faction, and people were waiting outside, so the people who participated in the operation trusted him.

Also, when Ye Zhongming casually turned poor materials and basic tools into grey shovels and chisels, these people were shocked. Their gazes were shining at Ye Zhongming.

Lin Xing recruited the smiths and potion makers in Linhai. Apart from getting some colored equipment from the wheel, Lin Xing monopolized the others. Even then, most of them managed to get three or even four-star. But they only had one grey piece of equipment on hand; some didn't even have a single one!

A strong smith with a team outside was a survivor that anyone had to try to get close to.

So, on the first day of the operation, many female survivors tried to seduce him. The most open ones even opened their clothes in front of Ye Zhongming to reveal their bodies. They said they wanted him to test them and needed one grey piece of equipment to spend the night with him. One white piece of equipment, and they would serve him for a year.

The number of females also didn't include those who looked at him in interest.

Even Ye Zhongming, who lived for two lives, couldn't adapt. He had to maintain a cold expression, and when he met people who tried to seduce him, he had to give a monster-like smile to say that he was a pervert and would kill them. Only then did the women retreat.

Wu There were also some guys.

While he smiled bitterly to himself, Ye Zhongming understood the pressure and despair that Linhai brought for the survivors.

It was easy for the survivors to dig tunnels. However, the land geography restricted them, so they needed around ten days to complete the operation.

After asking for the exact date of the Feasting Day, the treant could only give an estimated period. As for the exact day, the treant would only know a day or two before.

Ye Zhongming frowned when he heard the news, which was a little rushed. The treant said that it would happen within 5-15 days. If it was later, then that was okay. If it started in five days, the project wouldn't be done, and he would be forced to move the equipment on the surface. That was risky as he would have to face waves of dried corpses.

He would have to depend on his luck if he had no choice.

To speed up, Ye Zhongming discussed with the treant and started to dig in sections to increase efficiency.

Ye Zhongming didn't need to participate, so he had time to study the dried corpses. He got some samples from the treant before searching if there was a circulation system around the heart.

There was such a thing.

Even the heart of the dried corpse was remade. Of course, it couldn't be called a heart anymore.

He opened the heart and saw a small pearl inside.

This wasn't the seed of the Death King Tree but the soul of the dried corpse.

Do you know this?

The treant nodded.

There is a weird energy inside, but I don't know what it is and how to use it.

Ye Zhongming didn't ask more and just kept the pearl.

He wanted to study it, but he looked at the wound on the treant that hadn't healed after two days, so he said, I have a way; maybe we can try it.

Before the treant reacted, he used the Nurture skill on the wound.

This ability could not only help plants grow, but it could also heal their injuries. Ye Zhongming wanted to see if it was useful on the treant.

Although Ye Zhongming wanted to test it, he didn't think much about it. But when the skill touched the treant, both of them were shocked!

Ye Zhongming felt mental energy leaving his body like a flood. In just two seconds, a third of his mental energy was gone.

The treant's wound also healed immediately. Moreover, the fellow whose tree transformation was already very serious screamed!

What are you doing!

The treant was like a defensive woman and could only scream at her cheating husband.

The two of them looked at the wound!

Chapter 664: Give me a long one

Simply put, the treant's transformation Deepened.

While the wound healed instantly, tree branches similar to its body appeared higher than his skin. There was a brown color on it. As Ye Zhongming stopped injecting mental energy, the branch didn't grow too much but was enough to terrify the treant.

Oh, sorry, sorry!

Ye Zhongming raised his hands to express his apology.

The treant was afraid of two things. One was his death, and the second was turning into a plant and losing his human consciousness.

A casual touch from Ye Zhongming caused a part of his body to transform. It was also so quick that it would have taken months to occur. Obviously, the treant panicked.

He feared Ye Zhongming because he was a strong, evolved being who could easily defeat him. But now, that fear was bone deep, as the treant didn't know that Ye Zhongming had such a skill!

In Ye Zhongming's heart, the treant was a talent.

Cloud Peaks crystal weapon project had taken shape. Le Dayuan, aided by his few subordinates, started to perfect the theory. The moment they completed that step, he just needed one helper, and he could complete the research and creation of one type of crystal weapon, such as grenades or guns.

During the Cloud Port trip, the crystal weapons showed off their might and were of great help to Cloud Peak. Everyone witnessed how strong they were and was interested in them.

However, the gene project, seen as the second pillar of their technology tree, had resulted in the gene warriors genes growing old quickly, and their strength was reducing. They could only remain in a nutrient fluid to slow the aging process and could not be used on the battlefield.

One could say that their research had suffered a huge blow, and Liu Zhenghongs team was in a valley.

But Ye Zhongming had seen her strength in his last life and didnt lose confidence in her. Instead, he tried many ways to help her complete her problem. That was because he knew how strong the gene warriors were and how useful they would be.

Cloud Peak would have a strong and stable force if the gene lifeforms could be a fixed unit on the battlefield with the crystal weapons. They could even deal with any faction and mutated lifeform horde.

This was why Ye Zhongming was willing to take the risk and come to Linhai. Liu Zhenghong needed the lab equipment, and her research had a huge meaning to Cloud Peak.

There was also a point that Ye Zhongming didnt think much about, but he knew. That was the problem of talent.

Le Dayuans research on crystal weapons was smooth, not only because of Ye Zhongmings technical support but also because he had a few helpers. He didnt have to handle the unimportant steps personally, which gave him more time for the core research, which is why the crystal weapons reached their current level.

On Liu Zhenghong's side, her best helper was a doctor; the others were hand-picked from inexperienced people. Liu Zhenghong had to do most things herself. Along with gene research, which demanded experiments, Cloud Peak couldnt satisfy the need for both soft and hard parts. Honestly, her ability to create two warriors already showed her skills.

Now that he found the machine she required, he solved part of the problem. But Ye Zhongming didnt have any way to deal with the helpers, and Liu Zhenghong would have to develop them herself.

But the treants appearance gave Ye Zhongming a new idea. He could guess why the treant wanted to find Liu Zhenghong. It was because he felt like the teacher who gave a lecture in his school could devise a way to stop the tree transformation.

This was a great helper that was giving himself up to him. Although he was ugly, his heart was beautiful. He was also a professional, a prodigy, and had completed some research here.

Even if the treant didnt ask, Ye Zhongming would find a way to get him to Cloud Peak.

Ye Zhongming felt a little uneasy because he had done something bad. He looked at the tree transformation area and blinked before touching it again.

The treant retreated. He was afraid. He couldnt defeat him, and this person could even speed up his transformation. This person was his counter.

Now that the person was about to touch his body again, the fear made him react, and he shouted.



Okay, Ye Zhongming had to admit that his hand was itchy.

So after he saw the branch that he had created, he used Activate!

The two skills of the Gardener job were used on the treat.

Activate was very dangerous.

This was the conclusion that Ye Zhongming reached in the year he had it. As it was uncertain, the activated plant would have unknown effects.

When his mental energy was reduced by a third, the branch that Ye Zhongming nurtured had shocking changes.

This change caused the treants scream to soften.

That branch rose from that part of his body; one part was connected, but another sharp end pointed out.

The connected part didnt grow directly to his body but formed an oval root connected to a similar petiole.

The treants mouth opened wide. Looking at Ye Zhongming in shock, he lowered his head to look at that spike.

That thing was on his body. He tried it out, and it moved along with his consciousness.

Er?

He was stunned. He tried it out and realized that he could control it. He pulled and was able to pull the spike out.

This This The treant was astonished.

But the spike changed after he pulled it out; it merged with his arm, and it looked like he was holding a wooden dagger!

What was going on?

The two of them didnt understand. The treant tried moving it and tested it for a long while before managing to pull it out from his hand, and he placed it back in its original position.

When he held the spike again and waved it, it stabbed into the thick cement wall on the side. He walked beside Ye Zhongming.

Can you, give me a long one?

Chapter 665: Stirring trouble

The treants wish was naturally not satisfied.

Ye Zhongming wanted to test it and see if his Gardener job could create a monster.

After all, after Ye Zhongming saw that stick, he was sure that its strength was around the silver grade.

Using activate, he could create a silver-grade weapon just by paying mental energy. That was a huge win.

He usually needed good blueprints and large amounts of materials to craft silver equipment. Although he could afford it, there was still a chance of failure.

A simple comparison, and one knew which was more worth it.

But the mental energy he spent was quite a sum. Moreover, he needed to use it on the treant, and there was uncertainty. Along with the fact that others couldn't use the wooden weapon, all these elements combined forced Ye Zhongming to give up on that thought.

He felt like he had the most mental energy in the world, but modifying the treant was still too tough for him.

There were two ways to see the treant fully activated. One was to wait until his mental energy increased again such that activating one small branch wouldn't consume a third of his energy. Next would be to advance his Gardener job and reduce the skill consumption.

Any of the options need some time.

So even if the treant asked Ye Zhongming to give himself that strong power, Ye Zhongming chose not to.

Of course, he didn't tell him the exact reason. At least this gave the treant another reason to join him.

Ye Zhongming and the treant continued to research while the process outside progressed quickly. After all, the demands weren't much. The tunnel just had not to collapse, and they didn't care about how it looked. Three days was all it took to connect to Surging Motions base.

On the 4th day, Ye Zhongming and the treant took the lead and started to move the lab.

With the treant's professional leadership, they knew which equipment was necessary and which they just needed a core portion of. This reduced the workload by three-quarters and saved a large amount of time.

They had a tunnel, so the moving of equipment was simple for survivors. They took just half a day, and the equipment was moved to Surging Motions camp. They protected it in layers of protective gear.

The process was smooth, but the camp atmosphere was very solemn.

It was too smooth.

Logically speaking, news of the Black Cloud Team and Stabbing Wing Battle Squads destruction should have spread. The tunnel passed many camps, and news of these factions working with Surging Motion was probably spread to half of the tunnel.

But apart from factions that came to ask questions, none of the factions led by Lin Xing popped their heads out.

This was weird.

Lin Xing's fear of Ye Zhongming couldn't explain this simply. Lin Xing was the only six-star evolved and the underground city's king. He was very strong. This truth came from the mouths of Yang Yixi, Mei Na, Gan Lan, and even the treant. Even the treant was unsure who was stronger.

That showed Lin Xing's strength.

But such a person didn't find trouble with Ye Zhongming and Surging Motion. That was weird.

Ye Zhongming, the treant, Yang Yixi, Mei Na, Gan Lan, and a few faction leaders even came together to discuss the matter.

The conclusion was that Lin Xing had guessed what they were doing. He was waiting for them to do it, and then make use of them to escape!

This conclusion wasn't a certainty, but it made the most sense.

But even if they guessed Lin Xing's goal, everyone couldn't react. After all, the thousands of them were too weak compared to Lin Xing's faction.

Since they could not actively solve the problem, they could only passively wait.

But everyone knew that when you were targeted, there would be accidents during the escape. It might cause the plan to fail. Lin Xing might even cause your team to suffer heavy losses and have a full collapse.

What should they do?

This became a problem for everyone.

They couldn't defeat them and didn't attack them, so they had to depend on luck.

Ye Zhongming frowned and thought about the plan.

If he was alone, he didn't have to care about all of this. He believed Lin Xing wasn't his match and couldn't stop him.

But he had to face the problem of transporting these pieces of equipment away. If an accident occurred when they fled, it might mean a machine was left here, which was a huge loss for Cloud Peak.

Thus, this problem became something that they had to solve.

Seeing everyone look at him, Ye Zhongming relaxed and tapped Ya Tian, sleeping on his leg. He handed her to her elder sister and then looked at everyone, "There is a solution. It might be risky, but I think it is better than being a target."

What solution?

Everyone asked as it concerned their lives.

"Since we can't stop him, let's stir trouble!"

Ye Zhongming stood up, "His advantage is that he is in the dark and waiting for us. He is finding a chance to make use of us. Even if he fails, we will die, and he can remain the ruler."

"That is bad for us. So we shall stir the situation so that even if he knows what we want to do, he has to join in!"

Everyone didn't understand. They continued to look at Ye Zhongming's face.

"Release the news that we can leave Linhai on Feasting Day so everyone knows!"

Everyone opened their mouths. They thought about how the Linhai survivors would charge out simultaneously and shuddered. Their gazes toward Ye Zhongming changed.

This guy was making use of everyone! He wanted to tie all the underground city survivors to his battle cart!

## Chapter 666: Prelude to Happiness

Without the industrial pollution, it was obvious when there was a smell in the fresh air.

Normally, the air was filled with a gory stench, which was fitting for the killing of the apocalypse. But it was different today. One could smell the soil and a fishy stench; there was The smell of barbecue.

Beside a giant bonfire was a metal rack, on which was a large piece of meat spun on a metal pole. Flames sparked on the meat, leaving a black char and a sizzling sound. A barbecue smell spread in the air.

There were many around the campfire, either sitting or standing. There were also small-scale bonfires of various sizes, which were being cooked by the flames with other ingredients.

But when people looked at this food, they behaved in a way that wouldnt usually happen in the apocalypse; they didnt want to eat it.

As the smell in the air got thicker, this behavior became more apparent.

Is no one going to eat with me? There is good wine; we can split it! People have swept Linhai, and there is nothing left. This is the only bottle left!

A rough male voice spread and covered the thousand people gathered here. But no one replied. One could only hear the sound of the ocean breeze.

Haiz, all of you dont know how to enjoy. This is the apocalypse. You might die someday, so why worry so much? Arent you making life tough for yourself?

That voice paused and was mixed with some chewing sounds. Many peoples expressions changed. Someone couldnt take it and said.

But that is human meat.

The atmosphere became tense, and people even tried not to make a sound when they breathed.

But the chewing didnt stop. Fats flowed from the corner of his mouth. The people he looked at all covered their mouths and were afraid that they would vomit.

Right, it is human meat, so what? It is nice. You wont know if you dont eat it. Do you want to try it?

The guy shoved the meat into his mouth and then ripped another piece with his bare hands. He then stood up and walked towards the crowd.

Who was the one that said this was human meat?

No one replied. The person who spoke lowered his head and buried his face into his knees.

Was it you? The guy grabbed the middle-aged man's hair. He tapped that ashen white face and left an oily handprint.

No? the guy smiled and shoved the meat into the other guys mouth. The guy struggled but couldnt break free of his long, hairy arms.

Then you shall eat it for me!

His tone became vicious. He stared at the middle-aged man, You are already evolved and can hunt mutated animals, but you dont eat human meat? When you are hungry, you would even eat your wives and kids. You are acting noble with me now?

Seeing the middle-aged man swallow the meat, the guy let go. He disappeared from the spot and appeared beside the person who spoke. He slapped, and that person was hit before he could even react. The tough head of a two-star evolved exploded. Blood and brain splattered and hit the heads and faces of people around.

The guy carried the corpse on his shoulder and walked beside the bonfire. He didnt use any tools and just pulled the guys leg off. He placed it on the fire to barbecue. The sound of bones breaking and blood spattering caused many to vomit.

All of you are so weak. If my previous subordinates saw me do this, they would cheer.

The guy shook his head and looked down at these people.

Bear with it; you are just unlucky to meet me. The guy smiled, and his teeth were filled with tendons and minced meat.

His unbuttoned clothing revealed his chest hair. The campfire shone on his face and showed a weird melancholic expression.

I am all alone; my brothers didnt last for too long. It is such a short time, but they are all finished. Haiz, I, Zhang Dalong miss all of you.

The guy looked at the human leg change colors and muttered to himself.

A few kilometers from the camp that Zhang Dalong held hostage was another busy camp.

Compared to the wilderness near Cloud Peak, the tents were all connected. Even at night, when it wasnt lit up by electricity, one could still hear conversations and noise.

On the southeast, a giant tent was the most eye-catching. It was lit up, and loud music played from within. There was even female laughter. If one was close, one could smell the alcohol and fragrance.

Lei Xing opened the curtain and frowned. The smell that mature people were familiar with couldnt be covered. He looked around and saw at least three pairs of guys and girls naked and moving about.

Ah Xiang, here!

A person waved at him. He also raised the wine cup in his hands. Inside, it was a coral-colored liquid.

He sat on the side and looked at the woman in a bikini resting on the chair. His frown got deeper.

Dont be like this, dont be like this. A young guy slapped a womans butt, leaving red marks. The meat around there rippled like waves, which caused the few guys who heard the sounds to gulp.

Ah Xiang, you need to learn how to enjoy. It is the apocalypse! How is this girl? How about I send her to your place?

You were chased out because of the thing in your pants. Havent you learned your lesson?

Those words caused the young guys face to turn cold. He grabbed the girls neck and tossed her out. He sat up straight and stared at Lei Xiang, Dont talk about ones weaknesses when you are scolding them; you wont have friends like that.

Lei Xiang smiled and stopped. He asked, Da Cheng, where is the intel my father needs?

Da Cheng lifted his eyebrow and drew an imperfect square on the table with the wine in the cup.

There are two unknown factions here and here. My men saw some from Cannibal Chain here; quite a few of them exist.

Lei Xiang focused and stared at the simple map.

The region between the two factions is empty, but a zombie horde is moving towards this place. Once Feasting Day starts, they will be attracted. There are over 100,000 of them.

So this is the best place to enter. This is the exact report; do what you must.

Lei Xiang nodded and stood up to leave. He left the tent with a cold smile.

Enter from here? Open the path for you? Following the horde is the best choice.

Da Cheng also gave a similar smile.

Do you know who your competitor is? The people who built their base themselves. Young Master Lei, I hope you die early.

Chapter 667: Feasting Day is here

The entire underground city was boiling.

A piece of news had started to spread.

The Life-Taking Carrot would evolve during the feasting day and become much weaker. This was the best chance to leave Linhai!

Why were people living every day? What did they hope for? Many people thought to themselves late at night and realized it wasnt to evolve like everyone else. It was to escape this damn place.

Even the experts that enjoyed most resources here. As long as one wasnt stupid, one would know that staying here for a long time would only result in death. It was just a matter of time.

So when this news started to spread, all the factions tried to find out if it was real while they started to prepare.

The underground city was connected. Everyone worked together, and many things started to float to the surface.

For example, Surging Motion led a few factions and spread the news. Someone had a special ability to accurately predict the day of the Feasting Day. They could even craft some equipment to deal with the Death King Tree and Life-Taking Carrot.

For example, Lin Xing knew about the news but didnt tell everyone. He even threatened Surging Motion and the other factions to listen to him and lead the way out. But Surging Motion didnt want to be the cannon fodder, so they spread the news.

Coincidentally, the issue with the Black Cloud Team and Stabbing Wing Battle Squad was still a hot topic. Many people saw Lin Xings core factions gather a few days ago, and Surging Motion was also setting up their defenses. They were obviously defending against Lin Xings attacks

Many people had a guess because of that.

Lin Xing wanted to abandon everyone and leave alone

Surging Motion knew a simple way out.

A smith was gathering various materials and could craft equipment on the spot. The condition is to leave together with Surging Motion.

After being suppressed for so long, Linhai's survivors released their warmth. In just a few hours, the tunnels around Surging Motion were filled with people.

No one would give up on a chance to leave this place!

Even if Surging Motion would use them to break free, no one cared.

Being used was better than being abandoned.

Of course, there was other news that spread afterward that someone from Surging Motion came from outside and that he knew a shortcut.

This was naturally Lin Xings counterattack, but few people believed it. Everyone felt that he would have left if the person knew the way out. Why would he stay here?

The news of materials and things being purchased was verified. Someone traded some Death King Tree branches for a grey blade. Some used seeds to get a white armor

All these things appeared before their eyes and caused a fervent wave.

Surging Motions few exits were blown up to prevent Lin Xings attacks, but people cleared them out. People in each direction wanted to trade with Ye Zhongming.

Ultimately, they had to use factions as a unit to conduct trade.

Once the people in charge sat down, many things could be discussed, and they traded many things. To ensure the work was completed in time, Ye Zhongming used a low price to hire many to dig the tunnels. The project quickened.

People saw what Surging Motion was doing and started to dig from other areas in the same direction as Surging Motion. Everyone knew the goal. Ye Zhongming just smiled and didnt say anything.

Most other trades focused on the Death King Tree and Life-Taking Carrot materials.

Ye Zhongming made such a large-scale collection because he noticed something exciting. If he placed the Death King Tree and Life-Taking Carrot materials into the Gate of Sacrifice, the energy would increase quickly.

Of the items that Ye Zhongming had sacrificed before, the one that increased the most energy was Ghost Metal. Apart from that, Drill Ocean Metal and high-level demon crystals were good, too.

After getting the gate, Ye Zhongming would toss many unneeded things into the gate to slowly collect energy.

Since getting Sky Barrier Threat, the gate was not used. After the Ocean King Wheel, the large amounts of unneeded material had gotten him two bars of energy.

After noticing the unique points of Death King Tree and Life Taking Carrot materials, Ye Zhongming started to purchase them. He could craft materials to increase the strength of the people around him, helping to protect him and reduce his pressure, and he could also increase the energy of the gate.

Two days after he started, the energy in the gate filled the third bar.

Although the purchase speed slowed, the fourth bar was half-filled when the chaos started.

Strictly speaking, the chaos was sudden. Ye Zhongming didnt expect the news to cause such a chain reaction.

Some factions broke the underground city agreement and started to attack the mutated rats!

This was like a meteor in the ocean; it caused huge waves.

This was the place with the most demon crystals and materials. It was the riches the entire underground city amassed!

Someone touched that piece of cheese, and it reminded everyone. They were about to leave, and it was time to claim the riches.

Those factions with strength all pounced at that place, and they wanted to get rewards.

Other regions with mutated plants and animals, like the Dark River, became places where people hunted. The entire underground city was covered in a sea of flames.

Actually, this wasnt the situation Ye Zhongming wanted to see. He hoped people would gather around him and become his barrier during Feasting Day. But this situation was reducing that strength. These factions were not only killing the mutated rats; they were killing each other. Each death would reduce the strength they had when charging out.

But Ye Zhongming couldnt stop them as the entire underground city was chaotic.

But the factions around Ye Zhongming were still calm. Most people continued the project. The tunnel was dug to the suburbs on the 9th day that the treant predicted. They were just waiting for the time to arrive and then for them to reach the surface.

It was as if everything was timed. A few hours after the tunnel was completed, the entire Linhai shook. The sentries and soldiers on the ground spread the news. Death King Tree and Life Taking Carrot started to release a glow and a scent.

Feasting Day was here!

Chapter 668: A Grade Sacrifice Box

Is this the root of the Life-Taking Carrot?

Ye Zhongming looked at the end of the tunnel and asked calmly.

Yang Yixi and the treant nodded. The former smiled, When I saw this situation, I was stunned. These arent roots; they are iron rods covered in spikes. This entire region is like an iron cage that traps the entire Linhai.



Ye Zhongming had heard that digging his way out of the city was impossible. He roughly guessed why but only fully understood when he saw these roots.

No one knows how deep these are. During the first few months, people tried to dig deeper and go around it, but they failed.

Yang Yixi was probably one who had tried such a thing.

I can sense that these Life-Taking Carrots know we are here, but as long as we don't try to break free, they won't care about us. But if we try to get out, they will fight back.

The treant touched the damp walls; he half squinted his eyes and said.

The Feasting Day had started. The Death King Tree in the city center gave off an eye-catching light that could be seen from far away at night. The Life-Taking Carrot stretched its long leaves out of the surface and spun quickly to make sounds that could attract evolved lifeforms.

Surging Motion and the other factions were prepared to break free, but the time wasn't up. When the Death King Tree and Life-Taking Carrot returned to normal, that would be the day that set off.

Ye Zhongming wanted to examine the roots trapping the entire city, but even after looking, he could not find a solution.

He tried, but these metallic roots were more dangerous than the leaves above.

Even Ye Zhongming had a headache when dealing with these mutated plants.

The three left the abandoned tunnel, which was back into darkness. Occasionally, a few flashes of black snake-like lifeforms would flash across the roots, but it wasn't something that the three of them managed to see.

To the experienced Linhai survivors, two days after the Feasting Day would be when the Life-Taking Carrot went back underground. Normally speaking, that would be when they could break out.

But Ye Zhongming didn't plan to leave then but a few days later. He used the time to collect more materials, even if the prices were much higher.

He stopped when the Gate of Sacrifice reached four bars.

Then He activated the gold equipment.

The shocking golden light shot into the sky even though they were in the tunnel. The eye-catching light lit up the tunnel that Ye Zhongming was in.

The golden light lasted a long time, maybe because there was a lot of energy. Once everything calmed down, many people rushed over, but the twins blocked them outside.

When the golden light shot into the sky, the entire Ying City Alliance moved. The core members of Cloud Peak were energetic. They looked at the light and knew it was the boss's signal.

The final battle was about to begin.

Ye Zhongming looked at the box in his hands in the city and was excited.

A Grade Sacrifice Box (Small).

Ye Zhongming knew that the box was split into A, B, and C grades, so A should be the highest level. Although it was only small, it probably decided how many rewards there were inside.

He opened it and took it out.

Ye Zhongming was stunned.

Nature Soul Essence?

What was that?

The box gave him upgrade scrolls or skills in the past, but this

He didnt recognize it.

When he sent his mental energy into this thing, Ye Zhongming had a complicated feeling.

Nature Soul Essence: When an evolved uses it, function 1, increase job ability, increase is based on current job level.

Function 2, increase mental energy.

Function 3, give the user a nature skill.

Function 4, obtain closeness to nature ability. Plants will to attack you will reduce, and damage taken will drop by 50%.

When the target is a plant, function 1, revive injured or dead plants.

Function 2, cause normal plants to mutate and mutated plants to evolve.

Function 3, give plants intelligence.

The strength of an item depends on its function. Was it useless for Ye Zhongming?

Not much.

Ye Zhongming could be considered a natural job user. His Gardener was one, but it was just a support job. The upgrade scroll could upgrade the skills, so it was a waste for a Gate of Sacrifice Box to be used like this.

As for the increase in mental energy, that was a bigger waste. With the Soul Refining Technique, his mental energy had been increasing. Eating this would just add a little, and it wouldnt be much.

Obtaining the nature ability was not too good either, as a similar scroll could have the same effect.

The fourth function was still decent, immune to 50% of plant damage. However, to Ye Zhongming, who could craft defensive equipment, it wasnt as useful to him as it was to other people.

Moreover, the Nature Soul Essence depended on the person who was using it, so he would probably only get half of these abilities.

But if he didnt use it? When he thought about his situation, he gave up on that thought.

He would just strengthen himself, even if it werent much.

Ye Zhongming still used it according to the instructions.

The green ball disappeared from his body, and he instantly felt warm. Comfortable energy spread throughout his body. Ye Zhongming was sensitive to mental energy and felt his overall mental

energy greatly increase. When it started to disappear, Ye Zhongmings mental energy had increased by 50%.

This wasn't a small amount for Ye Zhongming, who had a huge amount of mental energy.

Next, he received a bunch of notifications. The first he got was the nature skill.

Obtained Nature element ability-- Intelligence Mark: Use this ability on plants, and it will give them intermediate intelligence. Moreover, you can obtain control of the plant. The cooldown time is a thousand hours. This ability consumes a large amount of mental energy.

Chapter 669: Sealed space

Ye Zhongming didn't know what intermediate intellect meant. After all, this had its own independent evaluation system. For example, humans didn't understand what the attack and defense values meant, so this was similar.

But Ye Zhongming didn't know what the exact effect was. Such a thing could only be grasped after he used it and slowly studied it.

But no matter what, this skill was decent.

Gardener job level increased Increased to

The next notification arrived, which made Ye Zhongming nervous.

As he had decent skills from this job, Ye Zhongming looked forward to this upgrade to the Gardener job.

Advanced Gardener!

Ye Zhongmings eyes lit up.

A normal job advancement needs two requirements to be satisfied: skill familiarity and job advancement scroll. This meant that jobs couldn't be upgraded too quickly. But now, this Gardener job skipped levels and became advanced grade. It ignored the skill familiarity requirement, which was a surprise.

Ye Zhongming took a look. In addition to Nurture and Activate, which were both upgraded, he acquired a new job skill: Grafting.

This skill was different. It couldn't allow plants to grow quickly, like nurture, or change plants, like activate, but it could move two or more strengths of a plant onto another plant so that they could merge and get stronger.

Ye Zhongming looked at it for half a day and felt like the core of this ability was in creation.

Creating lifeforms that wouldn't appear and meshing their essence together.

Of course, this skill wouldn't make you a god and would definitely have a high failure rate. Grafting two plants required high skill familiarity, and many restrictions would exist. For example, the plants had to be similar and be of a similar species if he had something like a plant recovery potion, that would be able to increase the success rate.

Once he successfully grafted a plant, his recipe became a fixed one that greatly increased the success rate of the next similar graft.

This ability was complicated, so he couldn't totally understand it immediately.

Ye Zhongming couldn't deny that the gardener job was becoming useful. Its position in his ability system was climbing.

To date, this was the biggest gain he got from this trip.

He walked to his Roselle Cedar and felt their closeness reach a new level. This was probably the effect of ability 4.

He thought about it and decided to test the grafting skill. He used that Life Grain seed and broke a small branch from this ten-meter-tall Roselle Cedar. He wanted to graft it to the Life Grain seed, but it failed after a green light flashed. His mental energy suffered a hit, and his head hurt.

Ye Zhongming saw the skill familiarity increase by one and decided to give up. He would wait until he was free to do so.

After this sacrifice, Ye Zhongming realized a problem.

Many of these sacrificial products came from the Death King Tree and Life-Taking Carrot. They gave him the Nature Soul Essence, which was related to plants. Did that mean the related rewards would be the same if the items sacrificed were similar? If that was the case, then the rewards of the Gate of Sacrifice could be controlled.

This was something he had to study in the future.

The survivors in the city entered their crazy stage. The Ying City Alliance outside started to attack.

Rows of Ying City soldiers were prepared on the selected path. A few violent Lightning Turrets were behind them, charging up. Above an abandoned building, the few Ying City leaders were standing there, waiting for the attacks to begin.

Cannibal Chain was here. They looked below, and the few leaders had a complicated expression.

Ruan Xiao realized that even if his organization had tried to overestimate Cloud Peaks ability, there was still a huge gap. Cloud Peak showed off his strength even before the battle started.

Those violent Lightning Turrets, crystal weapons, were shockingly precious. Ruan Xiao was more shocked about the level of Cloud Peaks warriors.

Too high!

Four-star average! The number of five-star evolved was also numbing!

As a businessman, he analyzed the rate of the wheels, and he couldn't imagine how many crystals Cloud Peak got to be able to spin so many evolution potions.

Cannibal Chain definitely wouldn't be too honest in this cooperation. The information they sold wouldn't be fake, but they would hold things back. In the end, they tried to hold back the information but failed to do so. As they underestimated Cloud Peaks strength, they had no choice but to tell them everything they knew. They wanted to use Cloud Peak but ended up failing to do so.

Ruan Xiao started to think of a new plan, which was a huge change from before.

Sister Ye, the mutated bats will arrive in five minutes!

Liang Chuyin used the battle contribution badge to remind Mo Ye.

Hide!

She gave an order, and the entire Ying City Alliance entered the cover that they had chosen before. A few minutes later, a whistling-like sound appeared above.

Thousands of mutated bats were attracted. Before Feasting Day began, Cloud Peak found their nest and alerted them. They drew them out, and now they were here for the Life-Taking Carrot.

The Life-Taking Carrot was more attractive than the humans they had lost track of. These flying lifeforms the size of cats dove into the Linhai sky.

The Life-Taking Carrots attacks began.

Those leaves grew long, and in a blink, they were a few dozen meters long. They danced in the sky, and those leaves instantly wrapped up those mutated bats.

Their bodies were crushed, and blood spurted. These bats were a problem for any human faction but were wiped out after just three minutes.

As expected, we cant fly in! Mo Ye looked quickly with a solemn expression. Her gaze flashed, and she ordered them to attack!

Crystal energy flew towards the Life-Taking Carrot!

Chapter 670: Life Brain

Wu, has it begun?

Zhang Dalong wiped the oil off the corner of his mouth and looked at the shaking Life Taking Carrot a few dozen meters away.

He had been here for a long time. His wooden frame-like body didnt move, but that was enough to threaten the people behind him.

Each one of them felt unlucky. They wanted to come to Linhai and enter during Feasting Day to find a treasure, but this guy held them hostage. Their riches were robbed, and they had to accompany him to act as cannon fodder.

These people could accept it if that were all. The strongest were the bosses in the apocalypse. They had to listen to him since he was stronger than them and could defeat them all.

But he was even eating people!

Each time they saw him eating humans, they would feel acid reflux. This felt really bad as you realized that you were not only under him, but you were his food.

These thousand people hoped that this fellow died here so that everyone would be released.

Maybe because he heard everyones curse, Zhang Dalong muttered before charging into the Life-Taking Carrots. The stick in his hand flew. Although he took just a few steps, he met with firm resistance.

The people behind looked excited. They had never wished for a mutated lifeform to win so badly before.

But they were disappointed. Zhang Dalongs body disappeared for a dozen seconds before reappearing. Apart from a few wounds, he still looked vicious.

Is your news accurate?

After testing the Life Taking Carrot, Zhang Dalong walked to a guy, grabbed his chin, and asked. Really, there really is a Life Brain inside.

Zhang Dalong stared into his eyes before releasing him.

The guy fell to the ground and took deep breaths. He rubbed his chin and felt like that part was broken.

You aren't lying?

No! A member of our battle squad spread this news before he died. Our boss even sold it to Cannibal Chain! It can't be fake.

Where is your boss?

You ate him.

Zhang Dalong scratched his head in embarrassment and laughed. But a fierce glow appeared in his eyes.

Then I am sorry, but since you didn't lie, then You can die.

His black hair-covered hand covered the guy's head, and then He clenched his fist.

Ah!

Brother Cheng, the Lei Family is gone, a subordinate ran in from outside and said to a young man who had a half-naked woman lying on him. The young man opened his eyes. He was awake, and he wasn't asleep at all.

He sat up and wore his clothes before walking out of the tent.

It was late at night, and everyone had calmed down after that golden light and the start of the Feasting Day. They went to rest. When the Life-Taking Carrot went back underground, they would enter Linhai.

Da Cheng took a cigarette and sucked on it. He hesitated before tossing it on the ground and smashing it.

For that legendary Life Brain, he would take the risk.

The evolved zombies didn't notice much difference between day and night, but night was when they felt the most comfortable.

There were breathing and snarling sounds around, but in the center, there were a few meters of empty space around Sword Armor.

It was the boss of this horde, and it gathered these stupid zombies together.

It forgot who it was, but it didn't care. The only thing it cared about was how to evolve.

It wandered this land for many months, leading its zombies to attack over 20 human camps and five mutated lifeform groups. Although this caused it to lose half its members, it provided those who lived with energy to evolve. Sword Armor had evolved twice from it.

Initially, its next goal was a town with many humans. But half a day ago, a tempting scent attracted it here.

Sword Armor had never smelled such a thing before. Each time it smelled it, it felt hungry. With its intelligence, it knew that it might be a trap, but it didn't stop it. It had a hundred thousand zombies around it, and it would smash all traps!

Sword Armors body was beautiful under the moonlight. It spread its arms, which had turned into two wooden swords. A pair of meat wings were connected with its body, and when it waved casually, it would fly into the air.

There was some light from nearby, which should be where the scent originated.

In the night sky, the purple crystal on its forehead was eye-catching.

Thank you!

Ye Zhongming looked at the two things before him and tapped Yang Yixi's shoulder.

Yang Yixi frowned and didn't understand why he wanted to head out now.

He placed the two things into his space and smiled, Don't worry, wait for me to return. If things are smooth, we can get out easily.

I am worried if things don't go smoothly.

Yang Yixi definitely wouldn't normally speak to Ye Zhongming in such a tone. But Ye Zhongming wanted to leave at the crucial moment for some time, which frustrated him as he had bet his life on him.

But he still followed Ye Zhongming's request. He used his connections to get these two things. Although there was a gap between what Ye Zhongming wanted and what he had, he could still use it.

Stabilize the situation when I am not here; if there is a problem, get the twins to help. Ye Zhongming instructed, Protect the equipment, and Pay attention to Little Mu.

Yang Yixi frowned, Is there a problem with the treant?

Just in case. At this time, what we are afraid of is things happening on the inside. When needed, work with Mei Na and Gan Lan. They want to get out and won't think so much.

Seeing the seriousness on his face, Yang Yixi nodded and told Ye Zhongming to get back soon.

Ye Zhongming tapped him again and left.

He would take a huge risk, but if he succeeded, he would make everything easy!