

Apocalypse 831

Chapter 831: Father feed me

Ye Zhongming didn't piece it together immediately. He walked to the side of the Sailor's Beautiful Garden.

He was still in a weak state due to this item.

He squatted beside it and looked around. He used a few Smith skills on it.

Maybe because its Master had left the space, so it was being cut off. Ye Zhongming tainted this equipment. After a series of Enchanting and modifications, Ye Zhongming kept the equipment.

A ball of seeds appeared in his hands, and he was surprised.

He had heard of this equipment before, and now that it had become his item, he understood it better.

This equipment could be upgraded and its upgrade method was similar to the Cannibal Flower. You needed mutated lifeform flesh and blood or the master's essence blood.

Although each level upgrade required a huge amount of energy, Ye Zhongming was still happy. After all, mutated lifeform flesh was easy to obtain compared to upgrade scrolls or unsealing liquid.

He turned the Sailor's Beautiful Flower Garden into his own item, so naturally, the weakness state was removed. This made him feel much better. That powerless and giddy feeling previously was very uncomfortable.

At the same time, Ye Zhongming also felt the restriction of the space towards energy was gone. He stood up and looked at the monitoring wall. The fertile soil spaces were gone, and this special space had entered its final stage.

He kept the fertile soil left by those from the resistance zone and pulled a few pieces of Holy Army Coat from Jayce's body. He took An Man's equipment and gloves and pieced the puzzle together.

A light shone so bright that he couldn't open his eyes. He raised his arm to block the light in front of him.

But the light didn't deal much damage to Ye Zhongming. Instead, he felt like something was standing on his shoulder.

This shocked him. His body was much better than before after the Earth equipment buffed him. Not to mention things standing on his shoulder; if someone were within a hundred meters, he would be able to notice it.

But Ye Zhongming didn't notice this thing at all, so he was terrified.

"Father, are you afraid?"

Ye Zhongming nearly spat out blood.

Father?

Who was the father? Who was she calling father?

He didn't have a kid, be it his last life or this. Now that something called him father, he was frightened.

He tilted his head and saw a fat, beautiful baby sitting on his shoulder. The baby was holding a brown shield, and the fingers of the other hand were in his mouth. The baby opened his eyes and looked at Ye Zhongming.

What was this?

Ye Zhongming gulped. Although he wasn't nervous and knew that this fellow was the final reward, but he was still shocked.

Did it reward him with a kid?

This... Didn't make sense.

But very quickly, he realized how different this son was.

Although it was similar in truth, this baby was fake.

It was an energy body.

"Father, I am hungry."

The baby was the size of a palm pouted, and he started to drool.

Ye Zhongming's body shuddered when he heard the word father and didn't know what to say.

But when he saw this little fellow say that he was hungry, placing the brown shield on his stomach and pressing down on it, Ye Zhongming felt like not feeding him would be a sin.

Also, this was a naked kid with a private part.

But what does he eat?

Ye Zhongming gave him some beef jerky. He sniffed and then took a bite. His mouth actually had white teeth.

But he stopped eating after a piece. He looked at Ye Zhongming and grumbled that he was still hungry.

Ye Zhongming took out everything from his space that could be eaten.

Dried biscuits, canned food, etc. These were things he got along the way. Ye Zhongming's main food source was still mutated lifeform meat jerky.

This fellow picked, chose, and only ate the fruit cans and two pieces of meat jerky. He didn't touch the rest.

"I am still hungry, father."

Ye Zhongming shuddered again. This fellow ate meat the most, and they were all above level five.

As for the fruit can, he probably tried it.

But why was he still hungry?

Ye Zhongming calmed down. He observed that the space didn't react, meaning he hadn't completed some condition to get out.

Did it have to do with the kid?

Ye Zhongming thought about it. Since he said that he was hungry then he would feed him. As for the food, it was up to him.

Ye Zhongming took out everything he had apart from equipment.

The little fellow looked at the mountain of equipment and was delighted. He landed on the items and shoved the suitable items into his mouth.

Ye Zhongming frowned as he watched.

Cannibal Flower Seed, Roselle Cedar Seed, various top materials, Drill Ocean Metal, and Ghost Metal...

These were the top items that Ye Zhongming had and this fellow was eating them. That small stomach was like a bottomless pit. But to test if getting out of this place had to do with this little fellow, he went all out.

Fortunately, this fellow loved to try things and wouldn't eat too much. He ate one or two pieces before eating something else. Ghost Metal and Drill Ocean Metal were able to escape.

Finally, the fellow took a few level-five demon crystals and crushed them. Ye Zhongming's eyes opened wide. The demon crystals that couldn't be destroyed by anything were eaten as dessert by this fellow?

This wasn't over. It looked around and flew towards one place. He picked up a four-star potion and drank it.

After drinking, it burped.

Ye Zhongming was speechless.

"So full, father!"

He rested on the shield and smiled at Ye Zhongming. He touched his bloated stomach, and his little private part faced the sky.

At this point, Ye Zhongming received a notification.

"Congratulations! You have obtained Earth Elf's recognition. From today onwards, you will receive its protection!"

Chapter 832: Earth Elf

Ye Zhongming sat in the Exquisite Floating Ball and looked down at the battlefield through the high-tech screens. He frowned.

He had come out from the space a while ago. Although he had some slight excitement from getting the Earth Elf, but the situation forced him to return to the battlefield.

Crystal Nest Barrier had shattered, and the humans were battling the demon monsters.

Ye Zhongming knew that he had to fight. He slapped the son, who was using the small shield as a bed, and the Exquisite Floating Ball descended from the sky.

At the same time, the four pairs of lasers fired.

"When landing, can you increase the gravity below?"

Ye Zhongming looked at the Earth Elf that he had woken and was still in a blur state.

“Oh, understood, father.”

Although he was called that many times, but he was still not used to it.

This little fellow was very smart. After seeing the feed from the video, it sat on the brown shield and then moved towards the body of the ball.

A weird scene occurred. He passed through the ball and got outside!

Ye Zhongming wasn't shocked at all, as he had seen this before.

After receiving the Earth Elf's recognition and protection, his abilities appeared in his mind.

“Earth Elf, only controller of the earth element. Current growth stage, birth.”

Ye Zhongming knew he had obtained a great thing in just one sentence.

“Earth Elf ability 1, Jumping Gravity. Earth Elf has the ability to increase and absorb gravity to change the gravity values in a region. The region's size and the change in gravity will depend on the energy consumed.”

“Earth Elf Ability 2, unobstructed. This is the Earth Elf's ability to move between spaces.”

“Earth Elf Ability 3, Black Earth Armor. Elves could enchant a target with Earth armor to increase their defense. Type 1, standard armor, a fixed defense that lasts for one hour. When attacked, the time will reduce. Type 2, special armor. The defense will increase or decrease based on the amount of energy spent. It would last for at most two hours and this time will reduce when attacked. Type 3 (sealed), invincible armor, lasts for three seconds. Within these three seconds, defend against any strong attack. Consumes large amounts of energy. Cooldown of 2 thousand hours.”

“Earth Elf Ability 4, Love Protection. The elf is immune to all attacks but helps share damage with the protected. The damage consumes its energy and affects its abilities. When the protected suffers lethal damage, the Earth Elf reduces to the previous growth stage to save the Protected until it reaches the birth stage. If the Protected dies, the Earth Elf disappears.”

“Earth Elf Ability 5, Earth Tremble. The elf can cause an earthquake in a small region. The intensity and time it lasts for will change based on the energy consumed.”

“Earth Elf Ability 6: Big appetite. The elf can eat any matter it is interested in to store energy. When the energy reaches a certain level, it enters the next growth stage.”

“Earth Elf ability 7 (Sealed).”

“...”

“...”

“...”

“Earth Elf ability 12 (Sealed).”

This was all the information that Ye Zhongming got regarding the Earth Elf.

This was the reason why he was still so excited.

He took a close look. Each of the abilities was top-notch and even overpowered. Jumping Gravity could change the gravity numbers in battle, causing his enemies to collapse. If this little thing had energy, anyone who fought Ye Zhongming would have to deal with the changing gravity. If their bodies changed from heavy to light, how would they even fight?

Black Soil Armor was a good defense ability. Especially the third armor, three seconds of invincibility. Just thinking about it made one excited.

He had witnessed Big Appetite. This baby had iron teeth and could eat anything. Earth Tremble was an attack skill. The attack power didn't seem apparent, but if it was used well, it would be a killing weapon.

What surprised Ye Zhongming was Unobstructed and Love Protection.

The former could allow it to pass through any place unobstructed. Was it useless? No. It was very useful.

Think about it. If Ye Zhongming had its help, he could stand aside and just take a look. He would allow this thing to enter those enemy spaces to use Jumping Gravity or Earth Tremble.

They couldn't hit it and could only watch as it caused trouble... They would probably want to die.

Love Protection was even more amazing. It allowed Ye Zhongming to have many lives. If this fellow's growth stage were high, he would have multiple lives. With this skill, Ye Zhongming felt much safer.

Of course, these abilities were closely connected with this little fellow's growth. He used Big Appetite to store energy to enter the next stage. From the information he had, its growth stages were birth, Infant, and Mature. Each increase would reflect in its abilities, and the sealed abilities would be unlocked.

But when this fellow supported him in battle, it would consume energy. Controlling the usage and accumulation of energy was an art. Naturally, eating well and gaining energy was an important thing to do.

Ye Zhongming looked forward to the other six abilities. Normally speaking, the later the ability, the stronger it was. The first six were already so good, who knew what the remaining few would bring.

Actually, this fellow's help was not only that. Some abilities weren't listed. When Ye Zhongming discovered them, he was much happier than when he got the six abilities.

He realized a little secret.

When it was full, it would not only sleep, it would... Excrete.

Ye Zhongming wasn't paying attention, but when this thing excreted on the table, it shocked Ye Zhongming so much that he nearly fell.

That pile... Black Soil!

Chapter 833: Can we get out?

This discovery excited Ye Zhongming for a long time. He thought that he would have to spend the Fertile Soil carefully as he did with the Ghost Metal. Now, it seemed like this thing wouldn't run out as long as he had the Earth Elf.

Of course, you had to use other materials in exchange for Fertile Soil. After the Earth Elf turned food into energy, it would use its skill to form Fertile Soil.

But that was okay. After all, this thing ate everything. Although it ate good stuff, but as compared to Fertile Soil, they weren't that valuable.

The Earth Elf didn't give Ye Zhongming an instant increase in combat strength, but it was very useful in the long run. Moreover, you didn't include the few sealed abilities. If they were all unlocked, one could consider this elf's value.

With this fellow's help, Ye Zhongming was more confident to save them.

At this point, the battle was brutal. With Cloud Peak as the core, S Zone, T Zone, and Ying City were in a life-and-death battle.

There were too many demon monsters. The moment the Crystal Nest Barrier broke, the demon monsters started to attack from all areas.

They were attacking the humans as if their lives didn't matter. They tossed the thought of death to the back of their heads.

It was as if humans were their lifelong enemies.

The humans lost their formation, and chaos ensued. Just a few people, a few dozen, etc., covered one another.

Everyone knew that they didn't have a high chance of surviving today. But before the end, everyone had hope. Maybe they could kill them all? After all, most of the demon monsters went to chase the C Zone squad.

Especially Cloud Peak and Ying City. Even at this time, their faith in Ye Zhongming didn't waver. They were waiting for him to descend from above and save them.

Everyone was risking their lives, as this was not a battle with a way out. Surrender was not an option. Either they won, or they would die.

Humans fell at every moment, but more demon monsters fell. Each person and faction had a trump card that they used. Even if many were one-time uses, they didn't find them wasteful. If they didn't use it now, they might not have a chance in the future.

But, apart from Cloud Peak who was slightly better, the casualties of the other factions were rising.

Mu Xinfei, Zhao Xingmei, Guang Yao etc, were in tears. They saw their subordinates dying, but there was nothing they could do. The people who followed them were their most loyal subordinates, but they died.

This sadness was hard to describe.

Although Cloud Peak was better, there were still losses. However, Ya Tian, Ya Ni, Liang Chuyin, etc., had strong skills and equipment, which helped reduce the casualties so that they weren't as shocking as the others.

But she wasn't in a good mood either. This was Cloud Peak's most elite squad, and each one of them was nurtured with the most valuable resources. This was a huge loss. If all of them died here, it would be a huge blow to Cloud Peak and Ye Zhongming,

What to do?

Everyone thought about it, but they didn't have a solution. They didn't know if they should break out. If they left, what if Ye Zhongming returned?

Many people realized that death was getting closer to them.

Guang Yao licked his lips. The battle began and the others were trying not to get injured. Guang Yao didn't do that; he traded injuries to kill the enemy quickly.

Some of his close ones knew that Wen Zhong's abandonment had hurt him, and he was using this method to vent his frustration.

"Guang Yao!"

Little Xiu exclaimed and charged. Guang Yao pulled his spear from the body of the demon monster and turned his head. He saw Little Xiu holding a blade and wanting to slice the demon monster trying to sneak attack him.

Guilt flashed in his eyes. Since Little Xiu's brother abandoned them, it placed the sister in a tough spot. Although Guang Yao didn't do it on purpose but he treated her coldly. She said nothing and tried various ways to make him feel better.

Guang Yao going mad worried her, so she had been protecting him, which was why she could deal with the sneak attack. If it hit Guang Yao, that would mean death. Even if you had the Holy Army Coat, you would die as too many demon monsters were around.

"Little..."

Guang Yao opened his mouth and wanted to call her. He knew she could understand the apologeticness he wanted to express, and they would return to the past. Wen Zhong wasn't a problem between them. But his expression changed when he said a word, and he charged towards her.

She sliced the demon monster and was looking at him. When she saw his expression change, she realized something. She bent down and hoped to avoid the danger.

But a green arm still pierced her chest. The defensive equipment, the evolved body, couldn't block it.

Little Xiu opened her mouth, but she couldn't make a sound. She reached out to him, and he grabbed her. He thrust his spear into the demon monster's head with rage and hatred.

"Little Xiu!"

Guang Yao roared. Tears flowed down his face. It had been long since he cried, but that didn't stop his rage.

"No, don't!"

Guang Yao hugged her body, which had stopped trembling, and choked up. He hated himself, hated Wen Zhong, hated everyone. Why did such a thing happen to her?

His subordinates saw Guang Yao, who was on the verge of breaking down, and they walked over to protect him.

"Please, don't." Guang Yao knelt down and cried like a child.

Many people saw those scenes, and sadness spread among the group.

They might not be able to get out today.

Chapter 834: Left and right

Right when everyone's hearts sank, many lasers fired from the sky. They were silent, but they were eye-catching. Instantly, demon monsters had their bodies pierced, and they died instantly.

Many people looked into the sky.

"Exquisite Floating Ball!"

The golden ball belonging to Cloud Peak fired while landing!

"Boss Ye is back!"

People cheered. They were excited as they felt hope.

They wouldn't think about whether or not Ye Zhongming could lead them out. They only knew that he didn't abandon them and gave them their only hope.

Cloud Peak and Ying City members were delighted. Since Ye Zhongming was back, it meant many things. Not only that they could survive, but also that their leader might be much stronger.

In that instance, the humans were 20% stronger, and the situation improved.

But they knew that it was just adrenaline. The situation wasn't much different if Ye Zhongming couldn't save them.

One person couldn't turn the tides alone unless you were a nine-star evolved.

The Floating Ball descended and smashed into the demon monsters. That giant ball smashed many of them into meat paste.

Then, the gravity increased!

With ten times its body, it spun around. But its defense was reduced by half and became a thousand.

The Exquisite Floating Ball wasn't light, and not that its weight increased ten times, that was a terrifying number. When it started to roll, many demon monsters tried to dodge. Although their bodies were strong there was a limit. They couldn't handle tens of thousands of tonnes.

But when they tried dodging, they realized their bodies became heavier.

The earth's gravity that they were used to had increased.

The increase wasn't much, but at such a time, it was fatal. That ball wasn't slow, either.

The Exquisite Floating Ball left a blood path. Earth Elf's Jumping Gravity activated!

The demon monsters in its path were all affected.

But they were still fierce beings. Many saw that they couldn't dodge, so they started to attack. Ye Zhongming sat inside and could hear the sounds, which terrified him. It wasn't that he was afraid for himself but afraid that this god weapon would be damaged by them.

Fortunately, only a few could attack the Floating Crystal Ball. Moreover, although its defense dropped by half, it still had 1000. Even with Ye Zhongming's strength, it wasn't easy to craft a piece of equipment with over a thousand defense.

The Exquisite Floating Ball charged into the demon monsters, and no one could stop it.

It took just a while since it fired the lasers, smashed into the group, and crushed a path. The damage it dealt to the demon monsters was the same as what the humans had previously caused.

Unfortunately, this couldn't last for long as the Exquisite Floating Ball couldn't take it.

When Ye Zhongming made it stop, he had broken through the encirclement and met up with the humans.

Ye Zhongming opened the door and headed out with Yellow Ball, who had recovered slightly.

"Boss Ye!"

"Boss!"

"Zhongming!"

"Brother Ye!"

People greeted him. They were surprised to see him. Liang Chuyin heaved a sigh of relief. Fortunately, he was back in tact.

Maybe he appeared in such a cool manner which caused the demon monsters to slow. The high-level ones jumped out and were afraid of the humans killing them.

Many of them remembered that his shot could kill a high-level demon monster.

Ye Zhongming looked around and saw that the team was a third smaller than when he left. The ground was covered with human and demon monster corpses. Fortunately, Cloud Peak was strong and didn't suffer many casualties.

Without any hesitation, he opened the Rainbow Gate.

"I will bring Cloud Peak to a mysterious but dangerous place, and we won't know when we will return, even... We might not return. We don't have much time so it is time to choose. If you don't want to follow us, enter this path, and you will be teleported a few kilometers away. You have to walk that path on your own."

“Be quick, make your decision, and leave. If you are too late, you might not be able to.”

The demon monsters’ attacks didn’t stop, but his voice was loud enough for them all to hear.

No one asked him about the cute fellow on his shoulder as they had to make their choice.

This choice affected their fates.

Now that they were trapped, Ye Zhongming had given them a way out. If they entered this gate, they could escape.

But Cloud Peak opened this gate but they didn’t leave. Why? Either the other side was dangerous. But it didn’t look that way. Maybe they wanted to go to a better place.

Although Ye Zhongming said that it was dangerous where in the world wasn’t? Was there some place more dangerous than this?

But seeing how determined Ye Zhongming and Cloud Peak were, they knew that he wasn’t lying. That place might be really weird.

This... Was hard to decide.

“Boss Ye, we suffered heavy losses; we have to go. But if we can meet in the future, let’s have a drink.”

A faction boss that had followed S Zone spoke. His team had gone through the Chain Prisoner and many demon monster attacks and had suffered huge losses. He couldn’t take the risk, so he decided to leave.

Ye Zhongming nodded, “Ah Yang, help replace Brother Zhang’s defensive line.”

This boss thanked him gratefully and led his people into the Rainbow Gate.

With someone leading, more were tempted. They chose this safer method and left this place.

In the end, Mu Xinfei made her mind up.

“We... Need to go. It isn’t that I don’t want to go but S Zone and my father’s situation forces me to leave. You... Take care.”

“I understand; you take care, too.”

“Is our cooperation still on?”

“Of course! Also, if you see Ji Ruiguang, tell him that he owes me a Mechanic Fortress!”

Mu Xinfei took a deep look at him and agreed.

The two of them said goodbye, and she led S Zone away.

The entire defense line started to shrink. Only Cloud Peak, Ying City, and Guang Yao’s forces remained. The others were scattered evolved without factions. They had followed from the colorful illusion wheel.

“Guang Yao...”

Time was of the essence. Ye Zhongming saw this guy hugging Little Xiu’s corpse and asked.

“I will go.” His voice was hoarse, “I have no place else.”

He was silent for two seconds before turning to the others.

“You have all decided to follow me?”

“Go!”

“Yes!”

“F*** them.”

“Boss Ye, is that a good place?”

“Follow you and get rich!”

He looked at the group and also at the determined Zhao Xingmei. Ye Zhongming closed the Rainbow Gate and took something out.

“Okay, let’s go!”

Chapter 835: Voice in the pillar

“Bullets are out; go take a few more boxes!”

“Here too!”

“What about cannons? Best if they are grey!”

Many people shouted on the Sharp Peak Mountain walls. The loudest was a middle-aged man with a beard.

This was the chosen appearance of many guys in the apocalypse. When everyone struggled to stay alive, most people didn’t have extra effort and time to think about their looks.

“Little Zhao, did you even hear us?”

The middle-aged man saw that no one was moving and cursed.

“No, look. Those monsters are retreating.”

The person pointed and was stunned.

The others looked and saw that the green-skinned monsters that had chased the C Zone people had started to retreat after a few hours of attacking Sharp Peak Mountain.

Like how it was when they came, they were quick.

These fellows who could climb the walls barehanded sent chills down the spines of the guards. If not for the walls behind high and the defense is strong, they might have charged in and killed everyone.

C Zone was in a bad state. The people on the walls were 70% of Sharp Peak Mountain if they lost, the base that the few zones built together would be broken.

Fortunately, these fellows left.

Everyone heaved a sigh of relief. But sounds of fighting spread from within the base, which was quickly calmed. The guards felt weird and didn't know what had happened.

Within Sharp Peak Mountain, Ji Ruiguang, who left the wheel, caught up to his men and returned. But this C Zone commander was ten years older and dispirited. After returning, apart from tabulating the losses, he hid in his room and didn't meet anyone.

This was until Mu Xinfei returned and she was also rejected. Both sides clashed, and Ji Ruiguang reappeared.

"Even if C Zone suffered huge losses, do you think you can behave so arrogantly in front of me?" Ji Ruiguang expression was bad.

This time, C Zone lost two-thirds of their elites, and their strength had reduced. They were the weakest of the four zones. But S Zone still wasn't in a good state and was breaking apart. They were in a tough state like C Zone.

The strongest zone was now Zhang Hetai's G Zone and Wen Zhong's T Zone. Both sides were similar in strength.

If Zhang Hetai or Wen Zhong had charged in, Ji Ruiguang would have swallowed it. But he didn't think that Mu Xinfei had the strength to find trouble with him.

Mu Xinfei and Bai Sisi led her armed subordinates and smiled, "Thanks to you, S Zone is in a better situation than before."

One sentence caused his face to darken. He understood what Mu Xinfei meant. It was because C Zone went to stir up trouble with S Zone, and now that those people saw that their backing had suffered huge losses, their thoughts changed. Some were anxious and pledged their loyalty back to Mu Xinfei and her father.

One mistake would affect everything in such a complicated place like the Resistance Zones.

"Don't be anxious. I came here to send a message, and I will leave after. Your subordinates are just too rude."

"Just to send a message?"

Mu Xinfei squinted his eyes and was even more furious.

"Right." Mu Xinfei looked at him and continued, "Ye Zhongming told me to tell you not to forget the Mechanic Fortress you owe him."

She looked at him with a deep expression and left with her group.

She was heading back to S Zone's camp, and had many things to do. The cooperation with Cloud Peak was something that she had to complete.

Ji Ruiguang panted and looked viciously at her back view. He turned to return to his room, and he slammed it shut. His subordinates looked at each other.

Ji Ruigaun retracted her anger and seriousness that he showed Mu Xinfei and became very respectful.

At the corner was a light pillar, and there was a mist rolling within. When he looked there, something was moving.

“Your position doesn’t look too stable.”

An ear-piercing voice spread from within. It sounded very mechanical and cold and didn’t sound like a human.

Ji Ruiguang shook his head, “No, although we suffered huge losses, we are still strong. Give me two years, no, a year, and I could let C Zone become the strongest faction again.”

The pillar remained silent, “I can give you one chance, but you... Need to give us insurance.”

Ji Ruiguang had no way out, and he only slightly hesitated before nodding.

A laugh spread from the pillar, and then a light shot out. With Ji Ruiguang’s six-star strength, he could not react and was covered. The light turned into a ball that trapped him within. He panicked and tried to get out.

In the next second, the black and red lightning struck his body. He opened his mouth and screamed in pain. His face twisted due to the intense pain that he was in.

What was weird was that no sound could be heard outside the ball of light.

A minute later, the ball of light disappeared, and Ji Ruiguang fell onto the ground. His eyes were filled with fear of the pain he had felt.

“This is Starcloud Jellyfish venom; you have tasted it, so follow what I ask. Each month, I will give you thee antidote. If you dare to resist, the poison will kill you.”

The guy’s voice was still unlike a human but those words were as cruel as a human.

“I... Only agreed to work with you, I am not your subordinate.”

Ji Ruiguang climbed up, his body trembling as he said.

“You are now.”

The mist rumbled and then a name, address and face appeared.

“Head to this place, find this person. He is your new partner on earth.”

The pillar dimmed after those words and disappeared.

Ji Ruiguang recalled what he saw and muttered a name.

“Soul Merchant.”

Chapter 836: Bad start

The cold wind blew every human's face, and everyone was wary. They also looked around at the foreign environment curiously.

Ye Zhongming used the Blue Secret Realm's key.

He led Cloud Peak, Ying City Alliance, Guang Yao's forces, and those willing to follow him into the Secret Realm.

Although the retreat process wasn't smooth, as more people entered, the defenses weakened. Ye Zhongming had to use Earth Trembling to stop the demon monsters from attacking. Using that chance, he sent the Exquisite Floating Ball in the Secret Realm and entered.

He kept the key and looked around. He had to confirm his position. Ye Zhongming hated that he landed in different places each time he used the key.

"This is the Secret Realm?"

Zhao Xingmei looked around curiously. Especially the sky that looked like it was torn apart, that enchanted her.

It was a lacking beauty that couldn't be described.

More than 400 were from Cloud Peak, 800 from Ying City Alliance, and 900 from Guang Yao's forces. There were 300 others. Altogether, there were around 2500 of them.

Counting the time, the winter was about to end. Ye Zhongming promised the Posthumous people that he would help them against the King City. Now, he was back, but he didn't know his exact location.

It had been a few months, and he had been missing this place.

Strictly speaking, Ye Zhongming and Cloud Peak's most crucial strength increase occurred after he entered the Secret Realm. He obtained huge amounts of demon crystals, which gave him many potions. Cloud Peak was able to take a step forward and open the gap with other factions, jumping into a large faction.

Now, Cloud Peak had the outlines of a super faction.

All of this began from here.

Of course, there was a woman that Ye Zhongming thought about.

"Ah, I, I..."

A person exclaimed and looked at his own hands. He clenched and released, but fear appeared on his face.

"Don't be afraid; your strength will be affected here. As compared to Earth, your evolution level would drop by one."

Ye Zhongming looked at this person and knew he realized his strength had dropped so he explained it.

"Once you get back to earth, it will recover."

Everyone relaxed when they heard Ye Zhongming say that. But the unease caused by the drop in strength was still something they weren't used to.

"But Boss, why didn't our strength drop?"

Ah Yang and the others tested their strength, but it didn't drop like the others, so he asked.

"That is because you cultivated the Scorching Flame Technique. It came from here, so you aren't affected by this place."

Ah Yang and his seven brothers were delighted. They looked around as if they were looking down on everyone.

"Don't be arrogant. Not to mention if the abilities are useful here. This isn't Earth; this place has existed for many years. There are level nine things here and numerous other strong lifeforms."

Ye Zhongming wasn't trying to scare them. He had understood this from the last time. When he was forced here by the Japanese, what he saw shocked him.

Ye Zhongming wasn't afraid of anyone on Earth because he knew that on earth, there weren't many who could kill him. He was one of the strongest few.

But he was too small here. Not to mention those many monsters with high levels, just the Posthumous people; there were level eight people there. Although they wouldn't instantly kill Ye Zhongming, it wasn't easy for him to win.

Hearing Ye Zhongming say that, many people realized how tough it was for him to get out.

At the same time, they were very excited. Because they discovered Ye Zhongming and Cloud Peak's secret. At least, it was one of their secrets to getting stronger.

Scorching Flame Technique? It sounded strong.

Ye Zhongming gave them time to digest while he observed the surroundings. He was in the wilderness, which was covered in snow. The temperature was very low. If not for them being evolved, they would have frozen.

But this situation couldn't last for long. He had rushed into the Secret Realm due to the demon monster attacks, so he didn't prepare much. He could only adapt now.

But no matter what, he had to confirm something. Where was he? How far was he from Ah Tao?

If he were unlucky and ended up in Night Demon Plains, the other side of the Undead Hill, Ye Zhongming would curse.

"Let's go look at that hill."

Ye Zhongming saw a high ground and planned to head there.

They started to move. They started to feel cold as they were outside for a long time and some of their levels dropped. Many whose strength dropped to three-star started to cross their arms.

They reached the hill very quickly. Ye Zhongming looked around and it was still white. But when he looked to the west, there was a black line.

Peak?

Ye Zhongming was delighted. Posthumous people often built their camps in the mountains. If there was a peak, there was hope to find them. If he found them, he could confirm where he was and ask how far Miya's tribe was. Ye Zhongming had an idea of how to get there.

Right as he was thinking about it, the ground started to shake. Many people tumbled. Those holding the Exquisite Floating Ball that was temporarily damaged fell to the ground and two of them broke their legs as the ball fell on it.

The shaking stopped after a while. Who knew that they would face a six to seven level earthquake immediately after arriving!

He had witnessed how unstable this place was. But when he saw the Earth Elf getting uneasy, he knew that things weren't right.

Unfortunately, it was too late. A few dozen meters from them, the ground exploded and a giant figure popped out and headed for them.

Chapter 837: First battle in Secret Realm

Although the evolved lifeforms and the green-skinned monsters outside were both called demon monsters, the variety and number of demon monsters here were much greater.

Ye Zhongming didn't know what type it was, but the purple crystal told everyone it was a level-seven mutated lifeform.

"Be careful!"

Ye Zhongming shouted before moving towards the monster.

The demon monsters in Blue Secret Realm differed from evolved lifeforms on Earth. They had lived here for a long time. They inherited not only their genes but also their battle techniques and experience. Even their intellects were above those of demon monsters on Earth.

This level-seven earthworm-like creature was close to a level-eight lifeform on Earth. It could battle other level eight lifeforms even if it was much weaker than the Chain Prisoner.

Most of the team had dropped by a level and were much weaker. Ye Zhongming had to help defend them as they came to their senses.

Many of them started to retreat, but some stood rooted in the spot.

Some were from Cloud Peak. Apart from when Ye Zhongming gave them clear orders, they wouldn't retreat in battle. Some were from Ying City, and some were under Guang Yao. They were evolved and had their pride. They still wanted to try even if they faced a level seven lifeform.

As Ye Zhongming headed forward, both sides drew close. The monster's body had appeared from the ground. When the others looked, it was over 50 meters wide—no smaller than a four-lane highway. It had a black shell. Even if the Secret Realm was dark, it still reflected a metallic glow, and with just one look, one knew that it was tough.

The terrifying thing was that there were pairs of claws on its body. Many meter-long bone blades stretched out where the claws and the body intersected.

If these things hit you, you would probably get sliced into two.

At the same time, although this monster's head and body were connected, it looked as if its body had four eyes and one mouth. But the mouth, which was pretty much the body's width, was covered in sharp teeth, which sent a chill down one's spine.

This monster saw Ye Zhongming charging forward, and its four eyes were filled with disdain. Although it felt a strong aura from this human, it didn't think that he was stronger than it. It was the real master of this land, and humans were its prey.

So it didn't back down. Not only did it not slow down, it used more force to charge. It wanted to shatter this human.

Ye Zhongming focused and stared at this enemy. He had questions.

Winter wasn't over—although it was going to—but the Posthumous people said that most of the demon monsters would choose to go into hibernation, so why did this fellow appear?

Did he really end up in Night Demon Plains?

Damn, were they trying to kill him?

Thoughts flashed in an instant, and he tossed them aside. When the demon monster got close, he had an idea.

The Earth Elf understood. Its small finger pointed at the monster's body and activated Jumping Gravity.

The gravity it was facing changed.

It wasn't an increase in gravity but a decrease.

The monster's angle and speed were messed up, and its momentum increased.

Ye Zhongming didn't give up on such a chance. Sand Dance shone, and he used Thousand Seal Slash!

A giant blade and five blade images were tossed into the sky.

Each person was shocked by his job skill. Although a small portion of them had seen him use the skill before, that was in the battle with the Earth demon monsters. Although they glanced, they didn't pay close attention. After all, they were in an intense fight.

But things were different now. Ye Zhongming was in front, and there were two thousand observers behind him. They saw each action clearly.

Sand Dance lit up, and when ten blade images appeared, they opened their eyes wide. They were shocked by this dazzling skill.

But they sighed quickly. This blade seemed to miss.

More accurately, it was too early. Even if it hit the monster, it wouldn't be when it was the strongest and most powerful. The damage would greatly reduced.

But immediately, they saw the demon monster's body speed up. It hit into the blade light as if it was doing so on purpose.

Sand Dance was a blue weapon, and Thousand Body Blade Saint was an elite job. Along with Ye Zhongming's other buffs, this blade was powerful.

Smelly liquid spurted from its body, and it cried out in pain. Ye Zhongming sliced its stomach and forced a giant burnt wound. The flesh and bones inside could be seen clearly.

Even a level seven mutated lifeform couldn't take his full-strength attack head-on.

But although it was in pain, it still attacked Ye Zhongming. It opened its mouth and bit towards Ye Zhongming.

Ye Zhongming didn't doubt that its sharp teeth could bite him into two.

Dispel!

His pant's skill sent him into the sky, and he dodged its strike.

The demon monster's body brushed past his feet.

The Cloud Peak warriors started to attack—various ranged job skills and weapons, including crystal weapons fired. The demon monster's face was turned into flesh and blood.

Ye Zhongming landed and jumped on the monster's back. He reached its head and stabbed his blade in before twisting it!

The intense pain caused the monster to straighten its back. But Cloud Peak's second wave arrived and they aimed at the wound in the stomach.

Chapter 838: Chain Tank

The monster's body and head were different. Its mouth and eyes were at its head, and it was relatively weaker. As for its body, its back and stomach were both covered in thick shells. Cloud Peak's warriors were a level weaker, and their attacks couldn't break it. Even the crystal weapons couldn't do anything to the shell.

After all, crystal guns weren't cannons.

But Ye Zhongming had left a wound, so their attacks didn't have to break its defense. They entered its body and attacked its organs.

The monster couldn't handle such pain. Its body twisted, and it sent Ye Zhongming flying.

The others attacked. Although they dared not get close, they could use ranged attacks.

The monster was hit from all directions.

If this were on Earth, a level seven mutated lifeform would have already died. But monsters in the Secret Realm had taught them a lesson. It told them what vitality was.

This monster not only didn't die, but it became much fiercer. Its body lay on the ground and shriveled up. Its tail protected its head. Those sharp claws started to move, and the bone blades stuck out.

It started to spin, the speed at which increased as it moved towards the group.

Their expressions changed.

They really thought the battle was over. But who knew that not only did it not end, but this badly injured monster also launched its sharp attacks.

This monster was spinning like a spinning top. Anyone who touched it would be shredded.

The team started to retreat, but it was not as fast as the monster. Even if they were scattered, they couldn't get too far apart. This monster was 50 meters long, and when it curled up, it was at least 16-16 meters, and it wasn't so easy to dodge.

If Ye Zhongming was here, it would still be okay. He could spend energy using Earth Tremble to stop the monster from getting close or Jumping Gravity to reduce its speed. He could even use Staff of Nature to defend. All of these could resolve this attack.

But Ye Zhongming was flung aside and still hadn't landed.

The humans on the ground were in extreme danger.

Even if Ye Zhongming ran back at his fastest speed, they would have already suffered huge losses. At least a few hundred of them would get killed by the spinning monster.

Were they going to lose a fifth of their forces immediately after entering?

Ye Zhongming was anxious. He could try to fire if his sniper rifle had bullets, but he had run out. He looked as the monster got closer to his subordinates and felt helpless.

Seemed like his subordinates could only adapt.

The other humans thought about fighting back. Their ranged skills and attacks landed on it. But its black armor was too thick. Even if some of their attacks were strong, such as Xia Bai, Liang Chuyin, Zhao Xingmei, etc., they could leave a mark at most. They might break the armor if they had a few chances, but they couldn't now.

Many people were in despair.

They were considered human elites. They had heard about the Secret Realm and knew that it was dangerous, but they didn't expect it to be so dangerous. They had been here for such a short time and had met such a strong monster. Now, they were in a life-and-death situation.

Would humans really die here?

Just when many people were in despair, a white light shone in four directions and shot toward the spinning monster!

Everyone looked and saw four white tanks firing circular metal pieces at it!

“Chain Tank!”

Many from the Sky Elephant Division exclaimed and looked at their commander gleefully.

Those who followed Guang Yao here were very loyal to him. They felt T Zone and Wen Zhong's betrayal. They had also been through Little Xiu's death. They felt the commander's sadness and were afraid that Guang Yao would give up.

Although Cloud Peak was sincere, Sky Elephant Division knew that they weren't interested in them. They invited them because they were grateful for Guang Yao. If the commander gave up,

Cloud Peak wouldn't treat them so warmly. In the future, their thousand people would just be lone warriors.

To help in such a critical moment filled everyone with joy.

Although Guang Yao was also restricted by the rules here, and his level dropped to around five-star, his equipment wasn't restricted.

He was T Zone's first battle squad commander. Apart from Wen Zhong, he was one of the strongest in the T Zone. His strength initially could be compared to Ye Zhongming.

Moreover, he was one of the few with a piece of gold equipment, which Ye Zhongming envied—Star Weapon Armoury.

You could place equipment in to maintain, repair, and fill their ammo.

Chain Tank was the weapon that he placed inside.

The white tanks that came from level-six wheels didn't have barrels and only had one firing device. Each could fire 50 sharp white-grade teeth wheels.

These chain tanks were very useful in the center city battle. Of course, half of them were damaged. After repairs, only four remained. He didn't even take them out in the battle against the demon monsters. At this crucial moment, he finally made a move.

The sharp wheels attacked the monster. It might not be able to kill it instantly, but its power still affected it.

Each piece hit the monster's body and was knocked into the sky, leaving a mark on the shell. But if it touched these bone blades, they could break them. As they were very powerful, it caused the monster to slow down.

Every extra second could get the evolved a few dozen meters away. The human formation had scattered. Even if it got into the crowd, the damage it could deal was limited.

The four Chain Tanks won time for Ye Zhongming to get back.

Thousand Seal Slash appeared once again. Ye Zhongming and the monster clashed again.

The spinning monster put on its brakes and stopped. Its body could not maintain its curled state, and it went back to before. It had one more wound on its body.

"Die!"

The Demon Energy Crystal Gun appeared in his hands. The purple weapon shone brightly in the Secret Realm, and the energy shot into its body.

Six shots and after the energy was used up, this level-seven monster stopped struggling. It twitched before dying.

Ye Zhongming wiped the two wounds on his body that appeared when the bone blades brushed him; his killing intent disappeared.

The first battle in the Secret Realm ended without much of a worry.

Ye Zhongming kept his weapons and wanted to order them to deal with the corpse. His eyes squinted.

In the distance, four people stood on the white snow, looking at this team. Their faces were filled with shock.

Chapter 839: I know you

These four were probably drawn over by the commotion here. They were probably scared of that level-seven monster when they got nearby, so they didn't react. It was also possible that they were attracted by the battle and wanted to look.

Anyways, Ye Zhongming noticed them.

In Blue Secret Realm, Posthumous people weren't friendly with one another and other tribes. Especially since it was winter; even if they were at the end of winter, it was still winter. Due to the pressure to survive, that unfriendliness would be magnified by several folds.

When they saw that these people actually finished the battle in such a short time, they woke up. They turned and ran quickly.

Ye Zhongming was wondering how he could search for Ah Tao's tribe. He saw the four people, so he obviously wouldn't let them run. He shouted for the team to wait for him before he started the chase.

These four people were roughly around four-star evolved, which was decent for Posthumous people. But Ye Zhongming's level was much higher than theirs, and he had the Blood Stepping Boots and Earth equipment on him. His speed was buffed, so he caught up in a short while.

Seeing that they couldn't flee, they turned and pulled out their bone blades. They charged at Ye Zhongming fiercely.

In the end... Ye Zhongming gave them each a kick and sent them to the ground.

People who grew up in harsh environments were tough. They wanted to climb up and continue, but Ye Zhongming pointed his blade at one of them to prevent them from moving.

From their dressing, he could tell that this person was the boss. In the tribe, his status should be high. He should be the leader's son.

"I won't kill you; I just have a few questions. But if I am not satisfied with your answer, I don't mind killing you."

Ye Zhongming's Secret Realm language was very accurate, and they understood it. The three others looked at the young man that Ye Zhongming was pointing at.

"You aren't robbing us?"

This teen continued to look at Ye Zhongming carefully.

Ye Zhongming kept his blade and saw Xia Bai and Liang Chuyin, who caught up. He said in disdain, "Do you think you have anything worthy of us robbing?"

The few of them looked at Ye Zhongming and the two women. What they were wearing and holding were exceptional items. The four of them understood that these people weren't interested in what they had. Their wariness was reduced, and what replaced them were envy and desire.

Ye Zhongming observed them. Although they were envious, they weren't greedy. This gave him a good impression of them.

"Now can we talk?"

With his strength, both sides had a friendly conversation, and Ye Zhongming found out some information.

The first thing was that he was decently lucky. This wasn't Night Demon Plains; he was in the Posthumous people's resting land. This made him relax. Although their territory was big, if they were on the opposite side, it was still a long distance, but he had previously found out that Ah Tao's tribe was in the middle and not the corner. No matter what, the extreme situation wouldn't occur.

Next, the winter would end in half a month, and the temperature was rising. The posthumous people started to head out to hunt. They also contacted the Imperial City. At least the tribe that they were from didn't hear about the Imperial City attacking Ah Tao's tribe—or rather, attacking Cloud Peak Alliance. This meant that the team that headed out before winter hadn't found the alliance. Or, they had started attacking, but they hadn't won.

No matter what, it was a good thing for Ye Zhongming.

What was regretful was that they didn't know where Ah Tao's tribe was. He didn't even know where he was exactly in the Posthumous people's territory. He only knew they were far from the Imperial City and the few large tribes.

If he wanted to know the exact location, he had to ask the leader or the elders.

He made a request and promised them some benefits. They slightly trusted him. Their lives were in his hands, so they had no choice.

The level seven demon monster was too huge and took some time to deal with. So, the group dragged it along. Thus, this team was weird. A giant metal ball and a level seven monster corpse...

The four lived nearby and were on the peak he had seen. Ye Zhongming's arrival caused some panic, and the thousands of Posthumous people were on guard.

Candleroom was the name of this tribe and also the name of their leader. When he heard what his second son said, his nervousness retreated.

Ye Zhongming was much stronger than them but didn't hold them hostage. He didn't plan to enter the mountain either and just waited outside. He was very friendly. Moreover, the level seven demon monster corpse proved that they didn't lack anything.

The Posthumous people were determined and resilient and respected the strong. They also had specific philosophical ideas. Candleroom thought about this and invited them to the mountain to wait out the cold.

Ye Zhongming agreed. Apart from him needing to talk to the leader, as they rushed into the Secret Realm, he wanted the team to rest, too.

Candleroom was the strongest in this tribe and was around six-star. In Cloud Peak, Ye Zhongming, Xia Bai, etc, could suppress him.

Once they liked you, Posthumous people would behave very warmly. Although everyone knew that it was because of interests, at least they were friendly on the surface. This leader even took a drink brewed to welcome the few of them.

Such things were luxurious to the Posthumous people who struggled for food, which showed how much respect he gave them.

Of course, Ye Zhongming had to return the favor. He agreed to gift them a hundred grey arrows and ten sets of grey armor. He also gave them ten meters of the level seven demon monster meat. Candleroom was so happy that he couldn't close his mouth. He took the meat out and caused the entire tribe to cheer.

The winter was reaching its end, and their food supply was ending. Such a big piece of meat could feed them to the end of winter and give them the energy to hunt.

To a certain extent, it saved many of their lives.

Ye Zhongming found out where he was. Along with what he knew about Ah Tao's tribe, he knew how he should walk. Fortunately, it wasn't too far away. With their speed and considering that snow was covering the ground, they would take six days at most.

"Leader Candleroom, what do you think about this shining weapons?"

Seeing that the timing was right, Ye Zhongming spoke to this strong leader.

He didn't reply to Ye Zhongming and laughed, "Leader Ye, I know about you."

Chapter 840: Special trade

Ye Zhongming's eyes focused, and he was silent.

Since he said that, he waited for him to continue.

"You and those from the Imperial City... Aren't friendly."

Candleroom said while raising his brows.

After spending time with Ye Zhongming, Liang Chuyin, Xia Bai, and Zhao Xingmei knew what his expressions meant. Although Ye Zhongming didn't tell them about the secret realm, but after Candleroom said that, they became wary as Ye Zhongming's emotions changed.

"Don't misunderstand."

Candleroom knew he had made a mistake when he saw Ye Zhongming's eyes squint. Or rather, the way he spoke was wrong. He shouldn't have been so direct, as he wasn't strong enough to ensure he wouldn't get angry.

"I know what you like and know what you can craft. We can trade."

The others couldn't understand the language, so they could only watch.

Candleroom said something to the guard, and that person headed down. A moment later, he brought two big bags and poured them out in front of a few of them.

Apart from Ye Zhongming, the others were shocked.

Two big bags filled with demon crystals of different colors!

Xia Bai and Liang Chuyin were still okay, as Ye Zhongming had previously shown his riches and had seen many crystals before. But Zhao Xingmei and Guang Yao were stunned. Their first thought was that the things humans fought for on Earth were being abandoned here.

Also, these crystals... Their levels were so random. There were levels one to five. There was also level six, but there weren't that many. Eh? There was also a level seven crystal.

"These are for Leader Ye; I just need some equipment."

He pointed at the equipment on the few of them and couldn't hide the envy in his eyes.

"You aren't afraid I go against my word?"

Candleroom laughed when he heard that.

"Although the Imperial City doesn't like you, I heard that your reputation is very good in some aspects."

Ye Zhongming didn't say anything. Since he already said that, what could he reply?

"I won't let you lose out."

Candleroom was delighted. Although the Posthumous people were backward and trapped by the demon monsters and Saint Dawn Hall, that didn't mean they fought for themselves. It wasn't that they were closed up and didn't communicate with each other. Especially the stronger tribes and the Imperial City would share information. Candleroom had heard of Ye Zhongming collecting their useless crystals. After that, those weapons started to appear in some tribes.

The person who crafted those weapons was right before him and agreed to help him. Of course, he was delighted.

With that shining equipment, the tribe's hunting efficiency would increase, and it would be safer. Before the next winter, they could collect enough food. As long as no one died during winter, the tribe would get stronger.

He lowered his head and clenched his fist. He suddenly said to his subordinate, "Head out."

The guard was stunned and didn't know what he meant.

"Go out!"

Candleroom shouted, and those guards acknowledged. They left cleanly, and only Ye Zhongming and him remained.

"Is Leader Ye interested in our battle technique?"

The moment he said that, Ye Zhongming was shocked.

Battle technique?

Ye Zhongming did learn Ah Tao's Scorching Flame Technique and Soul Refining Technique. He heard that those were amazing skills among Posthumous people.

But how did he get them? He gained Ah Tao's trust, and only after Ah Tao gambled the hope and lives of his whole tribe did he obtain this bit of payment.

Apart from that, even Mountain Bank and Grey Mountain Tribes, which joined the alliance, didn't share their battle techniques.

This showed how precious they were to them.

Ye Zhongming didn't expect this Candleroom leader actually to suggest such a trade. Was he dumb, or were his ears playing a trick on him?

"Our tribe's technique is called-- Flowing Space. Apart from strengthening the bones and tendons, you could even cover your body or weapon with a layer of light to increase its strength and defense. Among Posthumous people, although it isn't the best technique, it is above average. We don't ask for much; I just need some better equipment. I don't ask for something that you are using, but I saw some white and silver equipment; I hope they are of that grade."

Candleroom looked closely at Ye Zhongming and was afraid he missed any expressions.

Ye Zhongming kept silent and didn't reply right away.

Logically speaking, this was a good trade for him. White and silver equipment weren't tough for him. To spend a few hundred of them to get a battle technique was worth it.

But!

This was weird. Why did he suggest it? Was there a trap?

This wasn't Earth, and it wasn't his home ground.

"I know you are confused and don't know why I would use such a precious thing to trade. But the reason is simple: I want to survive with my people and live better."

"Posthumous people system? Legacy? Imperial City rule?"

He laughed after every phrase.

"I followed them for many years and even during the winter. Moreover, I was really sincere. I followed the ancestors and the Imperial City's leadership, but what happened? In just one winter, hundreds of us died!"

"Such a life continued every winter, and it didn't change. If this goes on, our tribe will die. Either no one is left, or we can't take it and get swallowed by a bigger tribe! Leader Ye, what is the point of this if my tribe is gone? Why care about tradition?"

"To me, it is useless! What can let us live is what I will risk things to get, even if it is... Battle technique!"

Ye Zhongming blinked and then smiled, "Leader Candleroom, I like such a person like you. I agree with this trade, but I have a suggestion you might be interested in."