

Apocalypse 911

Chapter 911: 500

Although Ye Zhongming saw Yellow Ball when he woke up, he hurried back because he was worried about the situation with the Cloud Peak forces.

He forgot one thing. Which was that when Yellow Ball evolved to level seven, it might have had a new talent skill.

Or rather, Ye Zhongming felt that Yellow Ball had a low chance of getting a new ability.

After all, due to his special Extractor job, he allowed Yellow Ball to have as many skills as its level. Strictly speaking, this was unusual. Based on evolution rules, unless Yellow Ball evolved to level nine, where he would have a high chance of getting a new ability, it was tough for it to get more when it evolved to other levels.

After all, Yellow Ball wasn't from a very talented species, and it was not possible for it to have a high chance of acquiring a new talent skill with each evolution.

Of course, the dog also didn't tell him about it.

Ye Zhongming knew about its personality. It was a little similar to Little Tiger. It loved to act cool and show off. If it really had a new ability, it would brag about it and eagerly share it with Ye Zhongming.

But it didn't.

Now, he finally knew why, because this new ability was... Revenge Storm.

If he had a choice, Ye Zhongming would rather Yellow Ball didn't have this ability. This ability would be self-activated under very dangerous situations.

Right, self-activated. It was a passive ability.

If possible, no one wanted to activate that ability as it meant that you were in a desperate situation.

Revenge Storm, as the name meant, when the mutated lifeform faced a problem it couldn't defend against, it would react to the last ability used.

Which meant that it didn't have a fixed effect. It would just use the modified version of the last ability.

In comparison, this state wouldn't be fixed. The skill might be different, but it would be much more powerful.

If these were the only few points, it would be a great ability. At least it could save its life at a crucial moment and even turn the tides of the battle. It did seem like an elite ability.

But there weren't any perfect abilities in the world. Revenge Storm had side effects, and they were huge.

Typically, the talent skills would get stronger as the mutated lifeform did. A level one ability would still exist when it was level seven but would be very different. The new abilities might be slightly

stronger, but there wouldn't be much difference. But there would be different functions: some to attack, some to defend, and some to support.

No matter which it was, it had to do with the lifeform's own level. There wouldn't be a situation where a low-level lifeform had a high-level talent skill. If not, the level system would collapse.

Revenge storm could turn the previous skill into something several times stronger. It was overpowered, and one definitely had to pay a price to use such a strong skill.

As for what it was, there were usually two situations. Numerous lifeforms would die after using this ability. This was also the meaning of revenge. But some lifeforms were lucky and would survive. However, they would have side effects similar to those of the previously activated skill.

For example, Yellow Ball's last skill was Gilded Ocean. So when Revenge Storm was used, it turned the metal pieces into strong blades that swept all zombies within a hundred meters.

It was lucky and didn't die to the skill's effect, but a negative side effect was similar to Gilded Ocean.

It turned into a statue!

Yellow Ball died?

Of course not, but it had turned into an ice-cold statue that couldn't move.

Ye Zhongming knew of a way to solve this side effect, but it was tough to do. Before he revived, he knew of some people's beasts with this ability, and they caused all sorts of side effects. But only a few found a way to remove those effects. Ye Zhongming even knew about a nine-star evolved's beast. With its master's strength and position, it didn't even manage to do so. One could imagine how tough it was to remove those effects.

Ye Zhongming knew it was tough, but he wouldn't give up. Yellow Ball followed him since the first day. It killed and evolved alongside him and didn't give him up. They were connected by blood. Even if he had to stab a hole through the heavens, he would save Yellow Ball.

Now, he had to move Yellow Ball into the city. If not, once the statue was destroyed, Yellow Ball would really die.

How could he save him quickly from the dense mutated lifeform horde? Air was not possible. Cloud Peak's air force was weaker and close to zero. Even if they had, there was still the level eight beast. It wouldn't allow them to get close to save Yellow Ball. He could only think about land. At the end of the day, the only solution was to send people to push through.

Due to the numbers gap, the two outside teams were stopped. If they couldn't instantly strengthen those forces, they could only rely on external help, which was strong firepower to suppress the mutated lifeform army.

The only huge range firepower method that Ye Zhongming could do was the V2 Rocket Launchers.

This weapon brought with it five rockets, and the price of one rocket was also very low. Those who wore the badge also accumulated large amounts of points. Ye Zhongming didn't hold back and spent it all on the equipment and rockets. With Mo Ye's help, 500 V2 rocket launchers and over ten thousand rockets appeared!

Five hundred warriors split into five groups. They held the rocket launchers and aimed them.

“First group, as well as all the ranged weapons on the walls, be in charge of protecting Yellow Ball. Don't let the zombies get close. The other four groups clear a path for the troops that headed out of the city. Don't hold back; we have to save Yellow Ball!”

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Hong hong hong!

Five hundred rockets were fired from the walls at the same time, which caused a giant wave.

Although their damage couldn't compare to a four-star evolved's skill, fortunately, it was explosive damage and AOE.

What was the situation of the mutated lifeform army? Although they were temporarily split into two groups, but the number of each was huge.

Humans killed many mutated lifeforms, and the number reached tens of thousands. Just Yellow Ball's series of attacks killed over five thousand.

But this was nothing compared to the overall number!

So, the mutated lifeform army was still dense. People who had OCD would faint when they saw them.

So when the V2 rocket launchers fired, they didn't have to aim; they just had to point the rocket in the right direction, and it would hit.

Hundreds of rockets flew through the sky, leaving clear smoke marks. It was a majestic sight.

Some mutated lifeforms tried to use skills to block the rockets. Some exploded in the sky, but these rockets were quick. It was only Ye Zhongming's opinion that they weren't strong enough. Someone who could insta kill a level seven would naturally neglect such strength. But in truth, each weapon was unique, and this was no exception.

It was fast, had a huge range, and was powerful. In just the first round of attacks, the mutated lifeform army was in chaos.

When one looked, this wave killed three to four thousand of them.

Of course, another reason was because they weren't prepared.

But this was enough to raise their morale. It was visually shocking.

The team that was outside used this chance to push forward. The zombies that wanted to rip the statue apart had to retreat; if not, they would be blown up.

There was no rest as these warriors fired the second round of shots.

Compared to the first, the 500 dealt much less damage this time. The overall number was around half.

A few more zombies used their skills and attacks at the sky so only $\frac{2}{3}$ of the rockets could explode.

Moreover, as the first wave was effective, the mutated lifeform army's firepower that had been suppressing the humans on the wall changed their target. Cannon Zombies, mutated porcupines, etc, attacked this area. A few dozen warriors were caught off guard and hit. A few rocket launchers were destroyed as a result.

But the team continued, and in a short while, they were near to where Yellow Ball was.

Third wave!

Load, fire, load, fire... Their series of actions were too quick. When the third wave was fired, only a few dozen seconds had passed since the first.

But the effect reduced once again.

This time, the higher-level lifeforms blocked those rockets.

When they faced a rocket alone, they didn't fear it. It wasn't strong enough to kill them. Those with stronger defensive talents couldn't even severely injure them. At most, they would lose some skin.

So, some mutated lifeforms jumped into the sky to block the rockets to protect the lower level lifeforms.

After the third round, only a few hundred mutated lifeforms died. On average, one rocket could kill one lifeform!

Ye Zhongming frowned as he used crystals to recover his mental energy.

He was surprised by their adaptability.

He believed they might lose their effect as more high-level mutated lifeforms intercepted those rockets.

No!

Just as he was thinking, the team that was outside the walls sped up instead of slowing down.

"It is Guang Yao!"

Mo Ye was sharp and found the reason. As expected, Guang Yao led his men and were the arrowheads. With him leading the way, along with the discipline and coordination of Resistance Zone warriors, they could push forward.

More higher-level mutated lifeforms had to stop them so those dealing with the rockets would reduce.

But before anyone could be happy, Ye Zhongming saw that level eight lifeform turn. It blocked one direction near Yellow Ball, making all the rockets hit it useless.

With the protection of its giant body, many zombies got close to Yellow Ball.

No!

Ye Zhongming squinted. The Exquisite Floating Ball he controlled descended and started hitting the zombies. It began attacking the level eight lifeform and hoped to push it out of the region.

But although it was a golden piece of equipment, he didn't dare to use it to fight the level eight lifeform head-on. Although it restricted it, it wasn't too effective.

A rumbling sound spread from the ladders. Ye Zhongming looked and saw Le Dayuan moving things onto the walls.

“Le, this is?”

Ye Zhongming didn't have a clue, and so did the others. With things flying around, the walls were dangerous. People were already worried about Liu Zhenghong here, so why did Le Dayuan come over, too?

Le Dayuan was slightly anxious, “I made something and didn't have time to test it, so I brought it up to see its effect!”

Only now did Ye Zhongming see that they were cannon parts. But the difference from other crystal cannons was that the parts were bigger.

The rockets continued to fire, and the cannon was assembled. When those on the walls saw it, they were shocked.

It was huge!

Ye Zhongming was also shocked as it was very similar to the models he saw in his last life to defend cities.

He looked at the energy thrusters, where the crystals were placed. He saw two rows of level six crystals, each row having 12...

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The concept behind the crystal cannons wasn't complicated. It was a unique skill because the steps to extract energy were complicated and very precise.

Le Dayuan became the father of crystal weapons because of his previous job with such equipment.

To him, it was hard to create a small cannon while ensuring it was powerful.

For example, the cannons used during the Flame Tiger Operation were tougher to create than those in the Sky Breaking series.

Based on this theory, the bigger cannons were much simpler to create.

But the truth wasn't like that.

This affected the transfer and safety issues when he extracted the energy from the crystals.

In other words, the bigger the cannon, the more complicated it was to extract energy. More energy would be consumed, making activating the cannon firing mechanism tougher. Moreover, there were many safety difficulties compared to small cannons, which had no danger of their barrels exploding.

The most simple and direct way to solve this was to use high-level crystals.

However, crystal weapons had to extract energy from crystals, and the method for extracting energy from each level's crystals was different. The higher the level, the more complicated it was.

Of course, high-level crystals contain more energy, so a bigger cannon would also be needed to contain the energy.

In his last life, such a huge cannon appeared only five to six years after the apocalypse. It should have been an experimental product. When they were really used, it would be six to seven years in the future. Although Ye Zhongming was only a third-rate evolved in his last life and didn't know exactly, the timeframe he remembered should be correct.

Only two years had passed since the start, and he could craft such a huge cannon?

Especially when he saw that the energy source was level six crystals, Ye Zhongming believed Le Dayuan had pushed his crystal techniques to a height that he couldn't imagine.

Maybe it had to do with Cloud Peak's uncertainty.

His faction was often fighting, so he was forced to study and craft crystal weapons. His evolution level was higher than it was in his last life, so he had more stamina and energy. He also had more time to study and experiment. With Ye Zhongming's basic ideology, he was able to quickly set the foundations and obtain his current achievements.

"It was too rushed, so I can't promise shooting accuracy. It would take a month to get this right."

As he was going to use it in battle, Le Dayuan spoke quickly. He climbed up and down the metal ladder to do the final adjustments.

"There is also a 10% chance it blows up. This is just too rushed."

Ye Zhongming knew that this cannon was probably just an idea when Cloud Peak was surrounded. Le Dayuan was forced to develop this design, and he was just gambling on luck.

"The most undeveloped part is still the energy conversion rate."

After adjusting, Le Dayuan said. Ye Zhongming looked at those two rows and asked, "How many times can it be used for?"

“Twice.”

Even though Ye Zhongming was rich, he still took a deep breath.

24 level six crystals, but could it only be used twice?

One must know that when Ye Zhongming used the elimination technique, he could eliminate a third of the wheel when spinning the level six wheel. If he had six more crystals, he might even be able to spin a six-star potion!

Was this too luxurious?

No wonder Le Dayuan asked him for more high-level crystals. It was to prepare for this cannon...

This fellow's accuracy wasn't high. What if the two canons missed?

Ye Zhongming was nervous.

But this wasn't the time to care about this. Firstly, he had to save Yellow Ball. Ye Zhongming told Le Dayuan to aim it at the level eight beast.

The adjustments were quick, and in that short time, nine rounds of V2 cannons were fired, using half of the rockets. Each round had its ups and downs, but they weren't as good overall as the first few rounds.

As Ye Zhongming helped Le Dayuan assemble the cannon, the leadership fell to Mo Ye. When the eighth round was fired, Mo Ye focused it all on the level eight monster. Although it caused it to spin two rounds but, it wasn't effective. It only left a small wound.

Under its cover, some zombies could get to Yellow Ball and were attacking it.

Fortunately, their levels weren't high. Yellow Ball's golden statue was tough, but it would be fine.

But it was enough to make Ye Zhongming nervous.

Le Dayuan adjusted the barrel and made preparations.

Le Dayuan had designed the support firing system for this cannon. If not, it would be tough for humans to execute. It would test the user's qualities too much.

“Is it aimed?”

Ye Zhongming looked at Le Dayuan, and after getting a definite reply, he pointed at Le Dayuan's subordinate, saying, “ You do it.”

Everyone understood. Liu Zhenghong pulled Le Dayuan away. Ye Zhongming was worried about his safety.

Park Xiuying used a diamond shield on the person who was about to fire, just in case.

Si!

That helper didn't hesitate. He pressed the screen, and the giant cannon glowed. A ball of light fired.

Ye Zhongming felt goosebumps as he stood close by. An extreme sense of danger spread through his body.

That cannon was terrifying!

The level eight lifeform sensed something, and those five heads screamed. It shook its thick wings and its body was now a distance away.

The energy brushed past it.

Many people sighed.

So close!

Ye Zhongming didn't mind. An attack that could threaten him would be able to hurt a level eight lifeform. It was probably as strong as a purple piece of equipment.

The subordinate wasn't surprised. The cannon moved a little, and the second shot was fired.

That light accurately hit the body of the level-eight monster!

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The level eight beast's body was huge. The moment it was hit, it fell and smashed into the ground.

People who saw those scenes took a deep breath.

It was too strong, it actually knocked a level eight beast down with one shot? Moreover, it caused such injuries?

The level eight beast lay on the ground, the part that was hit faced up and it was bloodied. One could even see the bone from some angles.

People were shocked at its injuries, but some were unhappy with the results.

Like Ye Zhongming.

The damage that the crystal weapon caused wasn't explosive damage but slicing damage. It was an energy slice.

So, the targets that the crystal weapon killed were usually slashed. Especially those who died to the cannons. It wasn't that they were split into two, but their corpses were shattered.

Normally, if that shot killed the level eight monster shot, it would have turned into pieces of meat.

But it wasn't dead. The injuries didn't seem that serious. As one couldn't see much traces of its back being sliced open.

Instead, many surrounding zombies were hit, and many were killed.

Although the level eight beast dodged the first cannon, it hit the ground. The damage the cannon caused wasn't comparable to that caused by the cannons on the walls. A large patch of zombies, including a level six zombie, was killed instantly.

The second cannon shot the level eight zombie down, squashing many zombies. These two added together meant that the damage was nearly identical to a round of V2 rocket launcher's shot.

The situation around Yellow Ball's statue was lightened.

But Ye Zongming knew that things weren't so simple. That level eight beast was stumbling to get up.

Their life force was strong at this level, whether humans or mutated lifeforms. Especially the latter, whose body was its natural advantage. This monster was naturally the same. A cannon that could kill a level six monster instantly only injured it, which showed how strong its defense was.

If it got up, it would probably launch a fierce revenge.

The level eight beast was really close to Yellow Ball. If it vented on the statue, then things would be over. This fellow might destroy it.

Ye Zhongming had to attack even if he hadn't recovered.

He took the green sniper rifle.

He aimed slightly and fired.

Earth Treating Armor Breaking Gun!

This exquisite equipment, which had four abilities, gave Ye Zhongming strong ranged skills. He used this gun to kill the seven-star evolved from the Resistance Zone.

Ye Zhongming wasn't seven star himself at that time.

The Earth series guns had strong passive abilities. They could increase precision and range, penetration, and secondary damage, which was the ranged explosion.

Along with Ye Zhongming's Space Stack, he was a killer when he held this rifle.

If not for the high-level bullets being consumables, Ye Zhongming could kill higher-level lifeforms with slightly lower speeds.

Now, this concerned Yellow Ball's safety. Ye Zhongming didn't hold back and used all the high level bullets.

With the Earth set's buff, the gun was aimed accurately at the level eight beast's head.

Ye Zhongming's pupils constricted, and he pulled the trigger again.

He thought that even if that shot couldn't explode this fellow's head, it would deal huge damage.

But in truth, the moment before the bullet hit the level eight beast's head, a giant ball of fire appeared around its four heads!

It was a giant flame that wrapped the entire head.

After the bullet was fired, it was like a stone sinking into the ocean. Ye Zhongming didn't know what effect it caused.

But he was only slightly shocked before he continued firing. This time, he stepped back and chose to fire at a joint.

No flames appeared there, and the bullets sliced in smoothly, causing a ball of blood to splurt. The giant body tilted to the side.

A rhythmic but quick sound of gunshots could be heard from the walls. Each shot would cause the level eight beast's body to tremble as one part of it would be hit.

Everything happened too quickly. Ye Zhongming's shooting had rhythm, and it was very quick. The bullets seemed to be connected into a line. He was using the sniper rifle like a machine gun.

When he fired seven shots, the level eight beast could barely turn around. It was covered in blood, and one leg of it was useless.

Ye Zhongming had a cold smile on his face. It wasn't a zombie where its head was the only lethal position. When its body was hit several times, it would also kill it.

At the same time, Ye Zhongming had a better understanding of this beast. This fellow's five heads should each have one talent skill. The flames wrapping its head were one, which made six. This was already quite a lot for a level eight beast, and it could be considered really talented. It was rare for one to have eight talent skills for each evolution.

Moreover, these abilities were ranged and weren't far enough to hit Ye Zhongming, so it was being beaten up.

But the level eight beast wasn't alone. Its subordinates charged over and blocked in front of it. Some climbed onto its body to help block the angles.

These beasts knew Ye Zhongming's attacks couldn't last long.

But Ye Zhongming continued to pull the trigger. The bullets he had saved up were being consumed quickly.

Many didn't understand why he was doing that. The level eight lifeform was using its leadership to whittle down Ye Zhongming. The other lifeforms were also attacking the city.

Ye Zhongming being held down wasn't good for Cloud Peak. What he had to do was kill the higher-level mutated lifeforms. It was more worth it than shooting the level-eight beast.

But Ye Zhongming was still shooting.

When Mo Ye was going to persuade Ye Zhongming, the people felt his body tense up. His shooting paused.

Some with sharper eyes saw that the flames around the monster's head had disappeared. Maybe it had used up its mental energy, or it felt safe.

Ye Zhongming placed a bullet from his pocket into the barrel. Mo Ye and Liu Zhenghong saw it.

That was a golden bullet!

Peng!

A golden light fired from the wall. The level eight lifeform screamed as it felt a threat. The flames that covered its head reappeared, and those mutated lifeforms tried to protect it.

But the golden bullet took a large arc and fired into the ball of flames from an unbelievable angle.

In the next moment, that area... Froze!

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The sudden situation stunned everyone. They had previously seen Ye Zhongming's shot failing to do anything to the level-eight beast's head.

That golden light was so strong to injure the currently highest level lifeform?

But what happened next made all lifeforms feel a chill.

After that bullet was shot, it activated the Toss Shot skill. The reason why Ye Zhongming was so adamant in firing shot after shot was that he wanted to numb the level eight beast. His final goal was for that shot.

The bullet passed the monsters that were blocking and entered the five heads.

Although it was just a flash of golden light, no one felt that there would be a kill. After all, the level eight beast was too strong. Whether intercepting the Yellow Ball or blocking the Exquisite Floating Ball and rockets, it seemed strong enough. When Ye Zhongming fired at it, it only lost a leg.

It was already a great outcome if this shot could badly injure it.

Right. If a gun could kill a level eight lifeform, no one would believe it.

If that were the case then the evolution system would be a joke.

You spent so much effort to evolve and then got one shot by a human?

If that was the case, then who would bother to evolve?

In truth, guns' threat to evolved lifeforms reduced as time passed. Even some decent guns weren't very useful against high-level lifeforms.

Evolved's reaction speed, agility, defensive equipment, job skill, skills, bloodline, etc., meant that the penetrative or explosive bullets weren't that effective. Regular guns were already useless to three-star evolved. Even with higher-level firearms, even a green gun was not much of a threat to intermediate-level evolved. Unless the bullets had a high level and one had some shooting skills, which would help to increase the threat, but that was still limited.

Ye Zhongming was a six-star evolved in his last life and had a green gun. Why was he an intermediate-grade evolved? It was because guns were too weak. He could only be slightly reputable in a team, but he was unable to become a leadership-level person. That made it hard for him to become an advanced evolved and reach seven stars.

After all, that team wasn't Cloud Peak.

That showed the position of guns in the apocalypse.

Of course, there were people in this aspect that people feared. As long as guns still existed, some would use them to full effect, and people would call them the King of Guns.

In his last life, there was a King of guns, who was also a nine-star evolved. His gun skills were something many nine star evolved had to fear. Moreover, this strong ranged attacker meant that his efficiency in killing mutated lifeforms was above that of others. This made him very rich. One's fortune also represents one's strength. This meant that he was always slightly stronger than most of the nine-star evolved.

But this was only an exception, and it couldn't change the awkward spot of guns in the apocalypse.

Although they weren't too deep into the apocalypse, guns were showing signs of weakness. They were relying on crystal weapons to hold up the fort.

But only Cloud Peak had crystal weapons, and they didn't sell it. Only Ying City had some older models, and not many people had them.

In such a situation, no one felt that this gun could kill a level eight lifeform, even if Ye Zhongming had played some tricks and caused that beast to retract the ball of flames.

However, the outcome was that the level eight lifeform's head was frozen.

If one said that the bullet had exploded, people might still understand, but what was that freeze? Was it a skill effect? Why didn't it appear previously? Was it an active skill?

Everyone guessed. The frozen head exploded and revealed four big and one small head!

The lifeforms who saw that all heaved a sigh of relief. So he didn't kill it. That made sense; how would guns be so powerful?

But a second later, the five heads started to turn black. Moments later, it was greyish, and that body fell to the ground.

Dead?

Not only were the humans shocked, but even the mutated lifeform army was in chaos.

The human... Killed a level eight king in one shot? That didn't happen before. The Zombie Ape was whittled down bit by bit.

But what happened then? The humans focused all their strength on killing it, which resulted in many parts of the wall losing their defense and the humans suffering huge losses. Many defense tools were destroyed, and the mutated lifeforms nearly entered.

One could say that the death was worth it and it was something acceptable.

But today, two level eight kings died!

The previous one could be understood as the humans using their trump card to kill it. As the rulers of this world, they did have strength and intelligence.

But what was this? A human fired a few shots, first breaking its leg and then killing it?

Usually, a human who fired from so far away might not even hit the target?

But it happened.

The mutated lifeform army had four level eight lifeforms, the only level eight lifeforms in the thousands of miles around. Three were dead!

Many humans, even mutated lifeforms, turned towards the remaining three-nose elephant.

The little elephant, which looked a little cute, looked at the figure on the wall. It raised its three noses and gave a loud roar.

The entire mutated lifeform army charged at the walls.

The final attack had begun.

Chapter 915.5- Finished guns

Cloud Peak had two prohibited areas: Le Dayuan's crystal weapon lab and Liu Zhenghong's gene lifeform lab.

Even when the battle was proceeding, and Cloud Peak was nearly broken into, these places looked as if nothing had happened. If not for the situation getting bad and the researchers joining the defense, things might still be calm.

Now, in Liu Zhenghong's lab, those researchers who didn't head out previously had been through the flames of war.

Of course, they were only used as doctors when they defended. Liu Zhenghong and Le Dayuan might have got on the walls, but they weren't willing to send their helpers, students, and researchers onto the battlefield. They even had a backup plan. If the city were broken into, they would get people to send them out.

However, the chances of that happening were slim.

"Brother Tree, look at this data. C028 experiment has a slight rejection reaction; should we continue to feed it the medicine?"

A researcher passed a tablet to the tall, weird figure. This was the treant from Linhai that followed Ye Zhongming back.

He was a professional in this area and was in Linhai before the apocalypse. As he had turned into a treant, he started to have unbelievable talent. After entering Liu Zhenghong's lab, he became an important member. Now, he was in charge of some projects.

The treant felt like it had found its home. Not only could it grow here, he was safe. People even gave him evolution potions; all he had to do was his job. Where could he find another good place like this?

Moreover, he saw hope of turning back into a human. He was professional at this, so he believed it was possible.

The treant momentarily looked at the data and thought, "Reduce the dose by a third and observe. Inform me if anything happens."

That researcher nodded and returned to do his own job.

The treant lowered his head and continued dissecting the demon monster corpse Ye Zhongming brought back. He was in charge of demon monster-related work, which was one of the projects that Cloud Peak focused on.

At this time, the door was knocked. The treant was slightly annoyed. Was his instructions not clear enough?

He opened it but saw that the person standing wasn't the researcher but Professor He, who had just recently joined the lab.

The treat took a step back and greeted him.

As Professor He had merged with the beast, he didn't look human. He had a human body and snake tail, but his eyes were those of a snake. He would spit his tongue when he spoke.

Although the treant didn't look human too, at least one felt comfortable around it, and it wasn't so fierce. Professor He made one feel ice cold, and his eyes were always a danger, which made people uncomfortable.

The treant felt like although they both lost their bodies, he was still human. He didn't know about this professor.

But this professor was quite amazing. In just a short few days, he won everyone's respect. At least in terms of skill, he was second behind Liu Zhenghong.

Professor He entered the lab and looked at the corpse of the high-level demon monster. Its internal structure lit up his eyes.

"I need your help." Professor He raised his head.

The treant was stunned. Professor He was in charge of managing and absorbing God Hall's research results. He had his own lab and was studying God Hall's beast creation. That was something many factions were interested in. They heard God Hall was already mostly self-sufficient for low and middle-workers' evolution potions.

What did this mean? It meant they made beasts and then killed them to get crystals to spin the wheels. They didn't have to head out to hunt!

This was enough to tempt any faction, including Cloud Peak!

One could say that as long as Professor He remained here, he would not only be the second in command of the lab but his status and influence would also be second.

He might even be on the same level as Liu Zhenghong in a few years.

How could he help such a person?

Although he had questions, due to Professor He's identity and his being an eight-star evolved, the treant couldn't reject.

"If I can help, I definitely will."

Professor He nodded, "Can you give me a copy of the demon monster's genetic sequence?"

The treant hesitated. Although this was a secret, it was basic data in his entire lab. With Professor He's identity, he could borrow a copy.

But the lab had rules, and it was segregated. Labs wouldn't share information.

"Don't worry, I will tell Head Liu about it."

Professor He saw his hesitation and calmed him down.

The treant thought about it and wanted to say something, but he paused. He then said, "Okay, wait a moment."

The treant did some things on the computer and then passed a copy to Professor He on a USB.

"Here it is, but remember to report it to Sister Hong."

Professor He smiled and nodded, "Don't worry, I will. Thank you."

He walked out with the USB.

The treant looked at him leave and turned to an unassuming instrument. He then continued to lower his head to dissect.

There were close to a hundred monitoring screens in a secret room in Cloud Peak. What happened in the lab was shot by the hidden camera. A person in black downloaded the video and after telling the guy next to him, he walked out quickly.

Chapter 916: Ying City visitors

Troops beneath your walls.

Many were familiar with this phrase, but only a few had personally experienced and understood it during peacetime.

But such things were becoming more common in the apocalypse.

Whether it was humans or mutated lifeforms who were beneath the walls.

So when the mutated lifeform army attacked, even if the humans had defended for many days, they were still slightly stunned.

Before firearms were invented, this was probably how wars were fought.

As for battles that could involve so many people, there would only be several in history, and each of them decided the fate of a country.

Now, was it the battle between humans and mutated lifeforms?

That thought rose in the heads of many people.

Their next thought was that those mutated lifeforms didn't use all their strength at all!

The previous few days were indeed very intense. The battle seemed to have reached its most crucial point at the most dangerous moment.

Everyone thought that it was their sharpest attack. Their endless attacks from day to night made it hard to hold on.

But as compared to this, that was far weaker.

Although all their members had previously attacked, they didn't use any tactics. They relied on the bloodthirst and frenzy of the mutated lifeforms.

The humans fought for every inch of the wall and could barely hold on with the help of various weapons.

But right at the start of this battle, everyone felt differently.

As for what it was, it could be answered in a few words.

Layers! Coordination!

The mutated lifeforms stopped attacking based on instinct. The high-level lifeforms organized them and used a human-like way to attack.

How did humans attack?

They used their strengths.

So did the mutated lifeforms. Those stronger ones with higher defense were at the front, and the ranged were at the back. Other lifeforms were in the middle. These three layers were further split. For example, your exact range would decide where you were in the ranged layer. They didn't fire randomly and agreed to listen to orders to ensure that they put pressure on the city walls.

Moreover, it was obvious that they split into various types. Although there weren't any air forces, each type had a clear role. Some to knock the walls, some to hit the gates, some to dig, some to spit fire, some to spit mist...

Each lifeform's unique point was being used. The entire battlefield looked like it was in a chaotic war, but if you look closely, you will see that it wasn't chaotic.

On this point alone, they might be even stronger than humans.

The squad that exited the city used the gap that the level eight lifeform was killed to control Yellow Ball's statue and sent it back.

The mutated lifeform army hadn't been fully mobilized previously, and the humans exited the city and were able to fight based on their high morale. But when the mutated lifeform army attacked, their numbers disadvantages were shown. If they didn't retreat, they would be surrounded and wiped.

The humans on the walls were covering for them. Hong Xiang, who was in charge of defending the hole that Ye Zhongming created, decided to take a risk. He abandoned those Posthumous people warriors who headed out and ordered people to seal the hole.

The city wasn't calm either. Some lifeform had drilled several tunnels to get under the wall. Many mutated lifeforms surged, and Cloud Peak was in a battle.

What caught them off guard even more were some plants. They could silently grow on the walls; even the blocked holes had some mutated plants in them. But the metal and stone used to block the hole were actually being eroded quickly.

Even with so many Posthumous people's help, Cloud Peak was still back to being on the verge of collapsing.

Ye Zhongming ignored all of that. He retreated from the walls after seeing Guang Yao's team risk their lives to get Yellow Ball's statue back. It wasn't that he was avoiding the fight; he was trying to recover some stamina.

In the command center that Xia Lei set up, the injured Ye Zhongming, Liang Chuyin, Xia Bai, Guang Yao, etc were here. The defense was left to Mo Ye.

Ye Zhongming had several low-level crystals around him. He was using advanced meditation to recover mental energy.

He used the brain bug and had the highest level of Soul Refining Technique. Even with all his mental energy sucked dry, with the help of the skill, he needed just two days of rest to fill it back up.

But time waited for no one, and he could only use these low-level crystals to speed up the process. He had recovered 10% of his energy in such a short while.

“Ah Gui, when can my bullet be completed?”

Beside Ye Zhongming was one of Le Dayuan’s helpers, a person with the Military Carver job.

He used the Energy Splitter he got from the wheel to create a batch of bullets, giving rise to the crystal machine gun.

These dual-propelled things were theories and ideas that Ye Zhongming had heard of in his past life; he had never seen anyone succeed.

But in this life, that item was placed in front of him. All of that had to do with Ah Gui.

He created the golden bullet using five silver bullets from Ye Zhongming. He carved the crystal energy onto them, and Ye Zhongming used strength and fertile soil to merge them into a golden bullet. It also had the Freeze ability, which was how he instantly killed a level eight monster.

Now, there was a level eight presence outside of the city, and it should be the most important commander. Just look at how sharp their attacks were; you should know that the monster was smart. Its body wasn’t big, but it was very intelligent.

If the humans wanted to win, they had to kill it.

But such a lifeform would care about protecting itself. The three-nose elephant stood afar, and many high-level lifeforms protected it. It never stood in danger. The only idea Ye Zhongming could think of was a golden bullet.

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Ah Gui didn’t reply. He focused on carving the bullet in his hands and said, “Soul techniques are really good.”

As his mental energy was restricted, although he had an amazing Military Carver job, he could create so few things.

Although they had long agreed on the Flame Tiger Operation and Le Dayuan had prepared for it long ago, when it was time to start the operation, they could only have two sets on the heavy trucks. It wasn’t that they couldn’t craft more, but because the bullets couldn’t keep up. Even if the machine guns fired slower than real machine guns, they consumed many bullets. After spending many consecutive days, ah Gui could only make enough for a small battle.

After Ye Zhongming returned, he brought back battle techniques and soul techniques. Ah Gui naturally selected the soul technique, the Soul Refining Technique. His mental energy increased

significantly in a short time. Along with his evolution, his overall amount increased. He could create 200 ordinary bullets a day. As for Ye Zhongming's silver bullets, he could only craft one a day because the level was too high and the success rate was too low.

"I need two days."

Ah Gui knew what Ye Zhongming meant. He was asking for five bullets. Due to the success rate, Ye Zhongming needed five sets.

Ah Gui was shocked. He guessed that the five silver bullets were being merged into one gold bullet. It crossed green and blue grades, so the success rate would be low. But Ye Zhongming wanted five sets, meaning his success rate was 20%!

That was an unbelievable rate!

Even if he knew that Ye Zhongming had used the Smith Heart, this was still gold grade. It had, to an extent, broken the level of all current equipment.

After coming into contact with Ah Gui, he knew how terrifying Ye Zhongming was.

He nodded. Recovering his mental energy while thinking of a plan.

He was confident in defending Cloud Peak, but there would be two issues. One was the casualty rate. If these mutated lifeforms continued to attack, the number of losses would be something that both Ye Zhongming and the Posthumous people couldn't accept. This went against his plan of training elite troops. The Posthumous people would also doubt him. After all, they needed people to defend their city. They could move to Earth but they wouldn't leave their Saint land so that place couldn't be lost.

If Ye Zhongming defended Cloud Peak, the mutated lifeforms would naturally retreat. But if they left, Ye Zhongming's words to wipe them out wouldn't be fulfilled. This was not something he wanted to see. Nobody could come and go from Cloud Peak as they pleased.

So, he had to do something to get a complete victory. At least, the thing he could think of now was to kill the last level eight.

This was the same as how Cloud Peak would collapse if he were killed.

But two days... That was a long time.

He thought about it and suddenly ordered each team and Posthumous people to report a number. With the current attacks, how many people did they need to defend Cloud Peak?

Everyone didn't know what he wanted to do, but they still executed it.

This report was completed after an hour. He looked at the numbers, compared them with what they had, and decided to take a risk.

Of course, it wasn't a risk. He was just playing the time gap.

He gave the order and told the defending troops to keep 120% of the numbers they reported and to gather the rest on the back mountain.

Ye Zhongming rushed there and led these people to get outside of the city through the Rainbow Gate. After making a round, he gathered with the troops outside.

Now, along with more factions that rushed over, 250 thousands survivors were gathered outside!

Little Tiger, Shengyuan, Tong Hu, Ah Yang, the twins, etc, were beside Ye Zhongming and waited for him to give the newest orders.

“Only tens of thousands of people are inside, so we must be quick. This attack must be done in two hours. Then, no matter what happens, everyone has to retreat!”

He didn’t tell them what the plan was or what they would do after, so everyone was curious.

He glanced at all of them before starting to give each of them a mission. They knew what they had to do and prepared very quickly.

After all, this was crucial.

“Boss, you haven’t recovered, so don’t join in. Head back to the mountain; we are here.”

Little Tiger saw Park Xiuying following Ye Zhongming and knew those inside the mountain worried about Ye Zhongming. Such things would only happen when he was injured.

Ye Zhongming knew that he was fine. As long as he didn’t fight for too long, his mental energy recovery was enough to deal with all of this.

But before he could speak, he had an idea, and his words changed, “Okay, all of you be careful!”

He ignored Park Xiuying and left alone in a direction.

Everyone looked at Little Tiger and didn’t know if they should chase.

“Doing what we are tasked is our best protection of the boss; go, let’s get to work!” Little Tiger bit his teeth and decided to follow Ye Zhongming’s plan.

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As many mutated lifeforms attacked Cloud Peak, there were few monsters in Ying City, and their evolution levels were low.

So when Ye Zhongming returned, he received an empty and quiet city.

He didn’t stop. He ran in a direction and entered the ruins.

This should be have been a luxurious residence and. Heavy cannonfire occurred here during the apocalypse so the buildings were all connected. At the center of the ruins was a football-field-sized area.

When Ye Zhongming arrived here, what he saw was like hell.

Thousands of humans were killed, and their corpses were all around. But there wasn’t any blood smell in the sky.

A figure was standing there and looked quietly at Ye Zhongming.

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“Long time no see.”

Death King Tree’s beautiful female face smiled as if those corpses on the ground had nothing to do with her.

Ye Zhongming kept silent and didn’t say anything. He knew that the Death King Tree purposely led him here.

But he had to come, and the Death King Tree knew it.

There was a massive difference in strength from all the level eight lifeforms Ye Zhongming had seen.

The zombie ape that appeared in the Cloud Peak defense battle wasn’t very strong because its strengths and weaknesses were obvious, and it was easy for people to target. If it weren’t too talented and didn’t have many talent skills, it would be the weakest out of all of the same level.

Another one of this type was the level eight Pink Ball. Strictly speaking, it was only seven and a half, or it had level eight level but level seven strength. If not, Red Hair wouldn’t be able to kill it. This was the gap between natural lifeforms and ones that were created. Even after Cloud Peak grasped this technology in the future, the situation probably won’t be any better.

The five-headed level-eight beast were average, and they were special presence. Out of the beasts, they were definitely the top. So, in the same level of lifeforms, although they were weaker than those extremely strong, they were still strong enough.

Such a lifeform was the most common in the entire level.

Of course, there were some, like the pliosaurus Ye Zhongming met at the Ocean King Wheel or the three-nosed little elephant. These fellows didn’t attack, so it was hard to judge.

Apart from those, the remaining ones were at the top.

Yellow Ball, Talking Lady, and Red Hair all belonged to this category for level seven lifeforms. They rarely had opponents at their level, and it was hard for them to decide who would win if they fought. Be it their bodies or abilities, they would crush the weaker ones of the same level and have an advantage over the ordinary ones.

Although level eight was a higher level, the pattern continued. Ye Zhongming had seen two of such, the Chain Prisoner and the Death King Tree.

Of course, you could count Yangos or the Pliosaurus, but Ye Zhongming hadn’t fought that fellow, so he couldn’t judge their strength. But as a dragon, they wouldn’t be too weak.

Such a presence summoned Ye Zhongming here at such a crucial moment. He had to come; otherwise, it would pose a huge threat.

If he ignored this message and the Death King Tree participated in the siege, World Nature would probably destroy Cloud Peak within half an hour. The significant aoe attack would kill many

ordinary evolved instantly. Once they lost the walls, no matter how Cloud Peak tried, they couldn't stop the mutated army.

Moreover, Ye Zhongming had to come alone. Everyone was fighting, so the city defense would be a problem if he brought some strong helpers. He couldn't let Cloud Peak get broken into, so he had to come alone.

But he wasn't overconfident. He wasn't the person that had met the Death King Tree at Linhai.

He was now a seven-star evolved. Moreover, his job, skills, and equipment were all much stronger. Ye Zhongming could only rely on the Staff of Nature then and was suppressed. If he fought it now, he didn't fear it at all.

Although he might still lose in the end, if he didn't lose his head, the Death King Tree couldn't kill him.

He had confidence but he wasn't arrogant. He observed it. It was different from Linhai. If one had to describe it, it was now a crystal tree.

The Death King Tree was beautiful. From its branch to the branches, it gave off a stunning color. The entire tree was 2.5 meters tall.

What shocked him wasn't the crystal body but the female body inside. In the past, the face was the face, and the body was the body; they were separated. Now, they were actually together.

Even after seeing many beauties, such as Liang Chuyin, Xia Lei, Park Xiuying, Mo Ye, Zhao Xingmei, Gan Lan, etc., he had to admit that this female body was perfect and had no flaws.

He glanced at the demon crystal. The orange was very light and starting to become the same color as its trunk.

After being badly injured and losing much of its strength, it was able to recover and was close to level nine.

"How do we describe the human's situation?" Death King Tree was in thought, "You are not happy? Don't want to see me? Hate me? Or are you in awe of my body?"

Ye Zhongming's mouth twitched. He felt like the Death King Tree's brain was a bit messy as it was a mix of human and plant.

"You came here at this time to pick a fight?" Ye Zhongming looked at the corpses. Although most were sucked dry but their clothing was well-preserved. They were all wearing a standard uniform.

This was not something an ordinary squad could give. Even though Cloud Peak only had similar equipment, their uniforms weren't at this level.

Death King Tree blinked its beautiful eyes, "Fight? No, no, no. I want to eat you. My appetite today is good. Eat you, then..."

Its crown waved towards Cloud Peak, “Eat a bit more, and I think I will be on the edge of evolving.”

Ye Zhongming’s heart sank. As expected, after this fellow’s injuries healed, it chose a good time and planned to eat him.

Due to nature essence, either plants treated him like family, or they treated him like a feast.

Ye Zhongming shook his head, “You can’t kill me. I can even try to kill you.”

The Death King Tree was stunned and laughed.

“What do humans call that? Preposterous!”

“No, although I am not 100% certain, I have 80% confidence.” He took out the Soul Shattering Staff and stuck it to the ground. He started to activate the marks slowly.

He had tested its strength, and he was shocked. But he neglected something which almost killed him.

But that couldn’t hide the fact that this soul artifact was strong. Even the level eight beast couldn’t survive its attack. It was no weaker than a purple piece of equipment—the best type of purple equipment, not things like the crystal energy gun.

Death King Tree saw Ye Zhongming take a weird weapon, and at first, it was filled with disdain. Even if Ye Zhongming got stronger, there was still a level gap. It was one of the top level eight monsters, and it was confident that it could eat this human.

It used its intelligence to call Ye Zhongming over at such a time so that his annoying subordinates wouldn’t be able to follow. It just wanted a full meal to get the energy to prepare to become level nine.

But before it could say something, fear appeared on that beautiful female face. It even took two steps back.

The Death King Tree felt a terrifying power from the staff. Especially when those marks lit up, that power became more apparent.

Even when it faced the Chain Prisoner, the Death King Tree probably wouldn’t be so afraid.

What was going on?

What terrified it was the bone staff itself.

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That was...

The Death King Tree was a level eight mutated lifeform that was intelligent. It could absorb human knowledge through mysterious methods, which made it really intelligent.

It just needed to think, and it came to an answer that nearly made it flee.

That bone was... A level nine lifeform’s.

Although humans or mutated lifeforms didn't reach level nine, this didn't stop high-level lifeforms from trying hard to evolve to that level to sense the power that belonged to that level.

For example, King Flame Dove, whom Hong Xiang and Zhongming killed, had already comprehended the rules and energy of the world.

The Death King Tree was one step from level nine, and it could sense it, too.

It was afraid when that blur and unclear power suddenly appeared in front of it.

Right, it was afraid and not emotional.

Mutated lifeforms and humans were different. The latter relied on evolution potions, while the former relied on themselves. The first few levels were okay. As long as they had enough energy and triggered some of their genes, they would evolve.

But the higher their levels went, the more challenging the evolution would become. It might be because they wanted to make it easier for humans to catch up, or it was the law of nature, but that was the truth.

Starting from the evolution from level six to seven, each stage was a huge jump. When you reached level eight to nine in evolution, that gap was the same as from Earth to the heavens.

That wasn't hard to understand. Look at the Posthumous people. Their evolutions didn't rely on potions; they only relied on themselves. Like those in Wuxia novels, they had to comprehend and meditate to reach a new realm.

Focus, comprehend, improve.

Death King Tree was like Flame Dove. The closer it got to level nine, the more it felt like it just needed an opportunity to comprehend something.

But when the power that it respected and feared appeared in front of it and it was even dead, the first thing it felt was fear.

Even the thing that was at the level it wanted to get to was dead, then it...

This thought was an instinct.

Death King Tree's look towards Ye Zhongming changed.

Ye Zhongming thought he could use the staff to kill another lifeform on the same level as it. He showed it to it so that it knew that he could kill it so it wouldn't be rash.

But the Death King Tree ignored the weapon's strength. It noticed that it was the bone of a level nine lifeform and felt that the human was using it to tell it that he could even kill a level nine lifeform.

The Death King Tree didn't dare to be arrogant.

Higher-level lifeforms would think about more things. They would be more comprehensive, but it also made them overthink.

Death King Tree felt it had all the advantages, so it didn't care much. But now that something cropped up, it would think back to Linhai when it had so many subordinates, but this human still managed to get free. No, it was the one that was chased away, and it had nearly lost its life.

That human was three levels below it then.

Now that he had evolved and become stronger, his subordinates were probably stronger, too. Did he really kill a level-nine monster?

The female face became more suspicious.

Ye Zhongming smiled to himself when he saw that expression. He knew it was trying to act like a human, but it didn't know how to hide its expression. That expression revealed all its thoughts.

Ye Zhongming took the chance and spoke.

"You can't kill me today; maybe I can kill you."

Those words made it furious, but it still didn't charge at him like other lifeforms would.

"But I have to admit, I would need some time to kill you, and I would have to pay a huge price." Ye Zhongming stared at its expression and changed his words.

"My territory is being attacked. If I waste time here, things might happen there. I am not willing to see that."

Its eyes lit as it saw the bone staff dim.

Ye Zhongming knew that he could bait it. He continued to use mental energy to light more marks. When the fourth was lit, the Death King Tree realized something and took two steps back.

It noticed that a strong aura was spreading from the staff. Its good eyesight made it see that there were 15 marks.

When the fourth lit up, it already felt a threat. If all 15 lit, the Death King Tree didn't dare imagine.

"To be honest, you should be used to using human's way of thinking to consider this problem." Ye Zhongming tried to probe.

"What method?" The Death King Tree asked instinctively.

Ye Zhongming felt that not only would he not have to fight today, but he might also be able to gain something: "Interests!"

"There aren't forever enemies, only forever interests. That is a famous human saying, and I think you know that."

It rolled its eyes, and the crown nodded. In the minds that it absorbed, there was indeed such a phrase.

"We might have been enemies in the past, but it was because we had no common interests. But things are different now, I have found that interest."

"Maybe we can work together. You can help me, and I can..."

“Help you have a human body...”

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The Death King Tree suddenly laughed.

This laugh reduced the fear in its heart by a little.

“You used this... En in human words, trick, right, you have already tricked me once, and you are using it again. You aren't very smart.”

This female face relaxed. In just a short time, it returned to normal.

It understood that if Ye Zhongming really had a way to kill it, he would have already attacked. He wouldn't have waited or even talked so much to it.

This human didn't attack, which meant that even if he had a method, it couldn't be used easily.

Since that was the case, it didn't have to fear. At most, it could just run away. Anyway, it wasn't the first time.

Mutated lifeforms were more willing to run away than humans.

Ye Zhongming shook his head. “You know how we agreed previously. The moment the contract ended, we knew what went on. You didn't come to Cloud Peak after such a long time but only came now. This is fate.”

Based on their agreement, the Death King Tree should have come to Cloud Peak to get the life brain. After all, it was the show of its strongest ability. But it didn't come. Ye Zhongming didn't know the reason. Maybe it didn't trust humans or because its strength had recovered quickly. Anyway, it used a secret technique to remove the contract.

Ye Zhongming, the other person who signed the contract, sensed it, but he didn't care much about it. After all, if the Death King Tree didn't cancel it, he would. Neither side wanted to be controlled.

Now that the Death King Tree was here, Ye Zhongming knew it didn't have kind intentions. It wanted to force him here and after consuming him, it would head to Cloud Peak to feast. It would accumulate the energy needed for level nine and then find the life brain.

It didn't attack because it feared Ye Zhongming's bone staff.

Fate was just a figure of speech. Ye Zhongming continued, “Don't suspect that I am delaying time. When you lost in Linhai, what did you choose? Aren't you still standing before me? So, the method you use today will be useless if I become vicious. I didn't leave because I want to work together.”

Death King Tree was slightly unhappy, but its expression quickly turned back to normal.

Death King Tree knew what Ye Zhongming meant. It used the example of the Death King Tree's defeat to describe himself, showing that he could also give up some things, like his men and base. The reason he was still here was a show of sincerity.

“Last time I said I could help you get a human body, you didn't believe me. Now, I can tell you some things, and you will know that I didn't lie to you.”

The Death King Tree was slightly interested, "What do you want to tell me?"

Ye Zhongming smiled, "Two points."

"Firstly, our research on the life brain have had a breakthrough."

The Death King Tree was slightly stunned and then gave a sharp scream. Its entire body trembled, and killing intent covered Ye Zhongming's body.

Ye Zhongming lit the fifth mark.

This caused the Death King Tree, which was about to explode, to calm down a bit.

The Life Brain was more important than Ye Zhongming imagined. Ye Zhongming thought it was something good, which is why he fought for it. But he realized it couldn't be placed in his space and also didn't know how to use it.

After returning it to Cloud Peak, he passed it to Liu Zhenghong to study.

Liu Zhenghong's main work was this. The other experiments were left to her subordinates.

The little snake's heads were sliced during the Flame Tiger Operation announcement for a reason. Did you really think she sliced the other heads randomly?

As a scientist, that was not possible.

She used them to experiment with the Life Brain. The other heads failed, and only one succeeded.

Xia Bai mentioned that this was the gene lab's second-stage experiment. What was the second stage? The experiment with the living brain as the main target was Cloud Peak's biggest secret now.

Ye Zhongming didn't lie. Liu Zhenghong made huge progress on the research. Although it wasn't groundbreaking, she grasped the stats of the Life Brain and studied how to use it.

If you wanted to study it, you would naturally damage parts of it. Death King Tree knew that which is why it was so angry.

Ye Zhongming waved his finger, "Don't be emotional. You think that you are offended, but to me, this will only benefit you. Ye Zhongming took out something from his space. It was a flower pot, and in it was a lonely sprout."

This wasn't special, but the moment he took it out, the aura of the Death King Tree disappeared. He walked a few steps forward and stared at the sprout.

It sensed a familiarity from it as if it was a clone of itself.

"This is a Roselle Cedar nurtured from your seed. We added the life brain's gene into this. Do you see its difference?"

It was as if the Death King Tree didn't hear anything. It just looked on; its beautiful female face had a complicated expression.

Of course, it felt different. Apart from the feeling of being connected by blood, it saw a crystal on that finger-sized sprout.

Right, a demon crystal that was very small. If one didn't look closely, you wouldn't even think it was a crystal.

The Death King Tree knew what that meant.

The Death King Tree's real reason for wanting the Life Brain was something only it knew.

When it sensed that power between heaven and earth for the first time, it started to think of a way to break apart those rules when it got to level nine.

The idea it got was the Life Brain!

Right, this thing was to be used when it got to level nine! This was the reason why it regretted working today. The human body, contract, his relationship with Ye Zhongming, and the life brain helping it become human—all of those were to cover the life brain!

The Life Brain was taken, and while it couldn't ensure that the human didn't damage it, it had to be careful when it did things.

Its behavior was based on this.

The reason why the Death King Tree didn't hide to recover and continued to follow Ye Zhongming was so that it could get the Life Brain back.

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But Ye Zhongming used a way to slice off its connection with the Life Brain, which terrified the Death King Tree.

Even if the Death King Tree could absorb human intelligence, its actions were getting closer to human ones. However, it was still a plant, and it liked to be direct in solving problems. If possible, it would kill Ye Zhongming to get the Life Brain.

But it couldn't, as it couldn't find the brain. It was also unable to find Ye Zhongming for a period of time. This made it panic. It could only come to Cloud Peak and wait for a chance.

Coincidentally, it bumped into the mutated army attack. It felt like this was its chance, and it could use it.

Of course, it wasn't confident. It just felt like if Cloud Peak was broken, the Life Brain might get damaged. It was also close to level nine and couldn't wait, so it decided to take the risk.

But now, it seemed like there was more than one way to solve the problem.

The Death King Tree was a mutated plant. It knew what mutated plants were like. When they first evolved, the demon crystal would appear. Moreover, apart from colors changing in the future, the size of the crystal wouldn't change.

So this thing was the mark of its evolution.

For example, when the Death King Tree was a sprout, the demon crystal wouldn't appear. They were still weak. Although they would grow and evolve quickly, it wouldn't have a crystal for the few days as a sprout.

But this one had!

Although it was very small!

What would this mean?

This meant that the demon crystal evolved along with the growth of the main body!

This sounded like nonsense, right? All mutated lifeforms evolved along with growth, but why did the Death King Tree make a Life Brain?

Wasn't it so that it could break through the level nine lock? That was because, when you reached the level eight peak, you needed not only growth and full energy to get to level nine, you needed to comprehend.

This sprout had a crystal at birth, which meant that the crystal would evolve as it grew until it reached level nine!

No obstruction, no lock. It would evolve like how it got past other levels!

Wasn't this why the Death King Tree spent so much effort creating the Life Brain?

The answer was right before it, which made the Death King Tree very emotional.

Ye Zhongming looked at how focused the beautiful crystal tree was and knew that his gamble was right.

He didn't have a chance to get to advanced evolved in his last life. So, his understanding of that level mostly came from Posthumous people. During these few days, many kings talked to him about it.

He knew that it was because the kings had witnessed the gene lab, which they felt was unbelievable. They weren't fools, and they knew that it was a simpler evolution method, which was why they were asking about it.

Ye Zhongming was happy to let them guess. He used this chance to get many high-level information. Along with some rumors from his last life, he was probably the person who understood level nine the most.

So, after Liu Zhenghong told him about the life brain results, he knew about the Death King's trump card, which was why he was sure that the Death King Tree would calm down after seeing this plan.

“Second!”

Ye Zhongming flicked his wrist and kept the plant. He looked at the calm tree.

“I can help you get the human body.”

That female face pouted, and it was obvious that it didn't believe it.

Compared to evolving to level nine, a human body didn't mean much.

“Let me finish, and if you can continue with that attitude, I will be very impressed.”

Ye Zhongming continued, “You might not believe the first point, but to be honest, we only just developed this small thing. We need to continue researching its effects.”

“The life brain research will continue.”

The Death King Tree said immediately, “You are playing me?”

Ye Zhongming shook his head. “Since you are used to thinking like a human, you should know that many things, especially scientific research, are done in cycles. In the end, you might realize that the path won’t work and might even fail.”

The Death King Tree got even angrier. Not only would it need time, but it might also fail.

“Me saying all this proves my sincerity. I didn’t ensure that we would succeed, as that is a lie.”

Seeing the Death King Tree deep in thought, Ye Zhongming said, “That is why I brought up the second reason. Me might not ensure the success of the first method, but we can ensure that you have a perfect human body.”

Ye Zhongming breathed out.

“Once you got a human body, you would definitely get to level nine.”

Death King Tree was stunned and then understood, “Evolution potion?”

“Right. As long as you have a human body, you can use evolution potions, and naturally, you would break free from the chains and restraints that mutated lifeforms have to face. There is no chance of failure, and you will definitely succeed.”

The Death King Tree didn’t say a word, and the crown shook left and right. It had to admit that this fellow was right.

Evolution would have two situations: as a tree or as a human.

The first method was prepared for it to evolve as a tree. The second was as a human.

This human actually thought about the problem comprehensively.

They stood silent for five minutes before the Death King Tree spoke.

“Okay, let’s work together, but if you betray me, I will kill you.”

“As long as there are interests, no one would easily betray the other.”

“Then, can we mate if I have a human body?”

“...”

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After agreeing with the Death King Tree, Ye Zhongming relaxed.

He wasn’t afraid that the Death King Tree would go against its word because the two solutions it gave the mutated plant were too attractive. It wouldn’t give up on a chance to get to level nine just for a full meal.

The soul contract was sometimes less reliable than interests.

What was more exciting was that, be it the first solution in tree form or the second solution in human form, they couldn't be solved quickly. The Death King Tree could be considered a Cloud Peak member during this period.

To make a level eight expert who had touched the cusp of level nine a bodyguard, Ye Zhongming felt like he wouldn't even be afraid of Yangos.

In that instance, he even felt like after the matter, he should find a time to bring Death King Tree and the level eight kings to deal with the Chain Prisoner.

After these thoughts appeared, he turned his attention back to the corpses.

It was not a good signal for this mysterious squad to appear around Cloud Peak, especially at such a sensitive time.

The Death King Tree saw his expression and walked over. It specifically walked two rounds around him. The translucent body's female figure got close to Ye Zhongming.

This made him roll his eyes. He wanted to tell it that it couldn't be so shameless if it were a woman. But thinking about how it often talked about mating, there was no point in saying that to it, so he kept quiet.

The Death King Tree smiled, and its body changed. It turned back to what Ye Zhongming had seen the first time; it was much smaller. The female body was also covered.

Ye Zhongming smiled. The Death King Tree was still a plant, and this was its original state. The crystal state should be its battle form.

"You are guessing their background?"

Death King Tree shook its crown and said to Ye Zhongming.

This made his eyes light up. There was no point in him guessing. It had eaten these people, so it absorbed their minds and should know something. He could just ask it.

"Right, these people won't be good to Cloud Peak and could be considered our common enemy."

The Death King Tree's beautiful female face took a look at Ye Zhongming and gave it an expression, telling him that it wouldn't fall for his tricks. But it still told him the answer.

"They come from an organization called Heart Assassination."

Heart Assassination?

Ye Zhongming frowned as he had never heard of such an organization. Moreover, this wasn't an organization he knew from his last life.

Soul Merchant, Glory Army, Cannibal Chain, and God Hall were all organizations from his last life, and they also existed in this life. The only change is that in the last life, Ye Zhongming couldn't come into contact with them. In this life, they lost to him.

But he had never heard of Heart Assassination.

“They are also behind this whole thing.” Death King Tree’s following words caused his killing intent to rise.

“En-- Your taste now is the best. Rage, battle, excitement that makes humans the best food.”

“They have more people than this, right?”

Ye Zhongming ignored its drunk expression and continued asking.

Since these people caused this, they would definitely try to benefit. But these people aren’t enough, and there would be other squads.

Since Ye Zhongming bumped into them, he wouldn’t let them go. Even if he couldn’t deal with all of them, he had to prepare for them.

Moreover, with the Death King Tree here, he had to make use of it.

“Two more locations, around 10 thousand.” Death King Tree thought about it before answering.

Although it could communicate fluently with Ye Zhongming, it still had to get used to how humans think when it concerned some matters.

“Can the two of us kill them?”

Ye Zhongming was enemies with these people who sent Cloud Peak to the cliff's edge, so he naturally wouldn’t let them go. But he couldn’t get help from Cloud Peak. If this organization had no experts, Death King Tree and he should be able to deal with this.

Death King Tree’s World Nature was a huge AOE killing skill.

“Yes!”

Death King Tree was surprisingly helpful, but before Ye Zhongming became happy, what it said made him feel helpless.

“I can help you, but I am tired of these humans.” The Death King Tree’s female face licked its lips. One had to say that the face didn’t look alive. “Unless you give me some blood.”

Seeing Ye Zhongming stare at it, the Death King Tree giggled and then said, “This fellow will produce that soil, right? Give me some.”

Earth Elf was fed by Ye Zhongming and could produce fertile soil at any moment. It seemed like the Death King Tree’s previous words were just to set the tone for what it would say.

It was a plant, so naturally, it wanted the Fertile Soil.

“Okay, but it is useful for me, and I can’t give you too much, only a little.”

“Deal.”

They agreed once again. The Death King Tree pointed in a direction, and they headed out.

Death King Tree's movement shocked Ye Zhongming. It dug into the ground and only left a branch for Ye Zhongming to follow. It was like an underground tank, moving quickly, and Ye Zhongming nearly lost track of it.

After over a dozen minutes, Death King Tree brought Ye Zhongming to an abandoned building.

The moment Ye Zhongming appeared, a few people ran out. They were actually from Cloud Peak.

"Boss! It is really you!"

A warrior was so happy that it wanted to jump. Its face was filled with joy.

"Sister Lei is on top; she would be happy to have you here."

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Ye Zhongming was also very surprised. He looked at the Death King Tree, which was still underground. This fellow didn't bring him to the two squads but to find Xia Lei's battle squad.

When Xia Lei saw Ye Zhongming, she couldn't help but tear up and show her soft side. But Xia Lei was still Xia Lei and knew that this wasn't time to reminisce. She immediately told Ye Zhongming about the situation.

"What? You told Liu Zhenghong to mass produce this potion?" Ye Zhongming looked at Xia Lei in shock after hearing the news.

She nodded and was a little nervous.

She knew that although her guy was vicious and seemed like he would stop at nothing to reach his goal, but he would often have a bottom line.

This time, her choices were slightly rash. Although her goal was good, and she was doing so for Cloud Peak and Ye Zhongming, it was despicable, so she was worried that Ye Zhongming would blame her.

"I felt like this was needed because of Cloud Peak's situation. Sacrificing some people, even if they are innocent, is better than our own dying."

The more she said, the softer her voice became.

Ye Zhongming opened his mouth but didn't say anything.

"You did what you should do. I like you, beautiful!"

The Death King Tree suddenly appeared underground, shocking Xia Lei and the other warriors. They were experts in the apocalypse but didn't notice that there was a strong lifeform beside them.

They instinctively crowded toward Ye Zhongming.

"Death King Tree?"

Someone finally saw how it looked and exclaimed.

This level eight plant gave everyone a deep impression. Anyone who had seen it before wouldn't forget it.

Death King Tree shook its crown. It jumped up, and there was no dirt on its body. Moreover, the cement surface was like paper, and couldn't stop it at all.

"Hi, beautiful. What is your name? I like you. Let's have coffee when you are free."

Death King Tree's words made the entire building silent.

"Er, isn't that how you humans greet one another?"

Seeing how those people looked at it like it was a monster, the Death King Tree gave a shy smile.

Ye Zhongming touched his nose. Maybe because it knew it had more hope of reaching level nine, the Death King Tree was very excited today. Of course, this might be its true personality. After all, they hadn't had much contact with it in the past.

"Death King Tree. All of you know it; we will work together in the future."

Ye Zhongming's words contained a lot of information, and the others understood. Ye Zhongming didn't say that they were partners but that they were working together. He was telling them that they weren't enemies, but they still had to be careful.

The Death King Tree had not reached that level of understanding and was still grumbling about how humans should greet each other. To it, there wasn't a difference in status.

Quickly, everyone got used to this 2-meter-tall body with a female face. They looked at Ye Zhongming in worship.

The boss was the boss. He found a few hundred thousand people to help defend Cloud Peak and even turned the level eight Death King Tree into a working partner.

Although they were working together, everyone felt that this fellow would soon become his battle beast. At worst, it would be a free helper.

Xia Lei took a long look at the Death King Tree and accepted this fact, and the last bit of worry disappeared.

With this level-eight lifeform, Cloud Peak should be safe.

"Did you use those potions?" Ye Zhongming looked at the thousands of fainted people.

"Used once. It was a three-star evolved and after injecting the potion, he got much stronger and should reach five-star strength. But he would lose the job skill and bloodline. They would fight solely relying on their bodies, but their bodies would get unbelievably strong."

Ye Zhongming frowned. Even Xia Lei had to be careful?"

"Side effects? Are they bigger or smaller than before?"

"Bigger."

Xia Lei pinched her fingers. Although Ye Zhongming's attitude showed that he wouldn't care about this matter, she was still afraid.

"They can only last for five to seven minutes, but they would explode once the time is up. But the final explosive damage is very powerful."

Ye Zhongming thought about it and asked, "Does it work on all evolved?"

Xia Lei shook her head, "I am not sure. But it would be okay for five stars and below. I have not tested it on level six."

"That is enough." He clapped, "With these potions, we can launch the final attack on the mutated lifeform army."

Xia Lei added, "This thing is obviously planned, and they should be around. These people have to die. We should stay to deal with them, right?"

Ye Zhongming smiled and slapped her butt, "With the Death King Tree's help, let's use these potions to deal with the mutated lifeform army."

Since Ye Zhongming made his mind up, Xia Lei didn't say anything and told the team to get ready. The Death King Tree found the answer from others and came happily to them. When it saw them, it had a face of mystery.

"What?" Ye Zhongming paid attention to it. Although it wouldn't, but he was afraid it would be unhappy.

"Woman, you mated with Ye Zhongming before."

She got caught off guard, and her face turned red. Although she was very proud and open with the whole situation, even asking his man to find a few more women, but for a tree to describe her in that way still defeated her.

"The smell of Ye on your body is too strong, but you also became more delicious."

"Have some shame!" Ye Zhongming couldn't take it anymore and scolded.

Chapter 920: Job

"Based on orders, we are not allowed to head out. Even the intel is from the first team..."

The deputy wanted to say something, but the captain's fierce gaze stopped him.

He kept quiet. The last person whom the captain looked at with such gazes was dead, and his body was probably decomposed.

"Do you know what it means that the third team has lost contact?"

The deputy was stunned but still replied, "Something must have happened, but we don't know who did it. It is a bit of a stretch to say that Cloud Peak did it. The first team has been monitoring Xia Lei's squad. Although they can't get too close, they don't have much movement. Then it can only be mutated lifeforms."

He pinched his chin, "It should be a strong lifeform that could kill the third team so silently. After all, they are quite strong, too."

This analysis made sense and was the closest answer. The truth was that the Death King Tree finished the third team. But he didn't expect the Death King Tree to be so smart, and they wouldn't expect it to end up working with Ye Zhongming.

"Since that is the case, we aren't safe, either. Who knows if that thing would find us? There aren't many people in Ying City. The third team is the smallest and might not be enough for that strong lifeform."

The captain felt like the deputy's words were logical. Even a small, advanced mutated lifeform ate a lot; simply put, it could eat many people a meal. A few hundred people would barely be enough for a snack if it were a fellow like the level eight Zombie Ape.

Moreover, they were picky and only ate certain parts of humans, requiring a huge amount of food.

So, the third team might have four digits of warriors, but if they met such a fellow, they wouldn't be enough.

The deputy nodded. The more humans gather together, the bigger the target they become. It was the same underground. Some monsters wouldn't attack a single survivor or even a few dozen. But they might attack a few thousand survivors, which would be able to be full after just one hunt.

The second team fit those requirements. If that strong lifeform wasn't full or searching for its next meal, it might look for them.

Choosing between disobeying orders or staying alive would obviously select the latter.

"Damm, if not for the organization trying the elite route and gathering all the experts into the first team, we wouldn't be so afraid!"

The second team captain cursed. He hurriedly led the team towards the first squad. Whether or not that strong lifeform would be drawn, there wasn't his concern. If the sky collapsed, someone would help to defend it.

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"They are fighting again!"

The mutated lifeform army's attacks hadn't stopped. Compared to before, the focus of the battle returned to the walls.

The mutated lifeforms that had managed to enter Cloud Peak were all cleared. Large numbers of warriors were freed up and took turns resting. Every two hours, they would change shifts with those on the walls.

There were two holes in Cloud Peak's walls, but they weren't huge. One was the hole that Ye Zhongming made with the Soul Crushing Staff. Those ruins weren't of any use, and both sides were having an intense battle there.

The other was the hole that the red bug caused. Although Cloud Peak killed it immediately after it showed itself, the mutated lifeforms followed it, and both sides started to consume life at that spot.

The city gate was very firm, so there was nothing wrong there.

Of course, the biggest problem was the numerous lifeforms that charged towards the walls. The stone pieces suffered from many hits and thus lost their defense. They couldn't stop the mutated lifeforms who had sharp fingernails from climbing. Even if these lifeforms were a minority, there were too many of them. So, there were fights on each part of the wall. The skill light and sounds connected and never stopped.

This battle had turned into a battle of stamina and mental. Whoever was afraid first or morale weakened would lose.

This battle might last for a long time, but it might also end at the next moment.

The warriors that were resting heard that the fighting continued. Naturally, they didn't refer to the fighting on the walls as that had been happening. They referred to the fights outside the city.

A loud battle exploded outside the city and even showed signs of scattering the mutated lifeform army. But there were too many of them, and there wasn't a huge breakthrough.

But the city outside retreated after seeing no hope of victory. As their thinking and actions were similar, those mutated lifeforms didn't react, and the humans retreated safely after paying a very small price.

Although the number of humans was fewer than the mutated lifeforms, they had a benefit. Apart from special jobs or skills, each person had similar speeds. So when the team moved, they could maintain a complete formation.

Mutated lifeforms were different. During their evolution process, they develop obvious tendencies.

Each specialty was something that humans couldn't compare to. Like speed, defense, strength, reaction, etc. These caused the fastest monsters to be at the front, far in front of the other lifeforms.

Humans used this situation, making use of the high-level warriors' control of their speed to turn to kill those speed-type lifeforms that were close. They then continued running, causing the mutated lifeform army squad to get tired and give up.

But once they gave up, the humans stopped running and started looking for a chance. Once they found a chance, they would strike, then... Continue running.

Anyways, they couldn't catch up. Those who could be quick but weak were directly killed.

This gave those outside a clear advantage.

The warriors inside the city knew why there were so many forces outside of the city. They were envious of their brothers outside now as that battle was so straightforward. Unlike here, it was a huge risk!

Everyone also knew that this idea was from the boss. They could use this method and the overall speed gap to obtain huge rewards.

The time gap and speed gap were used well by humans.

At this moment, the mutated lifeform army took several losses before they suddenly changed their strategy.