Apocalypse 921

Chapter 921: Professor He who isn't human

Within Professor He's lab, this person who had merged with a beast and reached level eight was lying on a lab bed. His body was covered with various skin grafts, and in some crucial areas, there were soft tubes. He looked like an experiment.

In truth, Professor He was an experiment product. Around him were dozens of researchers doing things on him. This level eight lifeform would twitch suddenly or show extreme pain.

"How is the data?"

As he lay down, he couldn't see the data, so he asked. But his voice was very hoarse; it sounded like metal rubbing on the ground.

A helper looked at the situation and replied, "Everything is normal; it is even better than expected."

Another helper who followed him from God Hall injected a bottle of liquid into his body. This caused him to grunt. It was obvious that he was in extreme pain.

But that pain passed quickly, and a form of release replaced it. As if it was very comfortable, Professor He had a look of enjoyment on his face.

"Scoff, you think you can just give me basic data? Apart from Liu Zhenghong's second-stage experiment, I think the science behind this gene lab is just so-so."

The few helpers looked at each other, but no one replied.

They didn't deny that Professor He and God Hall had done well regarding gene results, but it was very extreme for him to say this.

Not to mention how the research focus was very different; God Hall's research was more on putting together mutated lifeforms, while Cloud Peak's was in terms of modifying lifeforms. The former focused on creation, and the latter on modification, so it seemed like they were more amazing than they were, but things weren't judged like that.

If you could create a perfect lifeform that was the same as nature without any flaws, of course, creation would be amazing. But the truth was that the Pink Ball, which was the best being they created, had to rely on nutrient liquid to survive. Moreover, it was always asleep and would only wake when fighting. If not, it would be hard to control it, and its body might break down.

How was that a perfect creation? You were just using glue to stick parts of various lifeforms together and then releasing it to see how long it would last for.

The only amazing part would be to obtain the gene and nurture those parts. You had to modify the gen sequences to create similar colors and shapes and make the lifeform you created easier to look at.

Cloud Peak was different. They were modifying and researching how to replace the evolution potions. If they succeeded, humans would be able to break free from the wheel's control. At that time, people might be able to develop a nine-star evolved in a short period of time.

Of course, this was just an idea. It might take many years to reach that level.

All of them were scientists, and they knew the material difference. Naturally, they wouldn't agree with Professor He.

But they knew their position, so they wouldn't debate with him about these pointless things. They lowered their heads to do their own things and acted like they heard nothing.

Professor He saw that no one replied him and was slightly affected. But he thought about something and asked his helpers.

"You mentioned that you saw Lu Lan being captured. Is their second stage experiment on researching Lu Lan's reshaping problem?"

An assistant didn't know how to reply and could only say, "That is possible."

He laughed, "Hehe, it is just a simple clone technology, and Cloud Peak doesn't know it. I told you they aren't that good."

The oldest assistant said, "Professor He, we need to inject something into your heart, you... Do you have any instructions?"

Professor He stared at this middle-aged helper and terrified him so much that he shivered.

"Do you remember the method to deal with it?"

That middle-aged assistant replied quickly, "If it stops, inject two units of berserk potion. If it slows, inject three units of the snake king energy gene. If it speeds up, based on the speed increase..."

He said a series of methods, which caused Professor He to nod, "Begin!"

Very quickly, some liquid flowed into the tubes that were in his body. Professor He's body started to shake slightly.

The assistants that were prepared took their sharp daggers and opened Professor He's chest to reveal his ribs as well as a... Black heart!

An intense stench surged at them. Even with masks, the assistants nearly fainted. But they were prepared and calmed themselves down. The middle-aged assistant took a potion from a mini cooler and injected it into a metal syringe. He added other herbs, and after looking at the data, he injected them into the black heart.

Professor He reacted quickly. Everyone broke out in cold sweat, but they continued with the plan. The entire lab was busy, but that stench got thicker and thicker.

The bed was covered in black blood when the mysterious experiment was close to completion. Normal humans would have bled dry, but Professor He's eyes were still open. Not only wasn't he dead, he was wide awake.

Sew, pull out the tubes, record data, experiment complete.

Professor He sat up right away. His snake tail was thicker than before, and the terrifying wound was healing at a visible rate and disappeared quickly. Moreover, green scales squeezed their way from the skin, making the scenes very weird.

When everything stopped, his aura was huge. His strength had increased again.

But, he was... Less like a human.

"Very good, very good. I am not weaker than that level eight king. Hehe, a while later, this and everything that belongs to Ye Zhongming will be mine!"

Afer saying that, he glanced at his assistants. His tail swept, and an assistant was tangled. Professor He bit his artery and sucked his blood.

The others were so terrified that they lay on the ground. One could only hear the sound of blood being sucked.

Chapter 922: female face

Ye Zhongming sat quietly on the ground to recover mental energy. Xia Lei and the others were around him and were waiting.

Moments later, the Death King Tree appeared from the ground.

"Seems like we just need to wait."

Death King Tree gave an intelligent look.

"The situation changed?"

Ye Zhongming asked.

He understood its personality... If it did have a personality.

This tree was unstable. Sometimes, it loved to kill; sometimes, it was innocent; sometimes, it was cunning; and sometimes, it was honest.

But usually, as long as you offended it but used some praise or told it that humans should do something else, it wouldn't oppose you and would give you respect.

The sense of achievement of making a level eight lifeform listen to you did feel good.

"They had two bases, but now, the humans at one abandoned it and are rushing to their other base. I think we can wait until they gather."

Xia Lei frowned when she heard it.

There weren't many Cloud Peak warriors here. After keeping some to watch those prisoners, only a thousand could participate in this attack. Based on what the Death King Tree said, it would be too difficult when the two armies gathered.

To Cloud Peak, who focused on strength in elites, casualties were something they paid attention to.

"How many people are there?" Ye Zhongming asked.

Death King Tree shook its body, "Around ten thousand."

Xia Lei took a look at Ye Zhongming. This number exceeded what they could deal with. If they fight, the losses would be huge.

"How strong are they?"

Ye Zhongming didn't reply to Xia Lei and continued to ask about the basic information.

Death King Tree's beautiful face looked confused.

"Ye, the few people in the base give me a weird feeling."

Although the Death King Tree was not a sensory lifeform, at this evolution level, it was very sharp. For the Death King Tree to say, that meant that Ye Zhongming had to pay close attention to it.

Moreover, Ye Zhongming was used to his past life, which gave him a prophet-like prediction skill. Now that an organization he wasn't familiar with appeared, this made him more careful.

"You know that I understand humans a lot, especially evolution energy." The Death King Tree continued. It looked gleeful and felt like it had grasped the humans' special speaking method-- Beating around the bush.

It was just saying that it understood food.

Cloud Peak members were confused, but they didn't say anything.

Actually, no one was right or wrong. Mutated lifeforms treated humans as food, and humans also treated them as ladders to evolve! This was the problem of strength. The stronger person would be higher up the food chain.

"Some of their evolution levels are okay but their bodies have a smell that makes me want to vomit." Death King Tree wanted to learn how humans shrugged, but its body seemed shaky when it tried to do it.

"Regarding humans, even if I don't want to eat them, I won't feel like vomiting. En. that is the case."

Ye Zhongming didn't bother about the Death King Tree provoking humans but was thinking about the other things that he said.

Based on what the Death King Tree said, a special evolved should be among these people.

This special evolved should have an abnormal power in its body, which was easy for sensitive lifeforms to pick up.

To a certain extent, Ye Zhongming was a special evolved. Out of Cloud Peak warriors, they should be the most special bunch.

Their battle techniques didn't come from Earth.

Such evolved were the hardest to deal with.

"If we rely on us, we can't defeat them. We need more of your help."

The Death King Tree scoffed proudly, "With me here, even if there were more of them, it wouldn't be a problem."

Ye Zhongming nodded gratefully, which caused the Cloud Peak members who wanted to laugh to try to hold it in.

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The smell of sweat and bodily fluids mixed together was something that people were used to.

Demon Gold sat in the center of the room naked, allowing sweat to flow down his copper skin.

Beside him was Green Flower, who lay face up and was also naked. Her white skin was slightly red, and numerous sticky white pieces of liquid were on the bottom half of her body.

She smoked a cigarette and looked like she enjoyed it. She squinted her eyes in the smoke, and no one knew what she was thinking.

If there were someone else in the room, they would notice that a fingernail-sized black meat strip was by their hearts. It stuck out on the surface and was beating along with their hearts.

"Smoke less."

Demon Gold took a towel and wiped his body. He wore a black vest, and the design made his muscles more obvious, causing Green Flower to be in awe.

"In this day and age, we would be fine even if we took drugs. What is wrong with smoking? Stop bothering me." Green Flower took a towel from him and wiped her stomach. She also flicked the cigarette to the corner.

Although she said that, she still listened and stopped.

"We don't know anything about the demon mark. This thing doesn't look like it comes from the wheel, so no one knew if smoking would affect it."

Green Flower laughed, "Your fists are so strong you could break a hole through the earth, and you are afraid of a cigarette? Big fellow, you are just too careful sometimes."

Demon Gold didn't mind what she said, "I am still alive because I am careful."

Green Flower didn't say anything, "Is there news from Soul Merchant?"

Chapter 922.5- female face (2)

Demon Gold shook his head, "Many people said they were afraid after Cloud Peak beat them. That is because they don't understand that organization. They must have something more important to do, which is why they allow Cloud Peak to develop. Once they refocus on this... Things won't be so simple."

Demon Gold wore his equipment one by one and rubbed his chest.

"They hadn't let Cloud Peak go because they couldn't move people over. But this operation has their shadows behind it."

Demon Gold's eyes flashed, and he gave her a questioning gaze.

Green Flower stood up, and her exquisite body was exposed to Demon Gold. She walked closer and said, We betrayed Soul Merchant. We thought that they didn't question us because they didn't care

about two useless people. But didn't you notice that this organization seems a little like Soul Merchant? Also, think about how we broke free. Why is everything such a coincidence?"

Hearing Green Flower say that, Demon Gold thought about it and then nodded.

"So, whether my guess is right or not, or if this place has anything to do with Soul Merchant, we need to strengthen ourselves. We will have the right to bargain as long as we get stronger. When the time comes, we might be able to be independent, too."

A fierce look appeared on Green Flower's beautiful face.

"I heard something."

Demon Gold changed the topic and started to touch her body, squeezing some of the softer parts.

"What?"

Green Flower stared, but she didn't stop his hands.

"This seems to have the ability to swallow stuff."

His hand shifted to her chest and pressed that black meat strip.

The calm Green Flower's expression changed, and she instinctively took two steps back.

Demon Gold was slightly shocked and then sadness appeared in his eyes.

Maybe this was how relationships were in the apocalypse. Even if they had been through so many things and had done the closest of things, people still couldn't open up and would be wary of each other.

Demon Gold recovered quickly. "Number five said it, so it should be right. Apart from the person who helps us upgrade, it should be able to swallow other people's marks to strengthen. But she didn't tell me how exactly."

Green Flower thought about it and smiled coldly, "Seems like you have served her well in bed."

Rage flashed in his eyes, but he controlled it. He scoffed coldly and walked to the door.

Green Flower pouted and started to wear her clothes. But before she could finish, Demon Gold returned, and his expression was a little ugly.

"The second team is heading over. These fools! Get ready; something is about to happen."

Green Flowe	r sped up.					
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The first team's base was a decently sized bank buried under giant ruins. The entrance was only a meter-wide hole, which was well hidden.

Chameleon had few people, so they couldn't find this place in the huge Ying City.

But there was a four to five-thousand-strong team gathered at this entrance.

"Damn, what is the meaning of this? How long will it take to let us in? Are we even from the same squad?"

The captain of the second team had an ugly expression. He didn't expect the first team to block him outside, which caused him to lose face in front of his subordinates.

But Dabu, who was in charge of guarding this place, didn't care. He smoked and looked coldly at this captain without any signs of giving in.

"You are the one that didn't follow the rules. Did you receive any orders? So what is the meaning of you leaving your position? What if you ruin the bigger picture?"

Dabu tossed the cigarette on the ground and stepped on it.

"I will repeat it: the third team is finished. We found things around the camp, which was why we left. This is to keep our strength! If we didn't leave, we might end up like them. If all of us die, do you think your team will be safe?"

If not for being worried about the mutated lifeforms that had occupied the city, the second team captain would have shouted in anger.

"Stop cursing. What things are around? They are just..."

Screams covered Dabu's words.

The people turned their heads and saw a few dozen two-meter-tall Gilded Cannibal Flowers crossing the ruins and surrounding the entrance.

"What are these?"

This caused chaos, and some members of the second team started to strike the entrance. It would be a life-and-death battle with anyone who didn't want them to enter. Some at the back turned and attacked the cannibal flowers.

"Be careful, under you!"

Someone shouted. Everyone lowered their heads and saw some purple soil spreading towards them. The people on the outside that were killed sensed the soil, and they turned before some roots dragged them away. Now, a part of their bodies were eaten. Two legs twitch as they were in the cannibal flower.

"Enemy! Enemy!"

Many people shouted, but they didn't know what to do.

"If I don't die, I will kill you!" The second team captain knew that it was too late to enter the base, so he started organizing them to fight back. Although the cannibal flowers were frightening and their levels were high, there were too few

of them. He had thousands of subordinates, so he could use the numbers to his advantage.

Various ranged weapons and skills landed on the flowers, but the situation shocked them. They thought they could kill the flowers, but none of them fell. Only some parts 'bled.'

The captain knew that they shared damage. Unless they killed them or, if not, they would survive.

"Brothers charge. We will die if they don't!"

He led people to charge at the flowers, and he was right. They would die if the flowers didn't.

But the moment they got close, they noticed a special presence hiding within. On a branch was a female face.

Chapter 923: Individual opponents

The level five Earth Gilded Cannibal Flowers were one of the things that gave Ye Zhongming confidence.

Although they had many weaknesses, like their slow speed, one-dimensional attacks, and obvious weaknesses.

But they had many advantages, too.

Not to mention their own abilities, the fact that Ye Zhongming had the Blood Wood meant that the seeds were infinite. He could make them a part of his arsenal. Moreover, they weren't a limited-time summoning item. As long as they didn't die, they would continue to exist. Ye Zhongming used various methods to nurture them; they were actually his pet. It was different from when he used the summoning technique.

This meant that as long as Ye Zhongming and the Cannibal Flowers had some time, they had unlimited possibilities.

Of course, this was only in theory. Ye Zhongming knew that it was tough to nurture them.

Even on the corroded soil, their movement wasn't quick. The creation of that soil needed energy, and their size wasn't unlimited. This meant that the lifeforms couldn't follow him everywhere, and it was also hard to let them hunt on their own.

It was hard for lifeforms like this that needed people to feed to grow.

Without cannibal soil and stem absorption, it was a problem for them to stay alive.

But when using such lifeforms, he could compensate for their weaknesses. For example, the entrance was hidden under a piece of ruins, allowing them to pass the ruins and get near the entrance. The corroded soil was connected so they could close quickly and tighten their encirclement.

Of course, Ye Zhongming didn't think about using them to decide the battle. His goal was to cause some mental pressure while also covering the Death King Tree as it got close.

Before confirming what the lifeform that disgusted the Death King Tree was, Ye Zhongming was playing safe and chose to break through from the front. He would squeeze their living space and then wipe them out.

If he chose to sneak attack, he was afraid it would collapse. After all, he didn't have many warriors and had a low tolerance for failure.

Those people were stunned when they saw the Death King Tree. Seeing a tree with a female face was weird, which was hard for them to accept. But this time was enough to allow the Death King Tree to continue attacking.

Many sharp and thin things pierced through the bodies of hundreds of evolved, like Yellow Ball's Shadow Forest.

For the level eight Death King Tree, these evolved that were on average level three couldn't even block its basic attacks. Only some four- and five-star evolved, sensed something, and tried to dodge it, but many were still injured.

The Death King Tree stopped hiding and pushed aside the Cannibal Flowers. With its strength, if not for the connected branches' skill, it could have killed the cannibal flowers.

The branches on its crown started to grow, and in a blink, they turned into hundreds of arm-thick whips that swung at those around.

Those people weren't strong enough to make it use its abilities, and even then, they couldn't block it.

Many people felt like the third team was finished by this fellow.

The Death King Tree charged into the human camp and nobody could deal damage to it.

The cannibal flowers followed. Although they weren't fast, with the Death King Tree opening the path, nothing stopped them. They reduced the circle. Moreover, the corpses that the Death King Tree ignored became their food. They would lower their heads and use their sharp mouths to feed. The wounds healed quickly as they absorbed energy.

The humans on the other side who were retreating back over all surged back. Shortly after, Demon Gold and Green Flower appeared.

Behind them was a much stronger team.

When they saw the Death King Tree, the eyes of those two previous Soul Merchant kings shrunk. They didn't expect a level eight lifeform to appear. But now that their entrance was blocked, they had to fight it.

"Retreat, we will enter the building!"

Demon Gold took one look and knew that they couldn't fight it here; if they did, they would be murdered.

He led them into the building that was covered by the ruins. At the same time, he ordered people to see if they could open another path to leave and also to activate the emergency plan.

With Demon Gold here, the situation stabilized. Evolved started to retreat into the camp. Once the Death King Tree arrived at the entrance, over three thousand corpses were on the ground.

"None of them are nice, none!"

The Death King Tree was unhappy as there weren't any high level evolved.

It turned its head and saw that Ye Zhongming was on the ruins. He nodded, and the Death King Tree headed in.

"Is Demon Gold... Soul Merchant?"

When Demon Gold appeared, Cloud Peak members hiding behind the ruins clearly saw everything. They were surprised that they were here.

Both sides were enemies, so it was normal if they wanted to con Cloud Peak. They intercepted Cloud Peak's squad from heading back to save the mountain, which was not surprising.

What was surprising was that they were much stronger than before, whether it was Demon Gold or Green Flower.

Ye Zhongming even felt afraid when Demon Gold looked around.

He was a seven-star evolved now. If his senses were correct, Demon Gold was just six stars. Usually, he wouldn't put much pressure on Ye Zhongming.

He tried thinking about it, but he had no answer. He led people through the entrance while those Cannibal Flowers were left outside.

They weren't fast enough for a game of hide and seek inside.

The building had a bad smell which caused Ye Zhongming and those who entered to cover their noses in case it was poison. The team moved towards the battle and very quickly bumped into the Death King Tree.

"Ye, they want to escape. There should be an exit on the other side."

Death King Tree might move very quickly underground, but when it was on the surface and as it had to fight, it didn't have a speed advantage.

So, even if it sensed where the humans were retreating towards, it couldn't chase them.

Ye Zhongming nodded. He pulled Sand Dance and led people to chase.

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But he bumped into a problem quickly. The structure of the building was complicated, or rather, the modifications made it complicated. There were many branches. You could see that the enemy was ahead, but you ended up running in different directions.

Ye Zhongming thought about it and told Xia Lei to lead some to the other side while he took another path.

This could ensure Xia Lei's safety. The two of them would use the battle contribution badge to keep in contact.

Xia Lei knew that it wasn't time to be naggy and agreed immediately. Only then could they ensure that they caught up to the key people and understood why Cloud Peak was hit.

Death King Tree said this organization was called Heart Assassin, so why were Soul Merchant's kings inside? There was also more than one? Were there other secrets?

These were questions that Ye Zhongming and Cloud Peak wanted answers to.

Heart Assassin had too many people, and they were caught. The battle continued, but the scattered troops couldn't threaten Ye Zhongming and Xia Lei. They couldn't even stop them before being insta killed.

But very quickly, Xia Lei faced problems. She bumped into Green Flower at a corner, which was made using firm, dried ice.

"Long time no see, beautiful."

Green Flower smiled and waved. But her gaze wasn't warm at all, and her face was filled with cold and hatred.

She couldn't forget how Cloud Peak knocked her to the ground. Although Xia Bai, who was the cause of that, wasn't here, this hatred could be passed to XIa Lei. After all, she was second in command in Cloud Peak.

"How does it feel to be a traitor by joining Heart Assassin and abandoning Soul Merchant?"

Xia Lei blinked and asked.

She said that after analyzing the situation. Her words were also a probe.

Green Flower didn't expect Xia Lei to know about Heart Assassin. Fear appeared in her heart. Did Cloud Peak know everything? But she reacted quickly. The problem should be on the third team. This woman found out the answer from them.

"I want to know more about how it feels to work with mutated lifeforms and become the public enemy?"

Green Flower fought back and smiled. Killing intent got thicker and thicker.

"Are you waiting for Ye Zhongming? Keke, he can't come yet, and that level eight lifeform can't either. What I need to do is use this time to kill you!"

Green Flower waved, and her subordinates charged at the Cloud Peak warriors. Cloud Peak also fought back, and both sides clashed.

Xia Lei and Green Flower didn't move. Their gazes intersected. The two women moved to one side and quickly entered two rooms.

Within it, a wall separated them. They looked at it as if they could see through it. A moment later, both of them charged at the wall.

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After Ye Zhongming heard that Xia Lei bumped into Green Flower, he started to move in that direction. Although the bank was huge, once a human understood the direction, he could cross it in less than half a minute.

But he stopped after two steps. He glanced, and there was darkness on the left.

"Pa! Pa! Pa!"

Clear claps spread from there. Demon Gold's muscular body walked out of the darkness. The torches on the wall showed him staring coldly at Ye Zhongming.

Like Green Flower, Demon Gold thought back to his handicapped past.

All of this was because of this guy.

"I don't know where you got the confidence to dare stop me alone."

Ye Zhongming faced Demon Gold and said calmly.

Demon Gold was expressionless.

"I won't dare to stop you when you are at full power."

That surprised Ye Zhongming. To express weakness in front of your enemy was a show of courage.

"But you fought on the mountain and even went unconscious. You should have consumed huge amounts of energy, so I think you only have 30% of your strength."

Ye Zhongming had a different opinion toward Demon Gold and the organization behind him.

Not only did they know about Cloud Peak's exact situation, but his estimate of Ye Zhongming was correct. Without Ye Zhongming's Soul Refining Technique, he would only have regained a third of his strength.

But the truth was, he was 50% now.

For Ye Zhongming, whose mental energy pool was like an ocean, as long as he didn't bump into an opponent like Death King Tree and didn't have to use the Soul Crushing Staff, this was no different from being at full strength.

"So you have confidence in defeating me?"

"Yes."

"Everyone is improving. If you judge me based on the past, then you will be dead today."

"Right, but I improved too. So who knows who would die."

Both sides debated while preparing for the fight.

Eighteen wolf heads formed behind Demon Gold and started to circle him. They would also roar at him.

Bone blades also appeared from Demon Gold's arms. Under the torches, they gave off a cold, threatening glow.

Even his eyes changed. They were consumed by darkness, and a black mist covered him!

Ye Zhongming focused. He knew that Demon Gold was going all out. He planned to fight to the death because he was using all of his previous abilities!

Bone Fork! Spirit Nurturing Master! Also, the Human Spirit Transformation!

Ye Zhongming raised his blade and activated his bloodline. Hell Envoy.

He was going all out. He felt like the current Demon Gold didn't use all he had..., but he still had a trump card.

"Kill!"

Demon Gold roared. Those black wolf heads charged first. Ye Zhongming used Sand Storm to protect his body. He then charged and clashed with the Human Spirit Transformation.

Chapter 924: Demon mark swallowing

The shadows clashed and separated.

The two, who clashed for the first time, took a few steps back and stood back to their original position.

Ye Zhongming glanced at the armor and blade. There was a black gas around it, but it was dissipating.

As for strength, Ye Zhongming had to admit that Demon Gold was decent. At least when he used 60% of his strength, that muscular guy could hold on.

Demon Gold also looked at his hands, which were wrapped in white bone scales. Two bone blades had chips on them. It was obvious that the enemy's blue weapon was sharper than his bone blade.

Ye Zhongming observed his expression and saw that there were no changes in his expression. He confirmed his previous guesses that Demon Gold had a trump card.

Xia Lei and Green Flower's fight spread through the battle contribution badge, so Ye Zhongming decided to finish it quickly.

Sand Dance lit up, and threads of red shone. They looked like sparks.

Ye Zhongming activated the mark.

Although he had the crystal energy demon gun, Ye Zhongming trusted this blue Sand Dance the most when fighting.

At least in terms of close combat, this weapon was most suitable for him.

Demon Gold's expression changed when he saw the Sand Dance's glow. He sensed its scorching heat.

This was actually a weapon with its own stats!

Based on what Demon Gold understood, there were few such weapons. Most weapons' stats were combined with their skills.

At the same time, the sandstorm around Ye Zhongming turned red and gave off heat.

Due to the mark, the Sand Dance was not an ordinary Sand Dance but a strengthened version. The skills had gone from the simple sharpness and sandstorm to Burning Sharpness and Flame Sand Storm.

However, due to the weapon nurturing space, although the strength increase wasn't too obvious, but it became more straightforward to control. He could hide the flame stats when not needed to save on mental energy.

Ye Zhongming decided to go all out to finish Demon Gold, so he didn't hold back. Not only did he activate his bloodline, but he also used Sand Dance's strongest state.

He raised the blade again. It was different this time as he activated Thousand Mountain Body Blade Saint's job skill.

Mountain Body Blade Slash!

Ten images of Sand Dance instantly lighted up the dark space.

Demon Gold couldn't keep calm when he saw it. The wolf heads howled and surged into his body. His huge body was now covered in black mist. When Ye Zhongming's blade slashed, this previous Soul Merchant Saint was in his final form. He turned into a human-shaped monster formed from the black mist.

Only the pair of white bone-covered arms would pop out from the black mist.

Blade and light merged into one and slashed with a blistering heat. At the same time, Earth Elf's Jumping Gravity was activated.

Demon Gold was unable to dodge this skill from this distance.

But what shocked Ye Zhongming was that the gravity under Demon Gold's foot changed, but it didn't affect him. His speed wasn't affected when he waved his arms.

Was his Human Spirit Transformation's stats not affected by gravity?

That was the only explanation.

After the transformation, Demon Gold's strength increased, as did the strength of his bone blades. The black on the bones smoked as they clashed with the flames, giving off a stench.

The bone fork skill and Thousand Body Blade Slash skills clashed.

This time, Demon Gold's body flew backward, and he gave out an ear-piercing roar.

His voice changed after the transformation.

Ye Zhongming landed and calmed his breathing. He saw that Demon Gold did not fall and was not injured.

Impossible!

Ye Zhongming was sure that although he didn't manage to kill him, he had sliced half of Demon Gold's arms, and they shouldn't be able to be used.

Be it strength or power, Demon Gold was at a disadvantage.

Although accidents happened, he didn't panic. He took a look and saw what was happening.

His spirit body was slightly smaller.

It wasn't much, and you wouldn't notice if you didn't pay close attention.

Ye Zhongming knew that this should be an ability to use the black mist to heal his injuries quickly.

His body moved, and he raised his blade again. He wanted to see how long this transformation could last.

But before he moved, Demon Gold turned to flee. As his spirit body wasn't affected by gravity, he was quick.

This caught Ye Zhongming off guard. Demon Gold gave him a feeling like he was a man. Even if they were enemies, but when fighting, this guy was a righteous person. Who knew that he was running?

He was heading towards where Xia Lei and Green Flower were, so Ye Zhongming chased.

He turned past two corners and saw Demon Gold. He stopped running and bent his body. No one knew what had happened.

There were two piles of black ashes beside his legs.

Human-shaped ashes!

Just one looked at Ye Zhongming and knew that humans were burnt into ash.

"Cough! Cough!"

Demon Gold's mouth made weird sounds. His back was still bent, but he turned around slowly.

Ye Zhongming took a step back.

He saw that Demon Gold was totally different!

He was still the same person, but it was as if he returned to when his looks were disfigured. A tumor-like thing covered his body, and the black mist entered his body. He became a three-meter-tall black tumor monster.

At his chest was a crescent-shaped scar that jumped along with his heart. Even if they were some distance away, Ye Zhongming could still hear that intense beating.

"This is the power of swallowing?"

He spoke with that ear-piercing voice and looked shocked with his arms open.

Swallowing? Ye Zhongming thought back to what the Death King Tree said. Something made it want to vomit? Was it Demon Gold?

Demon Gold used his hands to dig the tumor, and his body was bloodied. But he actually laughed.

"As expected, the demon mark can still upgrade without that person! Ye Zhongming, you will die today!"

Chapter 925: Unexpected situations

Demon Gold removed those black tumors and revealed a strong body covered in white scales that covered most of his skin.

His arms, shoulder, knee, chest, and back had more sharp bone blades that were thicker and sharper than before.

The bones had black patterns on them, which came from the black mist. These marks formed a wolf's head pattern on him. From Ye Zhongming's perspective, he could see a pair of wolf's eyes on his chest, which looked fierce and bloody.

That crescent-shaped scar was like the scar on the wolf's head, from its ear stretching to its face, making it look even fiercer.

Even if the Death King Tree didn't say anything, Ye Zhongming knew what energy made it want to vomit. It was the blood-colored meat strip!

Ye Zhongming could sense something that made him uncomfortable. It was as if that meat strip had its own life and it was the enemy of mankind.

Demon Gold called it demon mark?

Ye Zhongming tried to recall and hoped to find something from the memories of his previous life. But unfortunately, he couldn't remember anything.

"Don't waste time guessing. You will never understand where my strength comes from." Demon Gold moved his body. The bone scales rubbed against each other to give a piercing friction sound. But it was as if he enjoyed and immersed in that sound.

"I can't deny that you are strong. If not for the demon mark, I might have to look up to you for my whole life. Not only would I not be able to take revenge, when needed, I might even have to kneel to save my life."

He may have felt that everything was under control. When he stretched the bone scales, he spoke with Ye Zhongming.

Ye Zhongming didn't move and just listened. He understood his actions. In psychology, even when one was about to win, they would be urged to tell the other person everything. Especially against enemies, it was as if they could enjoy more by crushing the other person physically and mentally.

Of course, the words that the victor often said then would be true.

Ye Zhongming paid attention to Xia Lei and Green Flower's fight while listening to Demon Gold's final words.

"But I met someone who could give me strength. He is extremely strong and could also make others strong."

He instinctively touched the red meat strip.

Ye Zhongming knew that the power was related to the meat strip. This was not an organ that belonged to Demon Gold.

"Originally, I could only serve him as he could upgrade the demon mark. The initial black demon mark had helped my limbs regrow, and my strength had returned to its peak. Then, I couldn't help but think about the next grade, which was the red mark."

"Now, I finally understand it."

"The evolution level isn't important in front of the demon mark. This strength transcends the wheel. For example, you are seven stars, and I am six stars, but you aren't my match."

Demon Gold didn't finish, and Ye Zhongming moved. He retreated back to the corner like what Demon Gold did!

Demon Gold was like a chicken whose neck was strangled. He swallowed his words. It felt worse than someone punching him.

He raged, and the bone scales spat out a gas, which turned him into an afterimage as he chased!

But in the next second, he was knocked back by a gunshot. There was a several centimeters-long wound on his chest that was bleeding profusely!

The bone scales there weren't able to block his bullet.

Ye Zhongming reappeared before him. But his hands weren't the blue Sand Dance or the sniper rifle he fired. It was the crystal energy demon gun.

Demon Gold retreated to swallow the demon marks on the two deputies. This helped his own mark evolve and gave him more strength.

Ye Zhongming retreated to launch a sharper attack.

He used the Earth Armor Breaking Gun's Toss Shot attack to fire at Demon Gold, who would definitely chase him.

A bullet that could curve corners wasn't something of legend for some gun users. Few people could do it. But after only two years in the apocalypse when guns were still popular, many people weren't used to considering such things, and they continued to think as per peacetime.

Demon Gold was the same. He was caught off guard and was hit.

But Ye Zhongming's gun was fired on instinct, and it was quite good that he could hit the target. He couldn't grasp the exact body part, so he didn't hit the heart or the head.

Even then, Demon Gold flew backward and hit the wall. Ye Zhongming charged from the corner and the crystal energy demon gun's barrel was right on Demon Gold's body.

The darkness energy fired right at his body. Ye Zhongming could see clearly how the bone scales were being sliced into pieces.

This time, he found the precise target- That red mark.

Demon Gold cried in pain.

It seemed like everything ended just like that.

Ye Zhongming retreated before Demon Gold could counterattack. Sand Dance reappeared, and he used Thousand Body Blade Slash.

He saw Demon Gold smiling while screaming.

The blade light slashed, but his expression changed. He tilted his body to dodge Demon Gold's fist. He kicked, and that matched Demon Gold's leg. His right hand pulled the blade, and the blade's body rubbed with the bone, causing a sizzling sound.

Demon Gold actually used an arm to grab the slash. At the same time, he attacked. He would have been injured if not for Ye Zhongming's quick reactions.

Sand Dance was pulled back, and both sides separated.

Although Ye Zhongming wasn't injured, he sensed Demon Gold's strength. He was no weaker than himself, and he was a seven-star evolved.

That red mark was also not his fatal weakness but a strength. The mark was perfectly fine!

"Darkness Energy is good for me," he laughed. His scales and palm, which were nearly sliced into two when he blocked the blade, were actually healing quickly!

"Seven star evolved is just so-so!" Demon Gold laughed cruelly. The bone blades started to spin. Instantly, his two fists turned into a high-speed meat grinder that smashed toward Ye Zhongming.

Chapter 926: Swallowing Demon Mark's bug

Ye Zhongming jumped slightly. Although it looked like he didn't use any strength, this was the fastest speed he could currently use.

Demon Gold's meatgrinder hands brushed past his ear, and the wind it swept caused Ye Zhongming's ears to hurt.

You knew how sharp it was just by listening to the sound.

Ye Zhongming could guess his abilities improved after Demon Gold swallowed the demon mark. The black mark didn't give him new abilities but helped to improve the old ones.

For example, the bone fork. Previously, it was a skill used on his arms, but now it covered half of his body.

Those wolf souls were gone and had entered Demon Gold's body, enchanting the bone scales and blade. Not only did this render darkness energy useless on him, but it also strengthened the bone fork.

Of course, his biggest strength increase was still Human Spirit Transformation. This ability instantly increased the user's strength. With the demon mark, speed, strength, reaction, and defense all increased. Demon Gold, who could only run from Ye Zhongming, was now able to stand up and fight back.

But Ye Zhongming was still calm. "Die!"

"Die!"

"Die!"

Demon Gold continued to shout as if it could give him courage and combat strength. Not only were his arms spinning like a meat grinder. His legs, even all his joints, had bone blades sticking out, and using all sorts of methods to strike Ye Zhongming.

But none of them hit.

This made it very anxious.

Some sounds spread from the battle contribution badge. Ye Zhongming felt Demon Gold wouldn't have any more trump cards, so he fought back.

The situation started to change. Demon Gold, who was confident that he could kill Ye Zhongming, started to taste the full-strength attacks from this Cloud Peak boss.

Ye Zhongming added a layer of black earth armor, special form!

Cloud Peak had many materials, so replenishing the Earth Elf's energy wasn't a problem. Naturally, Ye Zhongming was happy to use the skill.

This special armor consumed more energy than the ordinary Earth Armor but had higher defense.

The moment it appeared, it drew Demon Gold's attention. This was the first time he looked at the Earth Elf solemnly as this fellow's actions were too exaggerated and obvious. It was as if it was afraid others wouldn't know that it was the cause of the armor.

Ye Zhongming used Quickness, and his speed doubled. He charged at Demon Gold.

Demon Gold, who was in an attack state, didn't think about defending; he faced him with his arms.

The bone meatgrinder and black earth armor clashed. Dirt and bone shrapnel scattered, and black and white rain was all around.

Ye Zhongming continued forward, but Demon Gold retreated in terror.

This once Soul Merchant saint realized that his strongest attack couldn't break Ye Zhongming's black armor!

How was that possible?

Demon Gold swore with his experience that his attacks could break through green armor. This black armor that was casually cast by that small thing only had a bit of dirt sliced off?

The shock was only left in his heart as he had to tilt his head backward.

Ye Zhongming's hand was already thrusting for his throat.

His hands were covered in a silver glove.

Since Ye Zhongming attacked, it wouldn't be so easy to dodge. The Earth Elf's fat hand waved at Demon Gold's leg.

Earth Tremble!

Darkness Energy was useless on the Human Spirit Transformation so Ye Zhongming couldn't use the crystal energy demon gun.

Gravity change couldn't affect the spirit body, so Ye Zhongming didn't change gravity.

But you had to stand on the ground. The spirit body wasn't a soul body that could float in the air. If the ground under your feet started to shake, you couldn't dodge it.

Demon Gold was also retreating, which caused him to lose balance momentarily.

To evolved at this level, the momentary loss of balance wasn't an issue. They could react instantly and tilt their bodies.

But similarly, evolved were able to use that time to attack.

Ye Zhongming's glove shone with specks of starlight.

Cloud Slice!

This skill, which even level eight Hong Xiang was afraid of, smashed into Demon Gold's body at close range.

The red Demon mark was not a weakness but a strength. The scales on half his body had high defense, but these specks of light couldn't be defended. Demon Gold cried out, and his body flew backward again.

Ye Zhongming followed like a shadow. He didn't use any weapons and just fought up close. His fists, legs, and joints were all used to hit Demon Gold.

A series of hits could be heard in the tunnel.

Cloud Slice's light specks left blood all over Demon Gold's body. The areas without the bone scale's defense were pierced through. The battle would have already ended if not for him protecting his head.

Even after the demon mark swallowing, Demon Gold hadn't reached an impenetrable level.

Facing Ye Zhongming's close combat, there was nothing he could do. Although Ye Zhongming didn't have close combat skills after his job merged, but he was trained by Xia Lei and Mo Ye. He was well trained, even if he wasn't an expert in some techniques. Along with his vast apocalypse fighting experience and various buffs, his close combat was no weaker than those who were specially trained.

Demon Gold's Human Spirit Transformation was strong, and that was something Ye Zhongming had to admit. Moreover, the demon mark was weird and opened his eyes. But in front of strength, he was slightly weaker and was destined to lose.

Fists hit Demon Gold's arm. He raised his knee to knock aside the other arm. Ye Zhongming then grabbed Demon Gold's neck.

"No..."

He only heard one word before he crushed his neck. He tossed his muscular body to the side. The bone scales, blade, and black patterns all disappeared.

His eyes were wide open, but he stopped breathing. His eyes were filled with a reluctance to accept the situation.

Everyone who died in the apocalypse would look like that.

Ye Zhongming didn't continue here. After confirming the direction, he ran to Xia Lei as the outcome of that battle was about to be decided.

But after he disappeared in the tunnel, a dozen-centimeter bug appeared from the bricks in an unassuming corner. It looked around before jumping on Demon Gold's corpse and entering the demon mark that had stopped moving. A dozen seconds later, when it came out, its body doubled in size. The red mark also disappeared from Demon Gold's body.

Chapter 927: Angry Xia Lei

The moment the wall collapsed, the two beauties tangled together.

Due to regular training, Xia Lei's body was more muscular than that of an ordinary woman. It wasn't that she was fat; she was muscular, which made her seem more meaty.

Along with her personality, very few people had a better figure than her.

Guys would always say that their first thought when they saw some women was to get them onto the bed. Xia Lei was undoubtedly such a lady.

But people who were familiar with her would know that she was one of the top people who adapted to the apocalypse.

She went from a member of the force that focused on discipline to a leader in the apocalypse who managed using the apocalypse standards.

A ruthless leader.

This probably had to do with her experience. Women who looked like this would be more emotional and care more about relationships. Of course, they would be more affected when they got injured.

That influence helped to change Xia Lei.

Xia Lei was thinking for her guy during that process. She felt that a faction leader shouldn't seem too cold-blooded; if not, it would give negative impressions to his subordinates.

She understood that fear and interests wouldn't be able to keep a team together. One had to receive worship and even have close relationships.

So she allowed Ye Zhongming to reach such a status, to face the light. She would do all the dirty things and stand in the darkness behind him.

Unlike Xia Bai, who was hidden in a corner, Xia Lei was cold-blooded and brutal and posed more of a threat.

Xia Lei was very successful. The current Cloud Peak and the other factions accepted her as a spokesperson for Ye Zhongming. She used less than two years to create such a cold-blooded image.

Many people admired her because they saw through her actions. She was very cold and didn't follow the rules. She didn't mind using corpses to pave the way for Cloud Peak and Ye Zhongming. But because of that, she had gone all in. If she left Cloud Peak, she would be nothing. She, herself, had no regrets. To a certain extent, she placed her own life on Ye Zhongming's trust.

If she lost his trust, she would lose everything, including her own life.

As a spokesperson is only a spokesperson, and that could be changed. Cloud Peak and other factions trusted and respected Ye Zhongming but not his spokesperson.

Xia Lei didn't become more reserved after that past betrayal. After finding a person to trust, she released herself and handed her soul over.

Such a person was a true Cloud Peak core member. This was why people like Liang Chuyin Xia Bai, Liu Zhenghong, and Le Dayuan supported her.

She had become an extension of his will.

But because of that, her image became a little fixed. She was more of a butler, an executioner, a planner, and a leader, but not a warrior.

No one ranked her in the top five in terms of strength. Some even felt she wasn't in the top ten.

Ye Zhongming, Xia Bai, Yellow Ball, Mo Ye, Red Hair, Liang Chuyin, Little Tiger... even the defensive Shengyuan, Park Xiuying, etc., were ranked above her.

Those who joined Cloud Peak later, such as Tong Hu, Little Li, Ah Yang, etc., were thought to be no weaker than her.

People feared the power in her hands but not her.

Green Flower thought the same.

A few days ago, she could even win Little Tiger one-on-one, so she didn't think Xia Lei would pose a threat to her.

Ye Zhongming's woman might not be able to last for a long time.

Green Flower was excited as she didn't need to risk her life and could even capture and kill the second in command. Was there a simpler way to contribute? If the news got out, it would shock many factions.

Cloud Peak was recognized as a super faction. Wouldn't you get famous if you could kill their second in command?

So, she was overconfident.

She even felt that way after the fight started.

Xia Lei's performance also showed that the outside opinion of her was correct.

She was decent, but she wasn't outstanding in Cloud Peak.

Look at what happened a minute after the start. Green Flower activated her first skill-- Buta Buddha. With its speed, she caused many wounds on Xia Lei. Wasn't that enough to prove that she was weak?

So what if she was a six-star evolved? Without strong job and skills, such a six-star evolved was weaker than a peak five-star evolved.

Green Flower activated the second skill-- Botuo Buddha!

She retracted her hands, and her white skin turned copper in color. Her claws turned into fists as she punched Xia Lei. Two short daggers floated in the colorful light circles behind her back and got ready to attack.

Xia Lei smiled suddenly.

"Is that it?"

Green Flower was shocked and instinctively asked, "What?"

"I said, do you have other skills?"

She dodged Green Flower's two fists and licked the bit of blood on the corner of her mouth.

People who knew her would know that she was angry.

There was a wound under Xia Lei's left eye, slightly above her cheek. Apart from pain, it was itchy. The wound not only didn't heal, it was giving off a slight stench.

It showed that there was poison.

Colorful Buddha's skills didn't have posion so there was only one explanation. Green Flower applied poison to her fingernails.

Such wounds were usually fine and evolved and would recover in two days. But if there were poison, it would be hard to handle, and if not treated properly, it might scar.

For a woman who only thought about her guy and did things wholeheartedly for him to have a risk of being disfigured. How could she let you off?

Moreover, the person was in power and whose heart had turned black.

Xia Lei started to fight back. She wanted to let Green Flower taste what it was like to anger the woman behind Cloud Peak.

Chapter 928: Slaughtering Buddha

What shocked Green Flower was the speed of Xia Lei's blades.

It was much quicker than before.

From this point alone, Green Flower knew that the second-in-command from Cloud Peak was hiding her strength. She instantly became wary.

Although Green Flower was arrogant, her personality became even more extreme and cruel after the ups and downs, but she didn't become foolish. On the contrary, she became more careful.

She instantly stopped being overconfident and started to become more solemn.

After paying attention, she realized that not only did Xia Lei's blades get quicker, but they also became more strategic.

This wasn't a skill or job skill but an instinct.

This shocked Green Flower.

What she didn't know was that Xia Lei was someone who learned a traditional blade technique that had been passed down for many generations. When her body situation was top rate, if she didn't use her job, skills, bloodline, equipment, etc, no one was her match. That included Ye Zhongming. No one could even last a minute under her hands.

Xia Lei was a six-star evolved now, and Green Flower was the same. Green Flower instantly felt pressure when the former stopped hiding her strength.

To be honest, Green Flower would rather Xia Lei have one more battle beast than face such a technique.

First was speed, and next was technique.

These two changes made her feel a considerable threat.

"It has just begun, don't be anxious." Xia Lei was calm, but to Green Flower, it was as if she was about to die.

It wasn't that Green Flower was afraid of Xia Lei, but the feeling of being plotted against wasn't good.

Botuo Buddha's power meant that Green Flower wasn't afraid of Xia Lei's blade. Sometimes, when she couldn't dodge it, she would just use her fist to face off against it.

But she wasn't going to continue being passive. She was afraid that Xia Lei had more moves, so she attacked.

The two short daggers circling started to stab at Xia Lei. Xia Lei took one glance and used her blades to counter.

After a few seconds, Xia Lei laughed, "This doesn't seem to work."

Green Flower's expression turned really ugly.

She noticed that Xia Lei didn't find it hard to deal with the two short daggers in the sky; she still looked like she had a lot of capacity.

"If you can't do anything else, then it is my turn!"

After Xia Lei said that, the super quick blades sped up once again!

The two daggers were first to suffer and were sent a distance away. Green Flower shouted, and her body retreated.

Her fists, which had a metallic color, were actually wounded.

This meant that Botuo Buddha was broken!

Xia Lei was gleeful, "Double Blade!"

The blade shadows covered Green Flower.

At this point, she was filled with regret. It would have been okay if she had that one-time use Buddha. If she had sneaked attacked, she could have killed Xia Lei. Unfortunately, she used it in the battle with Little Tiger.

Buta Buddha reappeared. She had to switch between speed and strength to hold on. But anyone could tell that she was about to be defeated.

An intense fighting sound spread from the badge. Xia Lei knew that it was ending on the other side. She was planning to end this battle which had no difficulty.

But when her blades sped up, Green Flower suddenly smiled. The light circles changed colors once again and turned orange.

A dangerous aura caused Xia Lei's goosebumps to stand. She turned to dodge.

A shadow slashed where she was standing.

"Don't think that you are the only one with a trump card; I have one, too!"

Green Flower smiled. Two shadows appeared in her hands, which were the daggers in the sky. The shadow that attacked was a clone of Green Flower. It was holding the two daggers that were knocked aside.

Green Flower's real person held the shadow daggers, and her clone held the real daggers. Such a combination looked really weird.

"Colorful Buddha's third Buddha Slaughtering Buddha."

Green Flower didn't give Xia Lei time to react. She followed the second strike after the first didn't hit.

Xia Lei felt pressure immediately. These two green flowers, which looked the same but were just different in energy, were far stronger than before. Their strength might not have changed, but their agility and speed increased. Moreover, be it the real dagger or shadow dagger, they were much stronger. Not only were they not knocked aside, but they were on the same level as Xia Lei's blades.

This wasn't Green Flower's own change but the weapon's change.

Xia Lei was curious. How did Green Flower get a third job advancement scroll to get the third Buddha? Just the weird weapon upgrade was something she couldn't understand, either. Was this because of her skill? Or was it the weapon's stats?

But Xia Lei didn't really want to know the answer as there was no need to know.

After all, this was a person who was about to die.

"Triple Blade!"

Xia Lei's blades got stronger. When she slashed, she gave off many layers of shadows.

She was slightly at a disadvantage, but Triple Blade turned the tides.

Not only did Little Tiger learn Blood Slash, but Xia Lei also learned Triple Blade.

"Ah!"

Green Flower screamed. The feeling of the enemy being able to adapt the moment you used your trump card felt really bad.

Under triple blade's strength, Xia Lei suppressed Green Flower and her clone.

The two girls focused on the blade light.

Both of them knew that the outcome of the battle was about to be decided.

Green Flower bit her teeth and let the clone block in front of her. She took a step back and tossed aside the dagger on her right hand. She placed her index and middle fingers together and thrust at her left chest.

It was where the demon mark was at.

Her body trembled, and her eyes were filled with rage. Numerous black threads spread from the demon mark across her body, and it quickly climbed onto her face. People with medical knowledge would know that it followed the veins of the body.

Green Flower twitched. That beautiful face was covered in black, and she gave out a vicious smile.

"Women have many benefits in the apocalypse. At least we can use our bodies to trade for things that can help us win. Only a fool like Demon Gold can't."

She smiled like a ghost and her body started to move left and right, making it hard to pick it up.

"Taste the strength of my demon mark... Demon Shadow Kill!"

Chapter 929: Failure

There were two types of women in the apocalypse.

The stable kind and those that weren't.

The stable kind were like Xia Lei, Liang Chuyin, etc. Their hearts had someone to rely on, and their feelings were with someone, so they would settle and help their guy do stuff. Their actions would be the same as their man's interests.

The others were unstable, similar to Green Flower. They wouldn't fall totally in love, and their interests would always come first. Even if you slept with her multiple times, even if you gave everything for her, her heart wouldn't belong to you.

It was tough to say which kind was more suitable for the apocalypse. If they met a guy who was loyal and would treat them well, the first kind would have a better life in the apocalypse. After all, brothers could do so much if they were united, much less a couple that had a close relationship.

But in most situations, the second type of woman was more suited for the apocalypse as there weren't many guys who could be trusted.

Even those of the first type had a high chance of meeting scums and getting betrayed. If they survived, they would probably turn into the second time.

Green Flower was such a person. It wasn't that she was cheated, but after falling from her saint position, she became unstable.

After joining Assassin Heart, to outsiders, her relationship with Demon Gold was tight. But in truth, she was more than friends with the person who gave her the demon mark.

After all, she wasn't an ordinary beauty. Even after the evolutions improved one's looks, she was still above average.

So, the benefits and news she got were far more than Demon Gold.

For example, that one-time-use Buddha, the news that the demon mark could consume other marks, and the way to use the mark.

Even if Demon Gold had the mark, he had the lowest grade, or rather, his understanding of it was close to zero.

He knew that the demon mark would significantly improve all your abilities. As for everything else, they were told to him by Green Flower.

He didn't know that the demon mark actually had its own ability. This ability needed the guy who planted it to activate.

Demon Gold didn't, but Green Flower knew. After she served him, she obtained this ability.

Of course, it couldn't be used randomly, and there were side effects. Those effects were terrifying and would drain your life force.

Evolved could sense that they could live longer than ordinary humans, but they didn't know how long. So when calculating lifespan, they still used the time that we were used to.

Under such a circumstance, no one wanted their lifespan to be reduced.

To use your lifespan for an ability was one that people wouldn't randomly cast.

But she had no choice. If she didn't use it, she wouldn't have a chance.

Slaughtering Buddha's shadow shattered as Xia Lei attacked. The instance in which it broke Green Flower's Demon Shadow Kill appeared.

The black shadow was almost instant.

Xia Lei sensed that the grim reaper was waving at her.

Six-star evolved's strength, and her reaction speed shone. She bit her teeth, and the tip of her tongue was broken. A blood mist splattered to form a blood shield. She also retreated quickly. Her left hand turned silver as if it was made of silver sand. That hand continued to wave in front of her body, and each time it waved, the silver sand would float and form a simple picture.

"Basic Blood Protection!"

A defensive skill that needed your own blood.

"Silver Sand Artist!"

A weird support job!

Xia Lei's power was not only in building and managing Cloud Peak; it also brought her some benefits!

Although she wouldn't abuse it, she wasn't so noble. When she deserved things, she would take it.

For example, when all of Cloud Peak gather to get their rewards, Xia Lei looks around and sees if there is anything suitable for herself. If there is, she has priority to pick it.

Xia Lei would never hide it from Ye Zhongming. The core members also knew about it, but no one complained.

Xia Lei would only take those suitable ones, not the expensive ones, and knew when to stop.

Sometimes, Ye Zhongming would even feel like he owed her.

Xia Lei had a clear plan for her own abilities, so she used some jobs and abilities that weren't very good to equip herself. She became someone only weaker than Ye Zhongming, Xia Bai, and Yellow Ball.

Right, the second in command was enough to rank fourth, on the same level as Mo Ye and Liang Chuyin.

Green Flower was strong. Not only was her job upgraded three times to give her three practical job skills, but she also had the short daggers, which were abnormal weapons. She also knew how to activate the demon mark, which she activated to decide the outcome of the battle.

But Xia Lei was amazing, too. Facing such a Green Flower who didn't use her full strength to defeat Little Tiger, she forced her to the edge.

Green Flower turned into a black shadow that charged at Xia Lei. Demon Mark Kill was to turn herself into the sharpest blade and then split the enemy into two.

This was an ultimate move that was a decisive attack!

Which skill that used your life force wasn't an ultimate move?

But Green Flower bumped into Xia Lei.

It bumped into the Basic Blood Protection, a defensive skill formed using blood. Then, it faced the Silver Sand Diagram.

A... Sunrise picture!

Green Flower thought that everything was over. When she passed two layers, she noticed that the Demon Mark Kill's strong speed had reduced, and traces of her movement could be picked up!

Her body was even...

Chapter 930: Collapse

If Demon Gold were still alive, he would tell Green Flower it was Ye Zhongming's ability.

But Xia Lei was using it.

This was one of the battle contribution badge's abilities.

Xia Lei knew Triple Blade long ago, and its strength increased to a new height as she evolved.

The strength of the skill you borrowed using the badge was related to your contribution points.

Since getting the battle contribution box, Ye Zhongming handed out all the badges he could, and so many in Cloud Peak could gain points. Although Xia Lei wasn't always on the frontlines, but as she accumulated her points, she had a decent amount.

So, the strength of the Thousand Body Blade Slash was decent.

Don't forget one thing. There was a base value when you borrowed the skill.

Thousand Body Blade Saint was an elite job with strong skills. On this basis, this move became the final blow that crushed Green Flower.

Even if some light shot from her wrist to form a decent defense, all it could do was prevent her body from being sliced in half.

But even if you were an evolved, when your chest was split open, and your organs were crushed, you wouldn't be able to live.

Green Flower fell to the ground, and many parts of her were scorched. This was damage caused by the Silver Sand Artist. Although they weren't lethal, they set the stage for the final blow.

When Ye Zhongming rushed over, that was all he saw. His worried mood was relaxed.

He was really afraid that something would happen to Xia Lei. Now, it seemed like Xia Lei was still Xia Lei. At this point, two Soul Merchant saints had died to her. She beheaded Abyss Mountain, and now, Green Flower's body was sliced into two.

Xia Lei kept her blade and banted. Although she won, it wasn't easy. If not for her basic blood protection and Silver Sand Artist job, she might have died when she faced Green Flower's Demon Shadow Kill.

"Don't worry, it is okay; I still have moves I haven't used." Xia Lei acted like a cute girl in front of Ye Zhongming.

Ye Zhongming smiled. He looked at the body. With Demon Gold and this woman's death, his thought about asking them about Assasin Heart was gone. But battles were like that. If you tried to hold back, you might end up dead.

He took out Sand Dance and wanted to slice the demon mark for Liu Zhenghong to study to see what it was. But before bending down, he paused, and his expression changed. He pulled Xia Lei back and shouted for the Cloud Peak warriors to leave.

Two seconds later, there was a giant explosion. The entire building shook and started to collapse.

Other Cloud Peak warriors were four to five stars, but this building had thousands of tonnes of rubble. If it collapsed, they would get buried alive.

They could demolish a building quickly, but this was totally different from having a building pressing on your body.

No wonder Demon Gold led Cloud Peak in; he had set a trap for them.

But be it Green Flower or himself, they were too confident in themselves and the demon mark. They thought they could kill Ye Zhongming and Xia Lei before leaving. They would also bury Cloud Peak alive to have a win-win situation.

They continued to run along the corridor as stone and sand dropped from above. The walls around them started to collapse. They charged towards the entrance and knocked everything in their path.

When Ye Zhongming and Xia Lei got out, there was a large-scale collapse. They knew that there were warriors who hadn't gotten out, so they used their skills in the ruins to ensure a corridor. The warriors that were out learned from them and attacked the stone, causing shrapnel to scatter.

But a second collapse occurred. This time, it was a total collapse. Their attacks were now useless but fortunately, more people got out due to their previous attempts.

When the entire area collapsed, the building disappeared, and it was dozens of meters lower than before. The ruins were gone, and it filled the hole.

After counting their numbers, they saw that a few dozen didn't manage to get out. They were either killed in the chase or were under the rubble. In such ruins, there was basically no chance of surviving.

Many people started to dig in the hope of saving people. Ye Zhongming didn't stop them. He walked and saw if he could use his energy to sense for people.

They were busy for a while and dug some parts of the ruins. The only thing they found were corpses.

But a minute later, a part of the ruins moved, and the bricks exploded. The Death King Tree drilled out from below. On its body were seven to eight Cloud Peak warriors that were wrapped. Although they were bleeding from the collapsed ruins but, they were alive. Death King Tree had taken care of them.

As long as they didn't stop breathing, with the saint pool's saint water, they would be able to live.

Death King Tree's actions gained Cloud Peak's trust. But after they saw it use those Assasin Heart members who managed to escape to heal up, they were silent again.

The feeling of seeing people sucked dry sent chills down one's spine.

"Ye, give me payment, payment!"

Ye Zhongming smiled and agreed. Only then did the tree stop.

Once everyone recovered and Death King Tree ate all the Assassin Heart members, Ye Zhongming asked it if there was any information about Assassin Heart. The Death King Tree said some things, but they weren't very useful. They didn't even know the base's exact location as they usually had their eyes blindfolded.

Since they didn't have anything valuable, Ye Zhongming left it aside. He had more important things to do.

It was time to solve the mutated lifeform army.

When Cloud Peak members left, that bug reappeared and quickly found Green Flower's body. Like before, it ate her demon mark. Its body turned into a little snake. It sniffed the cracks of the ruins and headed in one direction before disappearing.