

## Apocalypse 941

### Chapter 941: High bounty

Star Beauty Company was the biggest supporter of Cloud Peak in this defense and had suffered the highest losses. Those who had chosen to stay within the villa were all killed or injured.

But Zhao Xingmei didn't agree to join Cloud Peak. A battle squad leader position wasn't too attractive for her. She was used to giving the orders and not listening to orders.

Ye Zhongming naturally didn't force her.

Bai Feng's squad also did work. Although he didn't suffer as many losses as Star Beauty Company, they helped a lot.

Ye Zhongming compensated them much more than the other factions. He even gave Zhao Xingmei and Bai Feng a six-star potion each, which surprised the two of them.

The two of them decided not to return to Ying City and instead set up a base further away. They knew that Cloud Peak would expand, and if the two squads remained in Ying City, it would be problematic. Their growth would be restricted, and they would also be blocking Cloud Peak's path.

Everyone knew about it deep down.

Although they set up their bases outside, they didn't leave Cloud Peak's territorial range. They needed to be under Cloud Peak. Moreover, Cloud Peak had gained so much this time, so a large batch of potions would appear. They had the priority of purchasing the potions and could buy many to strengthen their faction.

Like Cloud Peak, they had suffered huge losses but would recover quickly and even get much stronger.

Ye Zhongming didn't hold back on the other squads that had contributed more. He gave them some additional potions and items on top of what was promised to express his thanks.

Some were rewarded, and naturally, some were punished.

Not all the factions helped Cloud Peak in this battle.

Some of them robbed the humans that came to help. There were a few that even attracted more mutated lifeforms to attack Cloud Peak. Some attacked Cloud Peak members during the fight to steal their equipment and demon crystals.

Apart from that, many factions not only didn't come to help after Cloud Peak tried to gather them, but they even circled nearby.

Cloud Peak planned to settle the score.

If they were too hard, they would lose friends. But if you keep being weak, people won't fear you.

You had to be grateful to people who deserved it, but you needed to take revenge on your enemies.

Thus, the seven battle squads headed out from Cloud Peak to attack many areas with the information help of Chameleon!

Many people didn't bother about Cloud Peak's warnings. Most of them felt like not helping Cloud Peak was their own freedom. So what if they didn't go? It was a problem whether or not they would even survive. A group was sure that Cloud Peak would lose, so they did many things that would hurt Cloud Peak. They felt like even if some from Cloud Peak could survive, they wouldn't be a threat anymore.

But Cloud Peak used fresh blood and lives to tell them that Cloud Peak was still Cloud Peak!

They relied on Cloud Peak to feed them in the past but didn't do anything when Cloud Peak needed help. This meant that their rice bowl was going to be smashed.

With Chameleon's accurate intel, Cloud Peak's seven battle squads struck and killed many factions. Each time they struck, they would enlist the help of factions around the target. It wasn't that they needed their strength, but it was just a show of support.

After the victory, the territory of those destroyed factions would be split to the squads that followed.

The area around Cloud Peak and Ying City instantly became much cleaner. Those that remained nearby were definitely friendly with Cloud Peak!

Ye Zhongming then published a bunch of high-bounty missions in Puxing Town.

There were many details, but it only targeted one organization, Assassin Heart!

The contents included the Assassin Heart member structure, location, strength, etc. The information was split into details, and each had a reward.

The lowest reward was for ordinary member details, and they were all... One three-star potion!

If one could accurately say who their boss was, the reward was... A six-star potion.

If someone could find their satellite base, that would be a five-star potion. The headquarters would earn a six-star potion.

Apart from information, there was a bounty reward.

Members that Cloud Peak confirmed as organization members would get a piece of white-grade equipment for each kill. Captains would be silver. If you could kill their core member, you would get a green piece of equipment.

If you killed their boss, Cloud Peak would give you three green pieces of equipment, a piece of blue equipment, and three six-star potions.

The moment the bounty was released, half of China was shaking.

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After ditching Guang Yao and Ye Zhongming, Wen Zhong had been paying attention to Cloud Peak. He knew that they were surrounded by the mutated lifeform army and had been waiting for the outcome.

Two pieces of news shocked him.

One was that not only didn't Cloud Peak get destroyed, they won. They wiped out  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the mutated lifeform army.

When Wen Zhong got that news, he sat alone in his room for a night. That caused the people from the resistance zone to be silent for a few days. Everyone could tell that their commander was in a bad mood.

Then, Ye Zhongming sent out this bounty through Cannibal Chain, which shocked him again.

Were a few useless pieces of information worth so much? Find out who Assassin Heart's boss was, and you could get a six-star potion.

Six-star! Even the resistance zone didn't have so many such potions. For Cloud Peak to make such a promise meant that they had extra of such potions.

After all their core members were six-star, they still had extra...

Wen Zhong didn't dare to continue thinking.

Also, if you killed the boss, the reward was... Set! Blue weapon! Three six-star potions!

Wen Zhong admitted that even he was tempted.

He knew that this bounty would claim the lives of Assassin Heart. All the survivors in the country would search for them, tangle with them, and attack them!

Ye Zhongming gave such a huge reward just to tell everyone something.

People who offended him should die!

Assassin Heart would find things hard in the future.

Wen Zhong sat alone for a night and then ordered all his forces to pay attention to that organization.

#### Chapter 942: Five Ring Money

Not only did lifeforms change in the apocalypse, but the weather changed, too.

Some places became warmer while some places turned colder.

However, such changes only occurred in some special places.

The weather became extremely cold on a mountain in the east. When one looked up at the two sides of the peak, one saw that it was covered in ice.

But beneath the thick ice was a giant human base.

This was Five Ring Money's headquarters.

Four people sat beside a giant circular table. Each of them was the same distance apart, and the round table was split into four parts.

Apart from a few wine glasses were a few pieces of paper.

"Since Little Water's Bright Water World's charge is near its end, we can release it according to the plan. Bright Water Feast can be held according to schedule."

A white robed female spoke. She wasn't very beautiful, but one wouldn't mind looking at her. The most unique point was her skin. It was white, healthy, and extremely smooth.

Her thin fingers tapped the white piece of paper on the table. On close inspection, each time she tapped, when her finger and the paper came into contact, a blue light appeared and rippled outwards like water.

A few of them focused when they saw it.

A thought appeared in all their minds. This woman got stronger.

“Since it is ready, shouldn’t our funds be ready too? We are the banker, so we can’t be too poor.”

The one who spoke was the guy she called Little Water. He was casually holding a dagger and cleaning his fingernails. His legs were on the table, and he would shake them periodically.

He spoke while looking at an old man to his left.

“Although our Royal Merchant hasn’t been developing well this year, we can still afford that sum!”

This old man was Royal Merchant’s chief, just that his face wasn’t wearing a mask.

“Our Five Ring Money is facing a challenge from Cannibal Chain, and we are currently losing. It is time we are united against the outside world.”

The other middle-aged guy crossed his arms and said solemnly.

The other three were silent when they heard that. Even that casual young guy became more solemn. It was obvious that Cannibal Chain was placing them under huge pressure.

“Deacon Tong isn’t here and is busy with Bright Water Feast’s matters. People will laugh at us if we can’t even do this well.”

The guy continued, and the atmosphere in the room became even more solemn.

“Okay, let’s talk about the invitations. The second page is the initial list. Have a look; if we don’t have any issues, then we can release it accordingly.”

The only female deacon turned to the second page with their invitees. To Five Ring Money, they were all rich and the key to whether or not Bright Water Feast could earn money.

“Then it is time to send the invite. If Bright Water World doesn’t activate after the energy is full, it will start consuming energy.”

The young guy nodded and sat up straight. He looked at the list carefully.

“I don’t have anything to say.”

The Royal Guild chief expressed his thoughts and nodded to Deacon Water.

“I do have some thoughts.”

The young man suddenly spoke, “I think it is missing some names.”

Deacon Water and Royal Guild’s Chief looked at him, and the former asked, “Deacon Bai, who?”

The young Deacon Bai didn't reply and looked at the middle-aged man with some status, "Deacon Ouyang, I heard that you killed your men after Sharp Peak Mountain. Did that happen?"

He raised his head to glance at Deacon Bai and nodded, "They lost an extremely precious scroll."

With how rich they were, for them to call it precious, was definitely something good.

"The person that made you lose that scroll should have some strength, right?"

Deacon Ouyang placed his arms down and leaned forwards, "What do you want to say?"

Deacon Bai laughed, "What I want to say is that this person has the ability to win things from you, so he should have the right to be invited. Unfortunately, I didn't see his name."

"Which faction?"

Royal Guild's chief asked, which caused Deacon Ouyang's expression to worsen.

"You also know him; he is someone you have met before. Cloud Peak's Ye Zhongming."

Now, there were two people with bad expressions.

Deacon Bai didn't care and continued, "Cloud Peak destroyed a two million-strong mutated lifeform army, so they should have many crystals. The truth proves that they are strong and rich; they meet our conditions."

"I have a bounty that they have just released. You can take a look. Is a faction that can take all these things out as a reward does not have the right? Which one of us can publish such a bounty?"

He passed the three of them a few pieces of paper. They looked, and their eyes opened wide.

The rewards tempted them.

"I have sent people to pay attention to this Assassin Heart. If there is news, I don't mind getting the rewards. You should send people to investigate. Don't blame me for not telling you about it."

After saying that, he reverted to his casual style.

Deacon Ouyang and Deacon Water looked at each other and then at the Royal Guild's chief. The latter laughed coldly, "Since they are rich, then we don't have a reason to reject them."

"Okay, then include them." Deacon Ouyang decided.

The four of them ended the meeting after some discussions. But before they exited, Deacon Ouyang said, "Before Bright Water Feast begins, each division needs to hand over 20 level seven crystals. After it begins, we need to have seven-star evolved helping to suppress the formation. This is very important."

The other three nodded and knew that this was important.

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Ye Zhongming returned after delivering equipment to Blue Secret Realm. Someone reported that a three-thousand person team were carrying many unknown cars and equipment and were in Ying City's suburbs. They were heading towards Cloud Peak.

#### Chapter 943: Ying City rat problem

If not for the surrounding buildings being damaged, Mu Xinfei might have thought that this wasn't the apocalypse when she arrived on the streets of Ying City.

There were so few zombies in Ying City.

The 200 thousand Posthumous City warriors had focused on clearing the zombies in Ying City.

Talking Lady was missing, Red Hair was resting in Cloud Peak. This reduced the number of Ying City zombies to an extremely low level.

"Without zombies, the survivors here..."

Mu Xinfei turned and looked at Ye Zhongming, who was welcoming her.

If the number of zombies here dropped, the people who lived here would lose their biggest source of demon crystals, and their evolution speed would slow. The apocalypse was a river, and one was riding against the current. This meant that one would slowly be eliminated.

Ye Zhongming smiled, "There are zombies in other places."

When Talking Lady and Red Hair were here, the zombies wouldn't cause a huge war among themselves. They also wouldn't have an over ten thousand people-scale conflict with humans. Then what did the zombies feed on?

Mutated animals.

Ying City had many mutated animals, no fewer than zombies, especially with the Rat King, who controlled many subordinates. Mutated rats also reproduced exceptionally quickly. Although it wasn't as terrifying as during peacetime, they could reproduce at least seven to eight times a year.

This reproduction speed barely allowed them to survive the attacks of humans and zombies.

As these rats were underground, not many of them went to attack Cloud Peak. After fleeing back, they went into their caves, so Cloud Peak ignored them so they wouldn't suffer many losses.

In the few days after the siege, these mutated rats became more active. They even started to head out to search for food openly. They had begun attacking human camps. Those small-scale zombie hordes also turned into their top targets.

Although the humans also started to hunt them, but they didn't kill many. That wasn't much compared to the overall number of rats in Ying City.

"Others?" Mu Xinfei was stunned. She wanted to ask, but suddenly, the people at the front gave a warning. She took a look and saw that there was a patch of broken limbs on the side of the road. A group of around a hundred zombies had died there. Half the street was covered by purple flesh and blood. From the freshness of the flesh, those zombies should have been killed just a while ago.

Due to the caravan, the murderers were scared off and nowhere to be seen.

This was just the appearance. The killers were still here. If not, those at the front wouldn't give the warning. Mu Xinfei took a close look and saw that in the dark corners of the abandoned buildings, there were figures the size of small dogs to the size of boars. They were staring at the caravan with their green eyes. There were a few hundred, just from what they could see.

“Them.”

Ye Zhongming raised his chin and said he was referring to these mutated rats.

“These mutated rats have turned into Ying City's boss. They will come out to feed in groups, and their numbers are growing.”

Mu Xinfei nodded. These unassuming lifeforms of peacetime had evolved into terrifying things in the apocalypse. Especially those huge groups that reproduced quickly.

As a person from the resistance zone, she received a lot of news. Based on what she knew, mutated rats, flies, mosquitoes, ants, etc., they used their group advantage to turn into groups as scary as zombie hordes; when they went out as a group to hunt, the millions of them terrified survivors.

“You are not going to clear them?”

Mu Xinfei saw that the mutated rats didn't dare to attack the caravan. She ordered them to proceed while asking Ye Zhongming.

“There aren't any zombies in Ying City, so we should have something for survivors to kill. Moreover, they aren't fat enough.” Ye Zhongming smiled.

Mu Xinfei nodded and knew that Ye Zhongming wanted to nurture these rats for some time before dealing with them.

When they arrived at Cloud Peak, Mu Xinfei wanted to let her subordinates set up camp outside, but Ye Zhongming told them to just drive in.

Cloud Peak shocked Mu Xinfei.

The walls here were high and thick. The gates were firm. But this wasn't much to her after she saw Sharp Peak Mountain. What shocked her were those defensive weapons on the walls.

The giant crossbows with grey arrows that were two meters long. Each crossbow even had a few white arrows!

Between those crossbows were giant cannons. Mu Xinfei even saw that some Cloud Peak tech members were adjusting cannons she had never seen before.

She couldn't imagine that crystal weapons could be so massive if she hadn't seen it herself. How many crystals did they have to use to fire one shot? How many crystals would be spent after one fight?

They were burning money.

Apart from that, she even saw a patch of gilded cannibal flowers. The corrosive earth had spread hundreds of meters. Apart from Cannibal Flowers, there were two mutated plants she had never seen before. There were actually crystals on them.

Cloud Peak was actually farming mutated plants?

Looking at the scale, their technique should be very mature, which meant that they didn't lack low-level crystals.

After which, something that shocked her even more happened.

She thought that the team that followed Ye Zhongming to welcome her was Cloud Peak's strongest. But when she entered and took a look, she saw many squads in their training. From their aura to their equipment, they were as strong as the team beside him.

Actually, Xia Lei's monitoring squad was the one that followed Ye Zhongming out. Xia Bai and her squad were outside on a mission.

When Mu Xinfei entered the guest villa, she had only one thought.

Cloud Peak had improved again in a short time. Moreover, it was a huge improvement!

Xia Lei and Guang Yao were here, too.

Mu Xinfei had many thoughts when she saw Guang Yao. They were both the hope of a new generation for the resistance zone. Now, she had to ask people for help. Guang Yao also ended up as that person's subordinate.

The world was truly uncertain.

**"Although there aren't any signs, I think something good will happen today." Ye Zhongming smiled.**

Mu Xinfei nodded, "if you don't look down on our gun production line, that should be a good thing."

Ye Zhongming and Xia Lei looked at each other and smiled.

Chapter 944: Poor people have good things too

Both of them spoke at Sharp Peak Mountain and basically confirmed their intentions to work together. They also confirmed that Ye Zhongming would invest in S Zone.

One of Ye Zhongming's few conditions was the gun production line.

Although guns were slowly losing their threat, but Ye Zhongming's bullets had levels, so these weapons could still have some effect. That would be the case for the first few years of the apocalypse.

Ye Zhongming was naturally really happy when he heard that Mu Xinfei brought what he needed.

**"The production line is on the car. There are a few dozen technical workers. The relevant techniques from loading to production to maintenance are all here."**

Since Mu Xinfei decided to work with Cloud Peak, she didn't hold back. Moreover, everything she saw made her more firm.



“Apart from that, I have brought around 200 workers from other technical backgrounds that you need.” Mu Xinfei continued, “Of course, as such people are heavily protected, so their families are all here. There are around a thousand of them, so you have to raise them too. I think with Cloud Peak’s wealth, you wouldn’t mind, right?”

That was normal; she was just joking.

In Cloud Peak, whether you were a lab worker, logistics worker, or warrior, your families had special rights.

Since these people were willing to work in Cloud Peak, then Ye Zhongming had the responsibility to take care of their families.

After asking, he discovered they were good in areas that Cloud Peak still hadn’t dove into. He was even happier. He already had plans to form a technical department.

Mu Xinfei took out the things she had promised, so she naturally hoped that Ye Zhongming would do the same. The two of them discussed. S Zone could recruit warriors from Cloud Peak’s territory, and Ye Zhongming would provide her with a batch of weapons.

After all, he had promised that for every person she recruited from Ying City, he would give her two potions. However, they were one-star and two-star potions.

“After the new division is set up, I hope that they can remain in Cloud Peak to be trained. We will send the teachers. I just hope you can provide food, lodging, and some safety and allow them to use the Ying City hunting ground and wheels. Also, I hope to borrow the Extreme Light Training Platform.”

Mu Xinfei looked at his expression and relaxed after seeing that it didn’t change. At the same time, she grumbled about her best friend Bai Sisi. If she were here, there would be some barrier, and she wouldn’t have to feel so afraid that the terms she was raising were too much.

But she could not do anything. Although S Zone’s situation improved, calm was brewing another storm. Her father and she had to be prepared.

“Of course, we have planned space in S Zone for Cloud Peak to set up a trading region. You can set up your stores there. At the same time, we can agree to share intel. But we must keep the resistance zone’s information secret, and I hope you can understand.”

Ye Zhongming nodded. He asked for information sharing so that he could build a wide intel net. He wasn’t very interested in resistance zone matters. Through Guang Yao, he discovered many things, so Ye Zhongming might have already known what S Zone had.

Mu Xinfei adjusted her posture and spoke up again.

“Mr Ye, can we talk about your crystal weapons? We are very interested in it.”

Xia Lei smiled.

“Commander Mu, honestly, you can’t even afford the equipment, so why are you confident talking about crystal weapons?”

Based on what they understood, Mu Xinfei and her father only had control of two divisions. If not, she wouldn’t have come here to build a new division.

But apart from some to do defensive work, two divisions weren’t enough to support an entire zone. She had turned against some from her own zone, which made the situation even worse.

They couldn’t even use anything to equip themselves. Just look at how the new division was left in Ying City to train, and you will know how poor they were.

Cloud Peak’s support of them was an investment for the future. For them to actually talk about crystal weapons now was no wonder Ye Zhongming was silent.

Mu Xinfei rolled her eyes at the beautiful woman on the side. She understood the situation and naturally knew what was happening!

“S Zone has a good hunting ground, and it is one of our sources of income. But a few of my father’s rebellious subordinates have taken it over. If Cloud Peak can help us regain it, our friendship will deepen.”

Even Ye Zhongming couldn’t help but mock, “Do you have other requests? Why not say them all out.”

Her face turned red. She sucked a deep breath and knew that the conditions she brought to the table would affect the success of the negotiation.

“Of course, we won’t let Cloud Peak do things for free, and we won’t get the weapons for free. We can trade with something.”

“What?” Xia Lei asked.

Did they have purple equipment? They were asking them to send troops and also wanted crystal weapons. To be honest, golden equipment wasn’t even worth such a price.

“Death Bone Demon Platform.”

Ye Zhongming’s eyes opened wide.

Mu Xinfei, who had been staring at his expression, picked up that slight change and was excited. She knew that she had a chance.

As expected, Ye Zhongming’s words proved that he knew about the equipment. He also had a good understanding.

“Mother or son platform?”

“Both!”

“How many?”

“A total of three.”

“How alive is the mother platform?”

“Although it hasn’t reached the reproductive stage, it is mature.”

Xia Lei and Guang Yao looked at them speak and were confused. They didn’t know what had caused Ye Zhongming to be so excited.

Ye Zhongming looked down and thought about it.

“Cloud Peak will have a big operation next, and we can’t send troops to help you solve the hunting group. But we can support you with some equipment for you to maintain the situation. Once the new division is formed, we can help you to solve the problem.”

He stretched two fingers, “We can give you a batch of crystal weapons, but not many, and they won’t be the latest model. Apart from that, we can give you 100 explosion gene lifeforms.”

“If you agree, let’s have a good time working together.”

Mu Xinfei blinked before reaching her hand out to him.

Chapter 945: Death Bone Platform

“This is the Death Bone Platform?”

A giant truck in Mu Xinfei’s caravan carried this big fellow that was covered in black cloth.

The four discussed, and Ye Zhongming was eager to see the platform.

Xia Lei looked at the platform that was shifted to the ground and asked Ye Zhongming.

Even the knowledgeable Xia Lei and Guang Yao had never seen this thing. If they met it outside, they might think it was just the bone of a mutated lifeform and wouldn’t believe it was a piece of equipment.

No, not equipment. Xia Lei and the others felt a very calm life force on this thing. If they didn’t look closely, it was easy to miss out on it.

It was a living being.

The Death Bone Platform didn’t look complicated. It just looked like there were many arc-shaped bones growing from the edges of a giant circular bone base. There were many such bones that intersected towards the middle and connected at the center of the platform.

The mother platform was around 50 square meters. Two of those bones were joined to resemble doors.

These all seemed ordinary; at most, their shapes were a little weird. What was shocking was that there were many purple tentacles at the base.

These tentacles weren’t huge; each was the size of a brush, and they just looked like magnified mops.

The bottom of the tentacles had suction cups. They didn’t move, just pressing on the ground and supporting its huge body.

The son platform was similar, with the only differences being the size, number of bones, and positions of those bones.

The son platform had only one long bone in the center of the bone platform.

“This is the Death Bone Platform.”

The exact same words, but one was a question, and one was a certain answer.

Ye Zhongming touched the three platforms, and couldn't hide his excitement. He was just faking it previously.

This was the Death Bone Platform!

In his last life, he didn't know how many sets there were, but only heard of one owned by a super faction. In this life, maybe that set belonged to him.

Death Bone Platform was a special lifeform, and it wasn't a piece of equipment.

There was only one function for humans, it was... Teleportation!

In his last life, people found out about this thing by chance. A small faction found the mother platform in the wilderness and brought it back to their camp. They analyzed it for a long time but were confused and didn't know what to do about it.

They could only leave it there.

One night, everyone disappeared, no matter how strong their defenses were or how many people were on duty.

By chance, a survivor who was out on sentry returned and saw something that terrified him.

He saw a partner walking to the side of the Death Bone Platform and suddenly being sucked over. He flew two meters before falling onto the circular platform. His body started to fade, and he disappeared.

When this person rushed over to see what had happened, that person reappeared. He was still in that fallen state, just that he was thinner.

A second later, that person disappeared and reappeared. And then disappeared!

These dozen disappearances occurred within a minute. When this person appeared for the final time, he had turned into a pile of white bones. Moreover, his bones had become sticky liquid and seeped into the bone platform.

The guard was terrified and exclaimed to get others to come over. He described what had happened. At first, they didn't believe it, but on the second night, they witnessed it happen.

This faction was called Demon Ghost, so they named it Death Bone Demon Platform.

This equipment was then sold to another faction. They were much stronger and much more technical. After a few months, they understood what this was. A month later, they brought something similar to it back from outside.

As time passed, this thing became more famous, and everyone finally knew what it was.

Death Bone Platform was a lifeform that ate evolved lifeforms. But the way it ate was special. Every night, it would teleport things to absorb their energy. How to teleport? The mother and son platforms were connected. Each time it teleported something, it would absorb some energy until they were sucked dry.

Humans were smart; their research spirits were very strong, too. After breaking this mystery, they didn't stop. That faction nurtured this thing. Fortunately, it wasn't too picky. Not only did it eat humans, but it also ate mutated animals and lifeforms. Even if the evolved had a higher level than it, it would lose resistance after a few times and get absorbed.

Finally, they nurtured it to its reproduction stage, and then... It reproduced.

A son platform split from the purple tentacles of the mother platform.

The originally white mother and son platforms then turned to a similar purple as those tentacles.

People noticed that the platform stopped consuming food, but it still had that ability to teleport. One could teleport between the mother and son platform and not worry about having your energy sucked. Moreover, after a few times, the faction understood that the new son platform's teleportation length of time would increase from the first few days to a few months.

That faction made use of this 'life equipment' to do many things and jump into a super faction.

Dangers were everywhere in the apocalypse. Be it the skies or underground, there were dangers everywhere. Mu Xinfei and her caravan spent half a month getting to Cloud Peak, but if it was peacetime, she could have crossed China many times.

This showed how precious teleportation devices were.

Xia Lei and Guang Yao were tempted when they heard Ye Zhongming's description. After seeing Mu Xinfei's reaction, they understood that she knew its function.

Looking at the time, that faction probably just understood the function of the Death Bone Platform but it was here with Cloud Peak. With Mu Xinfei's current situation, she couldn't afford it and that faction wouldn't sell it.

So how did she get it? The answer was obvious.

Ye Zhongming was deep in thought. No one was innocent in the apocalypse.

Xia Lei suddenly asked, "Since it is a lifeform then where is its demon crystal?"

Ye Zhongming pointed at those purple tentacles.

Chapter 946: Boat

Xia Lei turned the mother platform upside down and saw the crystal's level.

It was day, and the platform that didn't feed was a harmless baby. Of course, you couldn't be too out of hand; if not, it would fight back.

There was a black crystal in the purple tentacles. Xia Lei didn't understand. The thing her guy was so interested in was only level three?

Seeing Xia Lei's confusion, Ye Zhongming smiled, "Each time it reproduces, this thing would evolve to the next level. If someone feeds it..."

Ye Zhongming didn't continue and knew that Xia Lei would understand.

In his last life, the faction with the Death Bone Platform nurtured it to level nine. Although it didn't have combat strength, but the aura alone would scare many mutated lifeforms away.

That was the truth. That faction's base was one of the safest human bases. It was much safer than the super faction city that Le Dayuan was in.

"Find a safe place for this. No one to get within twenty meters of it at night." Ye Zhongming thought about it, "No, fifty meters. Then capture some level four lifeforms and toss them beside it until it stops feeding."

Although the Death Bone Platform was only level three and the range was only over a dozen meters, Cloud Peak would feed it, so it was probably evolving soon. Ye Zhongming felt it was safer to set the distance more conservatively in case accidents occurred.

Seeing that Ye Zhongming was pleased with it, Mu Xinfei relaxed. The more she came into contact with him, the more she understood how amazing he was. In addition to his magical crafting ability, the strength of his men and himself also impressed her.

The strength pyramid structure in the apocalypse was becoming more obvious. The people at the top got there by ripping off and condensing riches. It was the same even in the resistance zone.

But Cloud Peak was the opposite. Although the strength structure was still the most stable pyramid shape, the higher-ups returned the favor to those below, and they all helped each other.

80% of the resources that the higher-ups used to evolve were provided by Ye Zhongming. They got the remaining 20% themselves. Cloud Peak's structure formed an environment where the warriors fought to win interest for their battle squads. Their higher-ups would then get potions and equipment of similar value.

In other factions, that was impossible. In normal situations, warriors would put in 100% effort, but they would only get 30-50% of the reward.

Mu Xinfei was filled with emotions. No wonder Cloud Peak members had such a strong sense of belonging. They didn't even collapse when such a huge mutated lifeform army surrounded them. The people here would get rewarded for their effort, and the rewards would also exceed.

Everyone was willing to come to such a place. She might even think about joining if not for her being stuck in the resistance zone.

She was joining to stay for a period of time. Apart from bringing him the gun production line and some workers, she brought around 100 people. They were the teachers and future leaders of the new division. She was going to start recruiting nearby.

When she left for Ying City with a batch of potions and equipment, Xia Bai and her squad returned with a batch of water and ice element gems.

After Xia Bai was better, Ye Zhongming sent her to the Upper River Dungeon.

Xia Lei's Flame Tiger Operation wasn't a full success due to the mutated lifeform army's siege. The bit of failure was that they only took down a part of the Upper River Dungeon. There was still an area that was occupied by lifeforms. Xia Bai led her group to gain full control of the dungeon.

With her seven-star strength and her full silver squad, which was all five-star, they spent two days before gaining full control. They then followed what Ye Zhongming taught them to mine that natural gem mine. Once the team sent to take charge of the area arrived, Xia Bai led her members back.

Ye Zhongming was satisfied with her gains. Over a thousand basic ice gems, a few dozen intermediate. There were fewer basic water gems, only 400, and over ten intermediate ones.

With these, Staff of Nature's energy source wouldn't be a problem for a period of time. As they got full control of the dungeon, such gems would be sent back regularly until that gem mountain was emptied.

Xia Bai was back, so she took over Ye Zhongming's protection. The monitoring squad also returned to Xia Lei's side, which made Ye Zhongming a little helpless. Did he need protection? But he looked at Xia Lei and Xia Bai's gazes and could only agree.

"Look at this data." Ye Zhongming passed what he had to Xia Lei and Xia Bai. On it was the situation about a wheel.

"Level seven wheel?"

The two of them took a look and didn't know what he meant.

Although they knew that he could eliminate some options to increase their chances of getting potions, they didn't have too many level-seven crystals. They obtained some in this fight, but the number shouldn't be enough to get a seven-star potion.

Based on what Ye Zhongming usually did, he wouldn't gamble.

"Look at the rewards."

The two of them took a closer look.

Seven-star potion, a silver sword, silver boots, green bracers, a battle beast egg, an intermediate strength potion, an advanced airdrop, a bag of millet seeds, building cement, and a crystal energy-powered fishing boat.

Starting from the level seven wheel, there weren't many useless rewards. Each of them was precious. Of the ten rewards, the most valuable ones were naturally the seven-star potion and green bracers, but the others were good items, too.

"No recipe, no scroll, no card." She shook her head, "I don't understand; what do you want?"

Cloud Peak was preparing for the Imperial City defense, so Xia Lei couldn't understand Ye Zhongming's thoughts.

He smiled and pointed at the last reward.

“This ship.”

Chapter 947: Breeze Battle Dress

Due to the bounty, Cloud Peak had a very detailed list of the wheels around Cloud Peak. Their locations, the rewards, the number of crystals needed for each spin, and the battle squad's territory it was in were all recorded.

Xia Lei knew that Ye Zhongming would study these details while resting after crafting equipment or spinning wheels. She knew that his guy was trying to find some sequences that might exist from them.

“This ship?”

Xia Lei looked at the information that had been confirmed by Cloud Peak members and still didn't understand.

“What do you want a ship for?”

There wasn't much water near Cloud Peak, so what was the point of a ship?

Xia Lei recalled something.

“You want to give it to the Cloud Port Division?”

Ye Zhongming nodded, “I don't know what Little Peng's situation is like. That place has been established for some time. Although news has spread back, it is inefficient. At least, during the last transmission, that area was still in the fishing stage. Their rewards are restricted, so things will be different with this ship.”

Ye Zhongming deemed that place as Cloud Peak's top provision area. Although the secret realm would replace it, but it would be ranked second.

Moreover, the ocean lifeform materials couldn't be replaced.

“Meat Metal?”

Xia Lei blinked, and she was delighted after getting Ye Zhongming's praise.

“Although I can use our materials to craft green equipment, but the skills are weaker than those blueprint equipment. I want to turn Xia Bai's squad full green. I think Thousand Leaf Phosphor Armor is the most suitable.”

Ye Zhongming looked at the details and analyzed the pros and cons.

“This wheel is... East Mountain Village?”

Xia Lei nodded and looked at the information: “Since Uncle Hai disappeared, mutated plants have occupied that place. As these things aren't strong and there are many of them, it is quite problematic to deal with, so no one hunted there. Someone used binoculars to see the wheel and gave us the details. We sent people to confirm that there is a blueprint of a battle dress.”



Due to the blueprint, Xia Lei knew that Uncle Hai probably didn't spin this wheel as it was level five. They didn't have the ability to spin it then, so the blueprint was left. The mutated plants then occupied the area.

“Let's head to these two places first.” Ye Zhongming thought about it and led Xia Bai and Liang Chuyin's squad.

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They headed to East Mountain Village first, but they bumped into some problems. These mutated plants with red flowers, green fruit, and black branches ranged from levels two to five. They spat poisonous mist while attacking and would even fire the green fruits like bullets.

To avoid unneeded casualties, Ye Zhongming used Water Bottle Protection. With their level and equipment, along with mutated lifeform attacks being weakened against him, the problem was just a minor one.

When he got the blueprint, he learned it immediately.

“Breeze Battle Dress, defense 230, toughness 300.”

“Ability 1, Moving with the wind. Increase user's agility by 10%.”

“Ability 2, Elegant Rhythm. When the user moves, the dress would rustle, and it helps to keep up alert. Moreover, it increases resistance against charms and illusions.”

“Ability 3, Heroine Power. Female equipment. To make up for the weakness of females, increase strength by 15%.”

“Ability 4, Charm Dance. Active ability. When activated, will reduce stamina consumption and cause user to charm male opponents when fighting. Reduce their speed and mental energy. When user's mental energy is higher than the target, continue to weaken his reaction speed.”

Ye Zhongming was satisfied. It had only one primary ability and wasn't an attack ability.

But it was very practical and helped to buff their stats. There was also an obvious advantage against male enemies.

He looked at the materials. Four were needed. As a blueprint, its materials could be switched off, so only three were fixed. They weren't hard to get. With Cloud Peak's influence, it shouldn't be a problem.

This was the benefit of being a big faction. Cloud Peak wouldn't be able to do it in the past.

After leaving East Mountain Village, they swept the mutated plants before leading the two teams to the level seven wheel.

This was a grain processing plant 50 kilometers from Ying City. It was within the base of a faction, but that faction wasn't strong. It occupied the level seven wheel with the mentality that although they couldn't use it now, it was still a level seven wheel.

The faction head knew his place and knew what Ye Zhongming and his group were here for. He led his team out so they didn't disturb Ye Zhongming.

Ye Zhongming looked at the wheel and confirmed the rewards before spinning.

With the elimination technique, he had a 20% success rate on the advanced wheel. He could eliminate five rewards and spin for the remaining five.

He only had enough crystals for three spins, so he wasn't confident that he could get the seven-star potion or that ship.

He considered it and eliminated the two silver pieces of equipment: the seed, advanced airdrop, and cement. The seven-star potion, Bluewater Fishing Boat, Green Bracelets, Intermediate Strength Potion, and Beast Egg remained.

After doing all that, he knew it was all down to luck.

The wheel spun and landed on the green bracers. Ye Zhongming looked at it. It was decent. Three skills, two passives, and one active. The active was to fire a ball of light to knock back and damage targets nearby.

The bracers was an accessory which was what he lacked. He could enchant it to make an Earth set.

The green bracers didn't disappear, which slightly disappointed him. If they did, his success rate would increase to 25%.

He spun the second time. He was slightly nervous. The needle spun and landed... On the beast egg.

Chapter 948: Bluewater

Ye Zhongming's teeth hurt. Although the beast egg was decent, it wasn't what he needed. Now, he only had enough crystals for one last spin.

He didn't even check what the egg was and just kept it.

Although he didn't get the seven-star potion or the Bluewater Fishing Boat, but the beast egg was unique. It disappeared from the wheel, and he was left with four choices.

Ye Zhongming took a deep breath and began his final spin.

The four rewards spun quickly. Ye Zhongming felt like this wheel was just teasing him, and the duration of this spin was extremely long.

When the needle started to slow, his eyebrows rose. Was it going to stop on the potion?

From the normal angle, that was the best reward. He could accept it if he got a seven-star potion.

But things often went against what you wished. The needle missed the evolution potion and stopped on that... Fishing Boat.

Ye Zhongming shook his head and picked up the ship model. He placed it to the side, and the boat recovered to its usual size.

This should be a mixed-structure fishing boat. The body was made of unknown metal and wood. At the same time, it was blue-grade equipment.

This was the highest grade that could come out of a level seven wheel.

After Ye Zhongming got it, it disappeared from the wheel.

It was 20 meters long, and the pilot room was wrapped in brown wood. It was fully sealed and surrounded by transparent glass. The deck was around  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the ship's length, and the ship's body was silver.

Ye Zhongming jumped on and took a look. There wasn't an engine room, and there was only a platform. It had holes similar to those of wheels. He tried, and the level four crystal failed. Only level five crystals could move the ship. Moreover, there were five holes, which meant that only after putting five level five crystals would the ship finally move.

The cabin was split into two. One was a water prison. It was just a giant fenced-in pool. There wasn't any water there now, and the fence was open. A metal cage to the side of it was also opened up.

Ye Zhongming knocked the metal. He didn't know what type of metal it was. He tested it out, and the blue Sand Dance could only leave a small white mark on it. Moreover, it would heal along with time. In just a few minutes, that white mark disappeared.

Not bad!

Ye Zhongming gave up on slicing a piece and taking it back to study. Le Dayuan was very interested in the alloys of the various wheels, but this boat was of use, and he couldn't destroy it.

The water prison and metal cage should be for water lifeforms that they had captured.

The bottom of the cabin was also made of that alloy. Moreover, there were patterns on the walls, and they had some power.

Ye Zhongming found two important parts when he got out of the cabin. The weapon and hunting systems.

There were two types of weapons. One was the two energy harpoons that could turn 180 degrees. One on each side. The other was the sharp spires at the front and the back.

There were two types of fishing nets: trawls and plunging nets.

Of course, the plunging net was just a term he invented. Ye Zhongming wasn't familiar with the fishing industry and only knew that when this net was placed into the ocean, it was like a giant cover. After you captured the prey, you would just lift it up.

Ye Zhongming took a look. Although he roughly understood it, but he didn't have a deep understanding.

He thought about it and tried to enchant the ship. He didn't modify it much and didn't use too precious materials or materials like Fertile Soil and Ghost Metal, which might be rejected.

After Enchanting, Ye Zhongming felt his mental energy drop. If it was another Smith, his mental energy would have been sucked dry. This showed how high this ship's level was. Moreover, a large machine was different from ordinary weapons.

After Enchanting, Ye Zhongming received the basic information about the ship.

“Bluewater Fishing Boat, ability 1, Riding the Wave. While moving in the water, the current and wind effect will drop by 30%.”

“Ability 2, Full Control. When the ship is in water, you can control it agilely.”

“Ability 3, Arrow Fish Heart. Active skill. Consume some energy to increase the ship's speed by two times.”

“Ability 4, Environment Simulation. After you place the ship into a certain liquid, it would model the environment of that liquid.”

“Ability 5, Metal Body. Increase the toughness of the entire ship and spread the damage evenly in each part unless the damage can pierce through the ship.”

“Ability 6, Energy sail. When activated, an energy cover around the ship is formed to block attacks no more than ten times the strength of the ship's defense for an hour. The barrier will disappear once the time is up or the attacks are too strong. The skill will consume a huge amount of energy, a cooldown of 24 hours.”

“Ability 7, self weapon system. You can equip six pieces of equipment on the ship. If it is an attack weapon, then each weapon will reduce the ship's defense by 5%. If it is a defensive weapon, then each will reduce speed by 5%.”

“Defence 1500. Highest speed, 35 knots.”

Ye Zhongming thought about it. He was judging the mutated lifeform's damage. After judging, he felt like this boat should have the basic stats to sail on the ocean.

Of course, it was only shallow waters. Even if they added defensive equipment in all six spots, they couldn't block the terrifying beings deep in the ocean.

The Pliosaurus would be able to pierce the ship with a few hits.

The next step was to shift it to Cloud Port. he would also send a son platform to connect the two bases.

To reduce the time, Ye Zhongming told people to tie the ship to the Exquisite Floating Ball. He also placed the son platform into the ball. He then rushed to Cloud Port alone with these things.

It wasn't that Xia Bai and the others weren't willing to follow; there was no space.

Ye Zhongming feared he would bump into a strong air lifeforce, so he let the ball fly in low space. That shocked many human survivors.

He took a few hours and arrived at Cloud Port, which he had left long ago.

#### Chapter 949: Failed fishing

“Remember carefully. I will head down when the marker moves. All of you attack when that fellow reveals its head; be more accurate!”

Little Peng wore a tight leather shirt of unknown material, revealing his muscular figure. He stared at the ocean surface and gave orders to a 50-person squad.

Beside him were four evolved men holding a giant fishing rod. The long fishing line was tossed into the ocean, and when it landed, fresh blood spread around the ocean's surface.

After saying that, Little Peng checked his equipment.

Two tridents were by his waist, and a harpoon was on his back. There were daggers tied to his arms and his ankle.

He pulled out the trident and looked at the water's surface to see if there was any movement.

“So long?”

A subordinate muttered. He frowned and was slightly impatient.

Fishing in the base hadn't been going well recently. The number of prey had reduced compared to a few days ago, which caused their gains to decline. Even Little Peng came himself today. They were also using the most precious bait-- mutated lamb meat. If those fellows that swam near the shore didn't get on the hook, they could basically confirm that something was happening in the ocean.

“It moved!”

The giant marker sunk, causing everyone to focus. Little Peng looked to the side. That person closed his eyes, and mental energy surged from his body. It spread across the ocean surface and reached the marker.

He then opened his eyes and nodded to Little Peng, “Mutated dolphin fish, but only one. But I can't sense its level.”

This was a special job, “Brain Artist”. The main ability was to consume mental energy to scan a specific location and sense what was happening there.

As the job level increased, the ability would get stronger. One could even scan a very far location when it reached the highest level.

As the situation in the ocean was very dangerous, when the Cloud Port division fished for such quick and strong fishes like the Dolphin Fish, they would definitely bring this evolved along. If there were too many of them or if there were dangers in the water, they wouldn't head in and would just try to drag the fish onto shore.

However, as the Mutated Dolphin Fish was very powerful, Cloud Peak's fishing line couldn't last long. It would break in a few seconds. Their fishing attempt would fail if they couldn't pull it up quickly.

Little Peng ran on shore before diving into the water. The others prepared their skills. The moment the dolphin fish showed its head, they would attack it. The four guys holding the thick rod also controlled the fish in the water to prevent the fishing line from breaking.

As he had the Ocean King Crown mark, Little Peng could breathe underwater, his water resistance dropped, and he also had sensory and water healing. The moment he got down, he swam like a fish in water.

A giant figure was moving about there. Not only was it not worried that a special hook hooked its mouth, but it was even more violent.

Little Peng's heart sank because he guessed the Dolphin Fish's level.

Normal speaking, the higher the level, the bigger the body. Although there were exceptions, but most of them followed this rule.

This dolphin fish was a huge ball. Little Peng felt that it was at least level five.

As expected, when he got close, the dolphinfish noticed him and bared its teeth, revealing the red crystal on its forehead.

Level six!

Little Peng turned and left immediately!

He had no choice. If he were on shore, he wouldn't be afraid. He was a six-star evolved and had good equipment. Even if he couldn't defeat a beast of the same level, he could keep himself safe.

But even if he had the Ocean King Mark, he wasn't confident in defeating it underwater. If he was not careful, there was a high chance that he would die.

Seeing the human suddenly turn to flee, that fellow who was struggling with the hook calmed down. It then pushed through the water and chased.

The people by the shore realized that something was unusual. Moreover, that Brain Artist used his job skill again. He pointed at the water and shouted, "A bunch of mutated dolphinfish are getting close!"

Many people's skills landed between Little Peng at that level six mutated dolphin fish to try to stop that fellow that had revealed the sharp scales on its back.

Little Peng was quick but not as fast as the ocean lifeform behind him. When he was 20 meters from the shore, that dolphinfish was close to him. It opened its mouth and fired a ball of ocean sand, which struck him.

He didn't dodge and continued to swim.

When it was about to hit him, a purplish black figure rose from the area where Little Peng passed. It blocked behind him and took the hits.

At the same time, a purple liquid spat from that lifeform's body, dying the ocean water the same color.

That dolphin fish turned, and that fishing line broke. That fierce dolphinfish shook its body twice before turning and leaving.

Little Peng got to shore and turned to see the lifeform that helped him block the attack slowly floating over. This was his battle pet. It was now level five, and looked very soft, but its defense was high. However, it had toxins that even level six and seven lifeforms feared.

Everyone raised the broken rod and rushed over in dejection.

The line and hook were specially made. Otherwise, they wouldn't have been able to trick a cunning mutated lifeform. Each loss was a huge one.

"It is okay, next time..."

"Boss!"

A person rushed over hurriedly, which attracted all the attention.

"Boss, that, boss is here!"

Everyone was confused, and they only redacted a few seconds later. Little Peng led them over and saw Ye Zhongming strolling in the camp.

Everyone was delighted. After talking about the recent situation, Ye Zhongming told them to find a spot for the son platform and also told them how to use and nurture it.

He then heard that Little Peng and the others had gone fishing, so he became interested. He took them to carry the Bluewater Boat and returned to the ocean shore.

Chapter 950: Amazing fishing boat

Many Cloud Port members drooled when they saw the beautiful equipment.

Blue equipment! It was also a large piece of blue equipment. Not caring if it was good or not, just the level alone was something that many had never seen before.

Little Peng excitedly looked around the boat and touched it with love.

Although this place was close to the ocean but, how did the people hunt? Most of the time, they would wait for the mutated lifeforms to come to shore. Apart from that, they could only fish.

They did think about creating ships to head into the ocean but normal ships couldn't fight against those mutated lifeforms. Even if the navy warships came, it would shatter.

Although Cloud Port received much support from the headquarters, the outcome wasn't obvious. Most of their gains still came from the land lifeforms.

After Ye Zhongming introduced this ship to them, everyone found out that heading down into the ocean to fish might become practical.

Bluewater Fishing Boat was simple to manage and didn't need professional sailors. Ye Zhongming led Little Peng and seven slightly stronger members to the ship. After placing five demon crystals, Ye Zhongming drove the ship into the ocean.

"Really advanced. It has real time monitoring of the underwater situation?"

"This is to control the weapons system? Full physical control. What is this?"

“Extra armor. Boss mentioned it when he introduced.”

“This should be the speed, right?”

“This is radar? Five thousand meters away and a thousand meters underwater.”

“There is a water jail below, and it is very tough!”

The few of them looked around like children and exclaimed.

Little Peng occasionally interrupted, but most of the time, they just observed and learned from Ye Zhongming. Ye Zhongming would also tell them about the ship's abilities and exact values.

At the same time, Ye Zhongming paid a lot of attention to energy consumption. What made him relax was that the energy consumption wasn't too serious. If they didn't fight and just sailed, the five level-five crystals could last for 50 hours.

“Boss, it is that mutated dolphin fish school!”

The person paying attention to the radar shouted. Everyone turned to look. As expected, a school of 231 mutated dolphinfish was charging over aggressively.

These fish, which fishermen used to call little sister fish, had become the strongest in the shallow ocean region.

“They were the ones you failed to fish?”

Ye Zhongming smiled while controlling the fishing nets.

“Right. These fishes are full of treasure. Their scales are tough and can be made into armor. Their flesh is delicious and contains a lot of energy. Their teeth are great for making arrowheads. Their bones can be ground into powder and would increase the strength of beasts.”

“So good?” Ye Zhongming was more interested. He looked at the data panels, indicating that the school of fish was charging over. They would clash with the fishing boat in 40 seconds.

“The most precious thing is their blood.” Little Peng looked at the screen nervously.

“We have a Chef who obtained a delicious recipe called Delectable Fish Tofu. The main ingredient is the blood of such fish. The item can increase the survivor's water element skill strength and can also increase their adaptability to water.”

Ye Zhongming nodded and said nothing as it was time for them to hunt!

Ye Zhongming felt like the time was right, so he pressed the button. The plunging net covered the water.



To be honest, Ye Zhongming was confident in the ship's body but not the nets.

The nets weren't something that humans could craft, so he was worried. If the net was damaged, how was he going to switch it?

The plunging net entered the water and quickly covered the mutated dolphinfish as if it were facing no resistance.

The mutated lifeforms weren't ordinary fishes like before. Once they were attacked, they would fight back. After sensing the net, many small fishes fired the ocean sand. The rest shook their bodies to form water pearls that hit the net.

**"They are using their talent skill, Freezing Water Pillar!"**

They fired water pillars from their bodies, and lifeforms that touched them would freeze. They would lose their speed in the water and be free for the picking. This ability terrified many water element job users, so they didn't dare head underwater.

Ocean sand and Water Pearl hit the net and caused it to shake. Ye Zhongming noticed that as the net shook, the energy of the five crystals dropped by around 10%.

The device indicated that the frozen net suddenly spread downwards, wrapping a bunch of fish that were caught off guard.

**"It succeeded?"** Many of their mouths opened wide. They didn't know if it was a success or not. Until they saw the net retract, pulling the fish out of the surface. There were over 30 mutated dolphinfish of different levels in it. Someone even saw a level-five fish!

Did it really succeed?

Although the truth was before their eyes, but they were stunned momentarily before they cheered.

Ye Zhongming smiled. But he saw that as the mutated fishes struggled, the energy was also being consumed.

He pressed a button, and the net moved close to the ship. A door opened, and the fish were placed inside.

That place is connected to the water prison.

30 fish were locked in the water prison, and the prison gates closed. No matter how they struggled, there was no chance of escaping. Moreover, the energy consumption didn't stop but was now very slow.

The cabin had such a function.

This gave Ye Zhongming huge confidence. He controlled the ship, using the passive abilities to make rounds around the area. He would then toss the net. The mutated dolphinfish that were anxious to fight back were tugged and dragged by the ship to the shore.