

Apocalypse 951

Chapter 951: Honest kid

Although Ye Zhongming couldn't see the entire ship through the screens, he sensed that the ship was heavier.

“Hong!”

The ship's body shook, and its speed reduced. Each evolved could sense the ship shaking from left to right.

“The Fish King!”

Just one glance and someone saw the fish king. The ship shook because of the fish king's attack.

The fish had to be at least level seven to be called a king. The level six dolphinfish that Little Peng bumped into could, at most, be considered an elite monster.

Before Ye Zhongming got here, he equipped four pieces of armor to the ship, which increased its defense. Although he sacrificed some speed but, it made things safer.

The defense of the ship was indicated in percentage. The nets were hit, but the overall defense didn't drop. Only energy was used. But that hit from the king fish caused the defense to fall by 2%.

This was data that survivors didn't know if they were high or not.

The reason why was that they didn't know how that fish king attacked. If it were a normal hit, then that would be a big problem. If it used a strong attack, it might cause 10% or more damage. If that was a skill that resulted in only a 2% drop, this meant that the fellow wasn't of much threat. Survivors could even rely on the ship to battle it.

But the ship suffered from a series of attacks. The plunging net had 30 fish, and the trawler had over a hundred. But there were 231 fish, which meant that there were still many outside. These fishes followed their king to attack the ship.

The ship's defense went from 90% to 91%.

Ye Zhongming wasn't sure if the consumption could be repaired with energy. If it needed people to repair, he didn't have such a talent.

Thus, he activated Bluewater Fishing Boat's defense skill-- Energy Sail.

The entire ship was covered in a thin barrier.

It wasn't a circular energy barrier and was more of a layer of armor.

As Ye Zhongming had added four pieces of armor to the ship, its overall defense went from 1500 to 2400+. The energy sail added a tenfold defence barrier, which was 24000+ defense. This number was terrifying.

The Exquisite Floating Ball was strong, but that was only 2000...

The moment the energy sail appeared, the mutated fish attacks were blocked, and the defense number stopped dropping.

“Yi?”

Someone exclaimed. He retracted the head that he stuck out of the cabin. He touched it and then stretched it out.

This time, everyone saw changes.

The part that he stuck out of the cabin was also covered in a layer of energy.

Even the people on the ship were protected.

“Go up and kill them!”

The few of them got onto the deck and used the energy harpoons and their own weapons to attack the fish.

Each person was covered in a layer, and their defense was over 24000. They were invincible.

Blood appeared on the ocean’s surface as the school of fish was covered by the human’s strong firepower.

There was joy, and also, there were worries. The energy sail’s appearance consumed a huge amount of energy. The energy bar was dropping swiftly. The five level-five crystals that could have lasted for over a dozen hours could only last for ten more minutes.

The trawler net had placed the fish into the water prison. Ye Zhongming tossed it out. He didn’t care about the rewards and just drove the ship toward the shore.

The school of fish and fishing boat were in an intense chase. When the Bluewater Ship charged onto the shore, the mutated dolphinfish retreated. The energy sail disappeared, too, and the energy of the five crystals was consumed.

They entered the cabin and killed the mutated fish. With the water prison, these fellows could only get killed.

They captured 160 fish, one level-six, four level-five, and the rest were levels three and four.

This deal was a huge win compared to the five crystals that had been spent.

“You need to build a shallowwater dock with strong fences. We can’t charge onto shore every time.” ye Zhongming handed control to Little Peng. When the ship was driven onto shore, the defense had decreased.

Of course, with this ship, they could create many strategies around it. They could even start operations with some manmade ships.

These mutated dolphinfish caused some excitement in Cloud Port. Many people appeared, and they went to work. Some plucked the scales, some cleaned the bones, and some let out the blood. They were swamped.

Ye Zhongming and Little Peng left the crowd and entered a secret warehouse.

“Now we have around 15000 people, 9000 warriors, 500 with special abilities. We have around a thousand necessary talents. The rest are family and logistics.”

“With the headquarter’s support, the average level is three-star. Those with special abilities are stronger, but the average is not four-star.”

“This is the material warehouse. I didn’t collect much on the list. These are the other materials.”

“Some scrolls and cards are in the box.”

“I collected most of the wheel data you needed, and I can consolidate them for you by tomorrow.”

Little Peng said while introducing the things to Ye Zhongming.

“Oh, right, the crystals are there.”

Ye Zhongming looked towards his gaze and saw a pile of crystals that was stacked into a small mountain.

Ye Zhongming was touched. This kid was so honest. He probably saved all the things he got during this period of time.

“Didn’t I say that you can deal with the level three crystals yourself? Also, you can use the scrolls in advance.”

Little Peng scratched his head, “I think that it is best in your hands. It is a waste for me to use them.”

Ye Zhongming couldn’t say anything to that. He tapped his shoulder and was pleased with his initial decision.

This was an honest kid.

Ye Zhongming picked some of the materials, like meal metal, and kept them before leaving the rest to Little Peng.

He didn’t plan to keep the crystals and would spin them into potions. Based on their performance, he would split them among the warriors. He would give Little Peng some high-grade crystals so that he could use the ship.

Ye Zhongming spent some time on those scrolls and cards. Little Peng had collected a few decent ones.

Chapter 952: Three elite items

One of them was a job scroll. The name of the job was- Flame Spirit.

This job was very famous in his last life.

There were two reasons for that. One was that this job's fire element power was very powerful. Moreover, it had both solo and aoe skills.

Although solo and aoe skills had pros and cons in fights, they had different uses based on the situation. But when humans hunted mutated lifeforms, aoe skills often had an advantage.

The most famous of the solo skills was- Flame Pillar. It was a pure burning skill that relied on high temperatures to deal damage to a target.

It didn't have any flame poison, knockback, etc, but it still sent fear into people's hearts.

An eight-star Flame Spirit could even threaten people with purple defensive equipment, which shows how strong that ability was.

The aoe skill Extreme Flame Prairie was the closest spell to those in Western novels. In the last life, it created a terrifying record of killing ten thousand mutated lifeforms in one go.

Another reason people craved this job was that once its level increased, the Flame Spirit could transform into a flame body. You would be immune to all damage apart from ice and water elemental damage.

That included physical damage!

When Ye Zhongming heard it in his last life, he was stunned.

Think about it. A Flame Spirit evolved that could transform facing an evolved that wasn't ice or water elemental. Those scenes...

His opponent would probably be thinking about dying.

Maybe because this ability was too strong, so there were many restrictions.

Like Park Xiuying's Light Envoy, the first was that those who learned this job could only have one job.

Next, the job skills consumed a huge amount of mental energy. As you couldn't learn other jobs, your mental energy could only be increased through potions or brain bugs. But how easy was it to get those?

Although Ye Zhongming had heard of a few people with this job, they were people who ran out of energy after two skills. If you dodged their skills, they would be very passive.

Lastly, for personal reasons, as this job was too strong, people weren't happy to see their enemy factions with it. So they used various methods to kill these Flame Spirits.

Based on what Ye Zhongming knew, no nine-star evolved had this job.

He asked him where the scroll came from. Little Peng said that he used all the beast eggs he got during this period of time to trade for it.

Many mutated lifeforms were used to give birth or lay eggs back on shore. This gave evolved the chance to get beast eggs. Cloud Port was the biggest faction in this shoreline, so naturally, they got many of such things. Little Peng mentioned that he got at least a few thousand of them.

To use a few thousand eggs to get such a scroll. Ye Zhongming didn't know if that was a good trade or not. That would depend on whether the egg had any precious species. If there were, it would naturally be a waste. If not, then it would be a huge win.

Thinking about how long it would take to hatch and nurture an egg, Ye Zhongming felt he would have done the same.

The second thing he felt was good was a card. The card recorded a skill called-- Black Halo Shield.

When you use it, form a black halo around the user's body to strengthen defense and reflect all skills except darkness element skills.

Of course, they didn't fully reflect but just reflected a certain ratio.

This skill was split into basic, intermediate and advanced and could be upgraded with the reflected ratio increasing. If Ye Zhongming recalled correctly, when the skill upgraded to advanced grade, the ratio would be 50%.

This meant that if the attack weren't strong enough to break the Black Halo Shield or have a special ability, then the strength of the person facing the shield would be reduced by half.

Although this skill had only one function and it wasn't as valuable as the Flame Spirit, for people with jobs who couldn't learn Flame Spirit, this job was more suitable for them.

For example, Ye Zhongming.

It was hard to imagine how when Ye Zhongming learned Black Halo Shield and upgraded it to a high level when he wore special black soil armor and his high-level equipment, who would be able to threaten him?

This card was a great fit for him.

Ye Zhongming was delighted and also asked where it came from. Little Peng laughed. He spun for it himself. Ye Zhongming could only be impressed by his luck.

As for the third item he was impressed with, it was a sealing scroll.

This was the highest-level sealing scroll, which usually appeared on level eight wheels. He didn't know how they got it.

"I was quite surprised with this scroll. When we thought about how to fish, we tried many ways. One time, two water job users used their jobs to head down. They planned to attack those weaker monsters and get a couple of crystals."

Little Peng was very excited when he brought this up.

"Who knew that they bumped into a large-scale battle in the ocean."

"Large scale?" Ye Zhongming asked.

"En." Little Peng nodded, "We estimated that two groups of lifeforms were fighting for territory. They fought and bumped into a protector beast, so the three sides battled. One of the two was bold and went to grab the scroll, which was what the protector beast was taking care of."

"They were our factions, so they handed it to me. I asked him what he wanted, and he said that he wanted a four-star potion, so I gave him two potions."

Ye Zhongming nodded. This thing's level was too high, and sealed equipment was uncommon. If it fell to ordinary people, there wasn't much use for it.

Ye Zhongming said, "Give him another five-star potion and help me thank him."

Little Peng nodded. He considered how to announce this so that everyone would know that the boss rewarded people who contributed.

Ye Zhongming took the sealing scroll and considered unsealing the Ocean King Crown!

Chapter 953: Unsealing Ocean King Crown

After obtaining the Ocean King Crown, the crown helped Ye Zhongming with the Wave Primordial Power as well as the mark.

All the core Cloud Peak members had the Ocean King Mark. Although their combat strength in the water wasn't extremely strong but, they had decent strength.

Without Park Xiuying by their side, ocean water was also able to heal some of their injuries.

With this sealing scroll, Ye Zhongming could unlock the next ability.

Ye Zhongming was excited about this silver equipment the moment he got it.

How could an item that the wheel called king be an ordinary item?

So Ye Zhongming took it out and started to unseal it.

The light on the crown spread and lit this warehouse up with many colors. Streaks of light split apart like a blooming flower. When these streaks of light reached their peak brightness, the silver color turned gentle and green.

Ye Zhongming received a notification.

"Ocean King Crown."

"Ability 1, Ocean King Mark. Give the person who owns it a mark, obtain the power of the mark. Level one ability, water breathing. Level two, reduced resistance in water. Level three, sensory increase. Level four, water healing. Level five, ocean damage reduction. Level six, sealed. Level seven, sealed. Level eight, sealed. Level nine, sealed."

"Ability 2, Wave Primordial Power, nourishes the user's strength, increasing their control and sensing of their strength."

"Ability 3, Gentle Coral, ocean water will nourish the user's body and increase their stats."

"Ability 4, sealed."

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They unsealed two abilities: the ocean damage reduction in the mark and Gentle Coral.

Ocean King Crown was different from other equipment in that it could not show the exact stat values that it provided.

However, due to Primordial Wave Power and what he sensed from the ocean healing, Ye Zhongming could use them as a reference.

Although it wasn't an accurate estimation, he was sure that the crown's increase in strength wasn't too much.

For example, ocean healing. Everyone tested, and there was some effect, but it wasn't obvious. Ye Zhongming felt that the Primordial Wave Power helped him control power, but it wasn't very obvious either.

So Ye Zhongming was happy that two abilities appeared, but he kept cool. In the long run, it was naturally one of the best pieces of equipment. But it wasn't as useful in the short term as the Black Halo Shield.

Ye Zhongming looked forward to whether or not the Ocean King Crown would be a ... Seven colored equipment!

If it could, then he might stand at the peak of the Earth.

He learned the Black Halo Shield. After losing a blue Bluewater Ship, he obtained three great things.

Ye Zhongming was satisfied with what Little Peng had achieved.

He found the wheel and spun all the crystals the division got into evolution potions. He even included some level-five crystals of his own.

He handed the thousands of one to five-star potions to Little Peng. He spent two days crafting a batch of good equipment. He upgraded all of their equipment before leaving Cloud Port.

He believed that the two bases would be connected because of the Death Bone Platform.

At the same time, he wouldn't need to worry about Cloud Port's safety. Cloud Port was the biggest faction in the previous beast wave attack. They got stronger with this batch of potions. Although it wasn't impenetrable, they should be fine unless they faced another such beast wave. Ye Zhongming told him that if they faced something they couldn't handle, they should just leave. Talent was the most important, and they could just fight for the territory again.

After returning to Cloud Peak, he asked Xia Lei about the situation while heading to the Secret Realm to take a look.

The war in Blue Secret Realm continued. Saint Light Hall's army wasn't unstoppable everywhere, but it was basically like that. As they had to wipe them out, so they killed everyone with each step they took. Either the Posthumous people became their slaves, or they were killed.

This meant that once the Saint Light Hall army bit into you, the Posthumous people would choose to fight to the death. While many of the Posthumous people died, the Saint Light Hall's progress was slowed.

That was great for Ye Zhongming, as he had more time to prepare to face the strong Saint Light Hall.

But the Posthumous people, they felt intense pain.

Even if more of them retreated to the Imperial City, the rapid reduction in the number of people they had caused their expressions to turn bad. Especially when they heard the news of kings dying. The few of them understood, and their faces sunk. This caused the entire city to be covered in a nervous and uneasy atmosphere.

Hong Xiang and Neal came to meet Ye Zhongming.

After greeting, Hong Xiang said solemnly, "Zhongming, we are loyal partners. I hope that we can work together more in-depth."

"Tell me about it."

Ye Zhongming nodded and told Hong Xiang to continue.

"We agree with the land exchange, but the area we control is dropping. We are worried that you would only give us a city."

This worry was something the Posthumous city higher-ups felt. Many feared that if the Imperial City battle went in a bad direction, they would all retreat to Earth and abandon the Blue Secret Realm. Cloud Peak might go against their word.

Or rather, be petty with the agreement.

Ye Zhongming shook his head, "I have found your territory. It is a hundred times better and wider than your living place. Even if we lose, you will get enough living space. That is my promise."

Neal and Hong Xiang trusted his word.

"Also, there are more and more people in the Imperial City. Can we move some families to Earth first?"

Ye Zhongming thought about it and agreed to that request.

Posthumous people had risked their lives for Cloud Peak, and they suffered many casualties. That request was reasonable, and Cloud Peak could complete it.

"The final thing is that did you notice how low the morale is?" Seeing Ye Zhongming nod, Hong Xiang sighed, "Can the reinforcements from Earth come sooner to raise their morale?"

There were over 400 thousand warriors in the Imperial City, but most of them were chased by Saint Light Hall. These people gathered together, and all they heard was defeat. If the reinforcements could come, even if they were the mysterious earthlings, it might be good for them.

Ye Zhongming didn't agree immediately. After thinking about it, he said, "I might have a better solution."

Chapter 954: First thing

"Better way?"

The two kings didn't understand what he meant and asked.

Ye Zhongming and the two kings came to the command center in the Imperial City, where there was a giant map. Posthumous people and Cloud Peak worked together to draw it using the Exquisite Floating Ball and some equipment.

It might not have been too accurate, but it was enough for strategic analysis.

“News from yesterday was that there were Saint Light Hall troops here, here and here. Based on our previous intel, their overall line would take two to three days to push to this line.”

Ye Zhongming pointed at a few spots on the map to analyze. Although he didn't come to Blue Secret Realm often, he paid close attention to the news here.

Saint Light Hall was very careful and took small wins. They forced the Posthumous people back slowly but with a plan. Ye Zhongming analyzed their strategy through the information he received every day.

He noticed that each time they attacked a region where the Posthumous people were, the timing of their ending the fights was different.

Based on their structure, Ye Zhongming guessed that it had to do with the differing strengths of each squad and the Posthumous people warriors that they faced.

This caused the Saint Light Hall forces to appear in a teeth-like shape every time they headed toward the Imperial City.

Although this shape wasn't obvious, and the gap would be wiped in two to three days, but Ye Zhongming still saw a chance.

“To raise morale. I think the reinforcements wouldn't raise morale for too long as compared to defeating their army. I think this idea would meet your requirements.”

Hong Xiang and Neal looked at each other and were shocked.

They did think about fighting back, but the fear that had accumulated and the deaths of those kings who headed out made them lose their courage to fight in the wilderness.

Even if Ye Zhongming had led people to wipe a squad, it didn't manage to chase their fears away.

Now that Ye Zhongming wanted to strike, they hesitated.

Neal looked at the map. “The news we get every day can't be considered the latest news, as we heard it from Posthumous people who retreated. Our scouts also don't dare get too close.”

The other two nodded as that was the truth.

“So, we don't have an accurate grasp of their direction. I think Zhongming wants to strike one of their teams. If our information is not accurate, we might even lose.”

Although Ye Zhongming felt that the Posthumous people kings were too afraid of Saint Light Hall, they were experienced warriors. They considered all elements. Apart from being conservative, their strategic mind was well-developed.

“Moreover, even if our intel is accurate, if one of their squads is attacked, how long will it take for other squads to help? If they arrive quickly before we crush a squad, then we will be pincered.”

This was indeed a problem. Although Saint Light Hall’s attacks would cause their forces to be disorganized, no one knew how quickly they could cover this difference. Moreover, they had airforce and cavaliers, which were very quick. They could arrive on the battlefield in a short time.

If Cloud Peak and the Posthumous people wanted to eat one of their squads, they had to end the fight quickly.

The Posthumous people lacked confidence when facing the strong Saint Light Hall army.

Ye Zhongming admitted that Neal was right and he had thought things too simply.

He stared at the map and continued to analyze it. A while later, he looked at the kings and said, “Maybe we can test their reaction.”

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Many squads appeared from the Imperial City, which became a hot topic.

They had seen Earthlings before and had even fought alongside them.

But when Earthlings entered their world and fought for them, they were still excited.

Moreover, anyone who had seen the humans fight could tell that these few squads had gotten stronger.

Especially that famous full-female squad. They were dressed in green and had many battle beasts alongside them. Some of the captains even had blue weapons!

What did Posthumous people warriors hope to get? Wasn’t it these shining equipment? Grey equipment was their most common equipment now. Those who could get white-grade equipment were high-level people. Their tribal leaders could get silver. Only those kings could get green.

This squad of a few hundred people actually had full green.

It took some time for the Posthumous people to understand this squad. It was Boss Ye’s guards. No wonder!

Apart from these guards, the other squads had good equipment. Silver was the mainstream color, and there was also a lot of green-grade equipment.

Also, what were those iron fellows that walked automatically? They saw that flying ball. What were those boxes they were carrying? It looked heavy.

As the kings expected, Cloud Peak’s appearance raised their morale. Although not many of them came, only around ten thousand, they were much stronger than most of the Posthumous people warriors. With such an ally, people were more at ease.

But they quickly realized that the Earthlings left after two days in the city. No one knew where they went. Those with information revealed some news that they went to sneak attack Saint Light Hall. But even they themselves weren't sure if it was true or not.

But the truth was, they were wrong. Only a small portion of them headed out and disappeared into the Blue Secret Realm. The true elites had returned to Earth and were led by Ye Zhongming in a certain direction.

Ye Zhongming had to do a few things before executing the Blue Secret Realm plan. If he succeeded, he would be able to calmly help them fight their war.

He looked at the giant figure and entered his battle state.

The first thing was to kill the Chain Prisoner!

Chapter 955: Focusfire (1)

The factions near Ying City realized some things. Cloud Peak seemed really busy.

Many Cloud Peak squads headed out of the city, and many returned. They even purchased many modified cars from many factions.

Occasionally, one could hear engines moving across the street. When they hesitated and came out to take a look, that sound disappeared into the wilderness.

No one knew what Cloud Peak would do, but they guessed it was something huge.

They thought back to Cloud Peak's bounty, and many felt like they were about to attack a super faction or a large horde.

The bounty was naturally not so easy to accept; after all, it meant that many people would die. But it was high risk, high reward. Would they regret ignoring this bounty?

Two years were about to pass, and many of their mentalities had changed. They couldn't avoid dangers like peacetime and would choose to face it head-on. After all, humans were in danger at any moment. Each fight might be their last.

If you wanted to live longer and better, you had to work harder to get stronger. To get stronger, you could only risk your life.

Actually, people still avoid dangers, but they have to use other methods to do so.

Cloud Peak's reputation was important. The stronger they got, the stronger the warriors inside were, and the better the rewards of those who followed them would get.

Many people were tempted when they saw the bounty. Before this, few signed up because they were careful about risking their lives. Another reason was that there was some time before the deadline, so they weren't in a rush.

But recently, Cloud Peak's operation made them anxious. Many factions accepted the bounty.

This was surprising to Ye Zhongming, who wasn't at Cloud Peak.

The current Ye Zhongming was in a valley.

The wilderness in the apocalypse was not friendly. During these two days, Ye Zhongming led his men and fought many battles with the various lifeforms here. During the most intense moment, he fought a pack of wolves. There were over 1500 wolves, and this caused many problems for them.

There were also mutated plants, some zombies, mutated bugs...

Even now, after they modified the value, they are still being disturbed by various life forms.

But this valley that was empty for a long time had changed.

“Boss, the Chain Prisoner is getting close. Based on this speed, it would arrive in the valley within one and a half hours.”

Little Tiger’s voice spread through the battle contribution badge, causing Ye Zhongming and the others with the badge to slow down. After that, they sped up.

They knew that they didn’t have much time left.

An hour later, one could see the giant figure of the Chain Prisoner from the peaks on the two sides of the valley.

Little Tiger was back and had taken some photos for Ye Zhongming.

“We snatched this fellow’s Blood Wood, and now he found a piece of wood that isn’t smaller than that piece of bloodwood.”

Little Tiger felt like he couldn’t understand the Chain Prisoner if he used the human way of thinking. It ate everything it met, and just like that, not only were its injuries healed, but it was slowly evolving. Its crystal was showing some silver specks which was a sign that it was advancing towards level nine.

“It would be much simpler if Death King Tree came. Level eight against level eight, perfect.”

Guang Yao looked at the figure get close and was filled with some regret.

Death King Tree had entered Cloud Peak’s gene lab and was being experimented on by Liu Zhenghong.

When Ye Zhongming went to find it a few days ago, it was actually very weak. This was something people couldn’t understand. How did Liu Zhenghong convince this fellow to go through the experiments?

Ye Zhongming felt like the Liu Zhenghong probably allowed the Death King Tree to do things to her. But she didn’t say anything, so he didn’t ask. He warned the Death King Tree. What he got in return was it rolling its eye.

He ordered Chameleon to keep a close look on the lab and asked King Ling Kun to defend there before coming out to hunt.

“Using Death King Tree on this fellow isn't too efficient. Our real enemy isn't this giant but those people from Saint Light Hall. Level nine. That is so exciting.”

Ye Zhongming replied before asking those who weren't needed to retreat.

Compared to the level nine old man beside the Gate of Blessing, the level eight Chain Prisoner wasn't much of a threat.

If other factions heard that, they would be speechless. Level eight wasn't strong? But for Cloud Peak, that was the truth. They were stronger, and their enemies were, too.

“Let's begin!”

The Cloud Peak warriors hid their auras and tried not to alert the Chain Prisoner.

The ground started to shake, and that became more intense.

The level eight lifeform didn't cover its terrifying aura. Mutated lifeforms fled from it wherever it went.

But when it suddenly stopped when it arrived at the valley's entrance.

It sensed that there were many signs of life.

Ye Zhongming gave the order to attack.

Two golden light balls dove from above and tossed many small missiles at it. They then fired lasers at it.

Right, two exquisite floating balls. The other was the one Guang Yao brought. After Mu Xinfei came, she brought some materials. Ye Zhongming repaired that Exquisite Floating Ball and did some modifications, which turned it golden, too.

They announced the start of this battle.

Chain Prisoner looked at the sky and gulped. Its voice was tender, like a baby's. It waved the giant piece of wood, which caused explosions and ignited several missiles.

The flames and smoke from the explosion blocked some of their sights.

The Exquisite Floating Balls flew upwards after their first attack so that the Chain Prisoner couldn't attack them.

Chapter 955.5- Focusfire (2)

The smoke scattered and revealed the Chain Prisoner's body. The giant piece of wood in its hands was damaged, and the front of it had opened up. A few laser holes made the front portion of the wood look like it was about to break into two.

This was probably the branch of a mutated plant. But it was much worse than the blood wood.

As expected, the Chain Prisoner reacted very quickly. It glanced at the wood that was now useless and got into stance. It tossed the wood into the air.

The giant wood whistled. Even if the two Exquisite Floating Balls had pulled up in advance, but the distance was still getting closed.

Ye Zhongming controlled one to move in one direction, and that caused the wood to brush past it.

The Chain Prisoner's strength shocked everyone.

Xia Bai led her squad and appeared at the entrance. They launched their ranged skills. Those without ranged skills held guns and fired at the target.

Xia Bai's squad was fully in green and were all five-star evolved. Each of their beasts wasn't mature, but they could provide various support skills. So they were very strong.

Before Ye Zhongming got Black Halo Shield, he wouldn't dare to face them head-on.

Those attacks landed on the Chain Prisoner. The skills lit up, and bullets were knocked aside.

The Chain Prisoner's skin was so thick that normal bullets couldn't pierce it.

En?

The Chain Prisoner lowered its head to look at the humans. Its mouth secreted some liquid.

These humans were good food, and they contained a lot of energy.

Xia Bai waved, and her squad retreated toward the valley.

The Chain Prisoner's eyes focused on Xia Bai, and it stepped forward.

"As expected!"

Little Tiger clenched his fist when he saw the Chain Prisoner wanting to head toward the valley.

When they designed the ambush spot, some people were worried that it wouldn't fall for it. But Ye Zhongming was confident. He said that with this fellow's desire for energy, it would still take the risk even if it knew that the valley was dangerous.

As expected, it really entered and was even picking up its speed.

It was about to get to level nine, and its desire for energy was obvious.

Ye Zhongming looked at the distance and estimated. When the time arrived, he shouted for them to attack.

This time, everyone attacked.

Hong!

The Chain Prisoner stumbled and leaned towards one side before crying in pain.

Its left leg had stepped on a trap.

If this trap was shrunk by many folds, it was a rat trap. This was more exquisite and complicated, and it was also a green piece of equipment!

This trap came from Le Dayuan and Ye Zhongming.

Since the start of Cloud Peak, traps had been one of their research projects. Although it was only a branch and not too much focus was on it.

But while resting from crystal weapon research, Le Dayuan was willing to use his brain to invent some traps.

This trap was one of those.

Although it was similar to rat traps but its function was different.

First, this trap was fixed to the ground. The base was secured to the ground by a clamp with chains and then tied to the giant pieces of stone on the sides of the mountain.

The next thing was that the trap was in a petal shape. After activation, it would trap the target from eight different angles. Each petal would have its own spring support. If you wanted to break free, you had to break each petal.

Lastly was the material. All the materials were made using Drill Ocean Metal and Fertile Soil. He even used his seal technique to reach such a level.

This caused the Chain Prisoner's left leg to be trapped.

It pressed onto the ground with one hand to prevent himself from falling. The Chain Prisoner looked at the trap and didn't have time to break free. It stood up.

It realized that this was a scheme.

But even if it had reacted quickly, it was too late.

It stood up and bumped into the hundreds of potions that were tossed from both sides.

Bubbling sounds could be heard as the bottles broke. A mist spread, and this was the Corrosive Potion that they had previously used on it.

A thicker smoke spread in the sky, and there was a nose-piercing scent.

But no one cared as the next wave of attacks arrived.

The Exquisite Floating Balls reappeared. The cabin opened, and many human-head-sized black metal balls dropped.

“Is it our turn?”

In a secluded spot on the valley, a research squad under the crystal weapon lab held an instrument and aimed it at the battlefield.

The black metal balls landed into the smoke. Shortly after, there were sizzling sounds.

Le Dayuan specially made these black metal balls for this battle--- Crystal Air Bombs!

These air bombs were improved crystal grenades. Their bigger size allowed them to fit higher-level crystals. Moreover, Le Dayuan had more room to manipulate and design more special systems.

For example, a silencer. It would reduce the friction with the air so that the Chain Prisoner wouldn't notice it so easily.

Such a high-tech thing exploded on its body.

The slicing power of the crystal weapon swept the smoke.

The few dozen bombs exploded. The Exquisite Floating Balls flew back up towards one side of the valley.

At the same time, many black metal barrels stretched from the two sides. When they removed the disguise, they became the giant cannons that were placed on Cloud Peak's walls.

Energy circulated, and the cannons started to fire.

Energy balls swept through the valley. The scorching energy swallowed the poisonous mist. This round of fire caused the mist to pale a little.

That wasn't over. Hundreds of giant crossbows revealed their vicious nature. White two-meter-long arrows fired at the Chain Prisoner.

Chapter 956: Crystal weapon concept discovery and incomplete bloodline (1)

It wasn't over yet.

Xia Bai's squad, who had just retreated into the valley, turned around. In that process, they changed her bullets and raised their guns to fire. Bullets fired into the mist.

Hundreds of holes that were dug in the two sides were uncovered. Warriors appeared inside with white guns and launched a dense bullet rain.

“Creak!”

Although the sound wasn't intense, it caused one to grind their teeth. When this sound reached a certain extent, the sound of pierced air could be heard. When everyone heard it, numerous streaks of light entered the mist.

Although they couldn't see carefully, Cloud Peak knew it was a trebuchet they called Pea Shooter.

It was called Pea Shooter because of that famous game. Apart from the attack method, its strength was similar, too.

Strictly speaking, this equipment was similar to multiple-launch rocket systems.

After Guang Yao entered Cloud Peak, his group had several decent weapon experts. They became warriors only because such weapons had been slowly falling behind.

This was a truth. Even rockets were weaker than skills when used on level-five lifeforms. Even the Exquisite Floating Ball missiles could only destroy a piece of wood.

But, they entered the crystal weapons lab. Alongside Le Dayuan, they used these multiple-launch cannon structures but fired those metal balls.

Le Dayuan personally designed the thrusters using the crystal weapon ideas.

One could say that the theory wasn't complicated, but it was innovation and discovery that led to his crystal weapon theories. Crystal weapon attacks focused on sharp slices, while these multiple-launch cannons focused on dealing impact damage.

They would shake and damage a region of targets such that their target's combat strength would weaken.

Ye Zhongming felt like the effect they wanted was to shatter the intestines and break the bones.

As they had crystal energy as the driving force, the thrust was huge. Moreover, the metal balls would also heat up when they fired and dealt some scorch damage.

It looked decent, but such weapons also had weaknesses, one of which was that the firing equipment was very brittle. Even if Ye Zhongming had dealt with the metal, it was still unable to withstand such surging energy.

After all, if the momentum were not enough, such a weapon's damage would be low, and it would lose its purpose. So, if Ye Zhongming didn't use Ghost Metal to craft the equipment, it could only fire once.

They went from corrosive bombs to crystal air bombs to crystal cannons and bed crossbows. Finally, it was the bullet rain and multiple-launch rockets. These attacks were all done within a few dozen seconds.

It was hard to imagine that Cloud Peak would move so many weapons from their base to set up an ambush here. It was also hard to imagine how much work they put in within two days to modify the valley. These wiped away the gap in height between the Chain Prisoner and them, allowing their attacks to hit its most lethal parts.

Although the attack was very intense, they didn't stop. They remembered what Ye Zhongming said.

They would only stop in three circumstances: if he gave the order, the Chain Prisoner was dead, or they were out of ammo.

This valley that couldn't be considered huge was covered in weapon sounds.

Twenty seconds later, the Chain Prisoner finally let out a furious roar.

While roaring, it ran with the trap on its leg, causing the rock it was tied to, to go taut. Only then did its body shake and then stop.

Although it was only a few steps, each step covered a huge distance, allowing it to emerge from the thick mist.

When it appeared in their sights, everyone was shocked.

There were many arrows on the body of the level eight lifeform. Many of them were broken or bent by the attacks of the crystal weapons.

There were many wounds on its green skin, and they were bleeding. After those few steps, the path it took was covered in fresh blood. These were marks left by the crystal air bombs and the crystal guns.

Many holes had appeared on its chest. They weren't huge, but the depth was obvious. The bones behind the skin were all broken. Its mouth and ears were bleeding, and one of its hands was even drooping by its side.

These were damage caused by the multiple-launch rockets.

One mustn't forget about the trap, too. The Chain Prisoner dragged it along, which caused the skin around it to split open.

Cloud Peak's attacks achieved a huge result.

When they hunted it previously, this fellow was severely injured. But it was because Cloud Peak had attacked the weakness on its right neck.

This time, Ye Zhongming gave up on the plan. Apart from sneak attacks, everything could be described in two words.

Brute-force!

They attacked it swiftly, head-on!

Even if he knew the Chain Prisoner's weakness, he ignored it. He used the attack to shake it!

This was a declaration. He used this method to tell the Chain Prisoner and his subordinates!

Today, he was going to kill this elite level-eight lifeform!

Many Cloud Peak warriors were prepared for the long fight, but after twenty seconds, their minds were shocked.

It was as if... They could really end the battle quickly.

Ye Zhongming stood up. The staff of Nature was placed in front of him with an intermediate-grade ice gem. Blue Lotus fired.

The Chain Prisoner's steps brought him before Ye Zhongming's cave. It was as if it was walking to get attacked by him.

The Chain Prisoner realized its situation and tried to save itself.

A light appeared on the horn, and a layer of light scattered. It was its healing and defensive ability.

Speaks of light spread, and its injuries healed at a visible rate. The sense of weakness it gave off when it charged out of the mist was reduced by a large amount.

Chapter 956.5- Crystal weapon concept discovery and incomplete bloodline (2)

"Retreat!"

When Ye Zhongming used Blue Blood Lotus, he ordered the warriors in the valley.

Numerous ice crystal petals struck the skill, giving out bright streaks of light. The ghost chains that had floated into the air around it were frozen.

He kept the staff and held his blade. He held something in his other hand. He slapped, and his body bounced into the air.

A pair of black wings appeared behind him!

"It was that incomplete Sun Chickadee Bloodline!"

Little Tiger turned and saw his boss using the black wings to fly into the sky. He muttered to himself.

A while ago, a small faction head that Little Tiger knew said that he had something that wasn't very good and hoped to trade it to Cloud Peak.

What he actually meant was that although he didn't know what it was, he hoped that he wouldn't get cheated and wanted to get a good price.

Little Tiger took a look. He didn't think it was very good. Although it was a precious bloodline crystal, it was incomplete.

Although he didn't know what effect it had, it wouldn't be too good since it was incomplete.

Little Tiger showed it to Ye Zhongming. If the boss said it wasn't good, he would just ask that guy to trade in Puxing Town.

He didn't expect Ye Zhongming to spend a high price on it. Little Tiger didn't understand but now, he realized that his boss had foresight.

Little Tiger didn't know, but Ye Zhongming knew about this incomplete bloodline. Such a bloodline wasn't incomplete; you just had to find a Merger job user, and they could help you merge a complete bloodline.

This incomplete bloodline would have some ability from a complete bloodline. Moreover, they were a one-time use. After using it, the bloodline crystal would disappear.

This was something that people kept and waited to merge. It wasn't for survivors to use.

But there was something special. They rejected everything else and when using it, they could block the user's previous bloodline. Once the incomplete bloodline disappears, that bloodline would then reappear.

Right, the incomplete bloodline could be used by people with bloodlines. Of course, they could only use it once.

Ye Zhongming activated the incomplete Sun Chickadee Bloodline to block his Hell Envoy Bloodline... He obtained the flight ability and strengthened his body.

He glided swiftly into the sky. Sand Dance disappeared, and what replaced it was the weapon he had placed on the side of the valley.

This weapon had a long, thick metal board. It looked similar to a fly swatter, except this metal board was solid and not a net.

Ye Zhongming held this thing and smacked the Chain Prisoner, who was slightly frozen.

This thing smacked onto the Chain Prisoner, causing it to spit a mouthful of blood.

People would definitely wonder how such a grey weapon could deal such damage.

Of course, it couldn't. One mustn't forget that the Chain Prisoner had many arrows stuck to it. That smack caused the arrows on its skin to enter.

He used Blue Blood Lotus's freeze ability to slow its attack and movement. Then, he flew over to smack it like a mosquito!

When a simple weapon was used well, it could have a huge effect. Ye Zhongming was great at magnifying his damage.

The Chain Prisoner was severely injured this time.

Its skill was unable to defend against the attacks.

The light in its eye shone bright, and a silver streak fired at Ye Zhongming, trying to knock him down.

But Ye Zhongming was too agile. He moved in mid-air, using the mountain and angle to dodge this dangerous silver light.

Although the Chain Prisoner's skill didn't knock him down, it left a deep moat in the wall. Several crystal cannons and some crossbows were destroyed.

Cloud Peak warriors who had retreated to the other side of the mountain were terrified. Fortunately, their boss told them to retreat; otherwise, they would have suffered some losses.

“Ao!”

The Chain Prisoner cried out in pain. Ye Zhongming had flown behind it and attacked the back of its knee. Thousand Seal Slash hit that spot, and fresh blood spurted out.

Ye Zhongming was seven-star evolved and was close to eight-star. If it was an ordinary level eight lifeform, Ye Zhongming might have been able to use his equipment and skills to fight it head-on.

Although he wasn't its match alone, he could deal damage to it. A blue weapon with an elite job, along with Ye Zhongming's body qualities, was enough to slice its skin.

The Chain Prisoner knelt on the ground.

Ye Zhongming flew quickly and sliced its neck. But the moment he moved, he flew backward.

Lightning smashed down on where he was.

He looked into the sky. Dark clouds covered the sky above the valley, and light flashed inside.

Chain Prisoner's skill--- Violent Thunder.

Lightning snaked from the sky and covered the entire valley.

The valley, which had two entrances, was cut off from the world by numerous streaks of lightning.

Outside, the Cloud Peak warriors were looking in nervously as they didn't know what had happened. Due to the lightning, the battle contribution badge was affected, and they couldn't find out what was happening. They could only wait for the outcome.

Within the valley, Ye Zhongming didn't dare be too careless. After all, it was a level eight lifeform's skill. He tried to dodge. At the same time, a black barrier appeared around him, wrapping him up.

Chapter 957: Two final abilities

Lightning continued to strike the valley. The surging energy scattered pieces of stone around, sending the valley into chaos.

Ye Zhongming's Black Halo Shield was only Basic Grade and could reflect 10% of the damage.

It was impossible to dodge the dense lightning. When a streak of lightning hit Ye Zhongming, he had to land on the ground. Although he was still trying to dodge, many lightning bolts still hit.

Apart from his blue armor, he also had the specialized Black Soil Armor. With the Black Halo Shield, his defense was really strong.

Each streak of lightning hit him. Although it was painful, as compared to the pieces of stone falling from the sky, Ye Zhongming was in a much better state.

The lightning caused Ye Zhongming's goosebumps, to stand. His skin felt numb, and pain spread from his body.

But he didn't stop. If you observed closely, you would notice that although his path was curved, he was still heading toward the Chain Prisoner.

It wasn't that he didn't want to charge in a straight line, but that was too easy to be spotted, and the lightning would turn him to ash.

The Chain Prisoner opened its eyes and looked at Ye Zhongming. Although the lightning attacked every inch of the valley and was in a mess, it also caused smoke and stone to scatter. Ye Zhongming was too small and was in the smoke. It could only sense the human's rough direction but could not track him.

It raised the Ghost Metal Chains and ignored everything else, waving them at Ye Zhongming. It smashed, whipped, swung... It tried everything.

Ye Zhongming's view was also affected. He didn't have much time to react when he faced the Ghost Metal Chains that appeared through the smoke.

Finally, a chain caught him off guard, and he was hit. The giant energy caused his body to fly backward, and he rolled a few rounds before stopping. During that period, two more bolts of lightning hit him.

The specialized Black Soil Armor cracked, and fresh blood seeped from the corner of his mouth.

Even if he had a strong body and many abilities, facing a level-eight lifeform that had launched so many attacks, Ye Zhongming was still passive. Maybe it was temporary, but you could tell how terrifying this elite monster was.

It was hard to imagine that all those attacks came from a badly injured Chain Prisoner.

After Ye Zhongming was hit, the Chain Prisoner wasn't in a good state either. It felt like some damage would hit it for no reason.

Sometimes, it was a lightning strike. Sometimes it was a whip.

This was the Black Halo Shield's reflect ability. If it were just 10% usually, Chain Prisoner wouldn't care about it. But it was badly injured, and these injuries felt really bad. The wounds that hadn't healed continued to bleed.

The Chain Prisoner understood that its own attacks were being reflected, but they didn't stop. Even if the lightning clouds scattered, it didn't stop waving the Ghost Metal Chains.

It knew that it had to kill the small human as he gave it a sense of danger.

The intense movement caused it to start panting. It definitely wouldn't be like that if it were in a perfect state, but now, using so much strength felt very tiring.

The injuries from before couldn't be wiped away with one skill.

Ye Zhongming stood up. The lightning reduced. He relied on his speed to dodge them. But because of that, the smoke started to dissipate. The human and monster could glance at each other.

Both of them could sense the killing intent in each other's eyes.

Only one of them could get out of the valley.

The Ghost Metal chains paused before launching its densest attack. Ye Zhongming raised his blade and got ready.

The chains descended, but Ye Zhongming didn't use his job skill as expected. He paused. The blade disappeared and was replaced with a sniper rifle. He pulled the trigger, and a golden light fired into the sky.

Ah Gui had carved five sets, a total of 25 bullets, to merge into a golden bullet.

It wasn't that 25 could only merge into one, but the success rate meant he only succeeded once. Ye Zhongming crafted twice, and he only got one such bullet both times.

Ye Zhongming's luck wasn't too good in this aspect.

Lethal Gun Artist's Space Stack fired with the Earth Armor Breaking Rifle.

The moment the bullet shot out of the barrel, it missed the locks of the chains and was just inches from the Chain Prisoner's eyes.

The Chain Prisoner didn't expect that even if the chains had covered Ye Zhongming fully, he would still be able to attack like that.

The way Ye Zhongming held the blade had tricked it to a certain extent.

The Chain Prisoner wanted to dodge, but its legs couldn't move. It wanted to block, but its hands controlled the chains.

All it could do was close its eyes and try to lower its head.

Pu!

The golden bullet shot its body, and blood spurted. At the same time, a blade light shone. Ye Zhongming used his skill.

Light shone through the chains, causing some of these most precious materials to fall to the ground.

Ear-piercing shouts spread from the Chain Prisoner's mouth. It was unable to dodge the bullet that was specially prepared for it. That eye was burst open, and the blood was instantly frozen. This was the bullet's own ability-- Extreme Frost.

Frost Venom, along with penetration and explosion. This was the first time it laid on the ground since coming out from the portal. Its wounds were breaking down, and blood was flowing like a fountain.

On the other side, the Ghost Metal chains that had lost control were moving. A person climbed out, and the Halo Shield was still there. But the black armor and blue grade armor had shattered.

Ye Zhongming looked at the blade that had shattered and tossed it aside.

He paid a price for dealing with the chains. Not only was he badly injured, but his defense had dropped to a very low level.

Ye Zhongming stared at the Chain prisoner, who was rolling on the ground with its hands on its eyes. He didn't dare to touch it, and the sniper rifle appeared in his hands again.

Although he didn't have any golden bullets left, but he did have many silver bullets. Such a bullet would deal less damage to a level-eight lifeform, but facing this fellow whose strength had dropped immensely, it could threaten it.

Chapter 957.5- Two final abilities (2)

Sensing the danger getting close, the Chain Prisoner sat up and reached into the sky.

The water vapor in the valley started to gather towards it, forming a three-sided water wall. One side wrapped Ye Zhongming within.

“Absolute Prison!”

The Chain Prisoner used its seventh skill at this moment.

The other two walls blocked the valley off and prevented the other Cloud Peak members from entering.

Ye Zhongming didn't continue to fire. He stood in this water ball and punched.

It was as if he were hitting glue. His fist didn't break the wall open; it only caused it to shake.

At least it had some effect!

Ye Zhongming guessed that the wall wasn't invincible; if not, the Chain Prisoner would have become king. Either controlling the skill needed mental energy, the higher the defense the more mental energy it consumed.

Or, it continues to consume mental energy. The stronger the attacks it faced, the faster the mental energy was being consumed.

No matter which it was, it wasn't invincible. Especially for the Chain Prisoner who was in such a state, it would have used the skill previously.

Ye Zhongming punched the wall. Although he would affect his wounds each time he punched and even hurt his organs, he didn't give up.

There was no air within the wall, which caused such a skill to have another form of attack. But this was useless on Ye Zhongming. At his level, with the Ocean King Mark to increase his lung capacity, his oxygen could last a long time.

As he attacked, the water wall started to shake even more. It was obvious that this thing couldn't last too long.

Finally, Ye Zhongming broke out and faced off against the Chain Prisoner again.

But as he was too focused on breaking the wall, he didn't notice that the Chain Prisoner had stopped screaming. That blind eye was facing Ye Zhongming's direction, and its hand was half raised. When

it sensed that Ye Zhongming was out, his hand smashed onto the ground, and the entire valley shook.

Ye Zhongming's expression changed.

He felt like danger was increasing.

Finally, he knew why.

The valley didn't lack stone. During the lightning storm, there were pieces of stone of different sizes. The pillars had become brittle due to the skills and fighting. With that hit, many fragments of stone landed.

Before Ye Zhongming could react, the stones started to float, and then they began to rotate.

They started to fly and spin in the valley!

These weren't ordinary pieces of stone but pieces of stone that the Chain Prisoner had injected energy into. When these stones floated, they turned metal-like. Each of them shone a cold glow in the light.

"Damn!"

Ye Zhongming cursed and charged towards the Chain Prisoner.

He knew that he had to kill it to stop the skill.

Even if this fellow was blind, it used its final two abilities to create a small battlefield to prepare a killing field for Ye Zhongming.

This level eight lifeform did have eight talent skills!

Stone, no, the sharp pieces of metal got even quicker. Moreover, more fragments of stone descended and entered this metal storm. They turned into metal and started to spin, too.

"Metallic Slaughter!"

Chain Prisoner's final skill.

Pa pa, pa pa!

More pieces of stone hit Ye Zhongming. No matter how quick he was, he still couldn't dodge the pieces of metal that were everywhere.

The Black Halo Shield blocked some smaller ones. Although the bigger ones would be blocked but, it caused his body to shake. His organs were hit. He had to kick aside some bigger ones.

Staff of Nature appeared. The intermediate Water Bottle Protection protected Ye Zhongming. He thought he could tank it, but after two seconds, he knew that he couldn't,

The full-strength blow that the level-eight lifeform used when its life was at risk was not something that Ye Zhongming could take.

Water Bottle Protection appeared but its light was reducing quickly. The intermediate gem actually lasted for four seconds before shattering!

Ye Zhongming had to equip another, then the third, the fourth...

When the seventh gem shattered, Ye Zhongming realized this wasn't a plan.

The Chain Prisoner actually used its healing skill again!

Was the cooldown of that skill so short?

Apart from those monsters in the Competition Death Wheel, the other mutated lifeforms and beasts had cooldowns. It might not be as long as humans, but that was obvious; if not, humans would all just die.

The stronger the skill, the longer the cooldown!

Ye Zhongming didn't believe that such a terrifying healing skill would have a cooldown of only a few minutes!

Then, there was only one possibility. It was igniting its potential and even burning its life to create a winning chance for itself!

As long as its injuries recovered a little, Ye Zhongming's goal of relying on the Staff of Nature to force the Chain Prisoner into using all its energy couldn't be achieved.

He had to fight back, or he would be the person who died today.

A level eight elite monster was actually so strong!

Before that gem shattered, Ye Zhongming took a step forward. He took out a piece of equipment and drank a potion. He then injected his last bit of mental energy into the equipment.

Ye Zhongming had to kill it. Either that or the Chain Prisoner would heal and use Metal Slaughter to rip him into pieces!

A giant light pillar surged at the giant. At the same time, Water Bottle Protection shattered. Ye Zhongming, who didn't have time to change a gem, was knocked aside by the pieces of stone.

When everything quietened down, victory was decided...

Chapter 958: Body full of good stuff

The potion Ye Zhongming drank was a Basic Berserk Potion. The weapon he took out was the Soul Shattering Staff.

The Chain Prisoner's attacks were too much for Ye Zhongming, and he had to use this potion to temporarily increase his body's stats so that he could hold on.

The side effects were naturally better than wasting skills or equipment that could block fatal damage.

As for the staff, Ye Zhongming wasn't actually willing to use it. He wasn't sure how many marks he had to light to kill the target. If he lit too few, it would be useless. If he lit too many, not only would it be a waste, he would go unconscious. If he didn't kill the enemy, he would be the dead person.

But it was a crucial moment, and he had no choice but to use it.

He lit 12 marks. This was the limit of his mental energy after using the Basic Berserk Potion.

The crafting and fighting previously meant his mental energy wasn't at its max.

That thick streak of light swept through the sky and then imprinted into the pillar behind.

The metal shrapnel all stopped before they landed on the ground.

Ye Zhongming's body flew. Around him was blood that spurted, which looked very eye-piercing.

He spat out a mouthful of blood when he landed. He felt as if his body was breaking apart. He struggled to open his eyes and take a look at the Chain Prisoner. Only then did he give up on standing back up.

He didn't need to get back up as his opponent's head was off.

Shattering Soul Staff's strike hit the Chain Prisoner's neck. That was its weakness.

The Chain Prisoner was too weak, and its neck defense wasn't high. That attack sliced it and ended the life of this elite monster who was a level-nine beast in his last life.

Ye Zhongming smiled at the sky. Footsteps rang out beside him, and he muttered, "Suck the liquid in its eyes... Suck the liquid in its eyes..."

He said a few times before falling unconscious.

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Two days later, Cloud Peak welcomed the Chain Prisoner's giant body. Two Exquisite Floating Balls tugged it and passed Ying City under Cloud Peak's protection.

The entire city bubbled.

That was a 50-meter-tall giant monster. It was also a level-eight lifeform, the highest lifeform humans have known to date.

Many people guessed that level nine lifeforms had appeared deep in the forest, ocean, or even in the skies. But at least until now, they hadn't confirmed that.

Thus, when the Chain Prisoner passed, many people surrounded them.

This wasn't the first time humans killed level eight lifeforms. Cloud Peak did this more than once during their defense.

But it was caused by hundreds of thousands of humans. Moreover, those level eight lifeforms weren't elite. But the Chain Prisoner was different. It moved into the wilderness and was very famous. Many people knew about the monster that was covered in chains and held a piece of wood. It would attack everything that blocked it. But if you didn't block its path or didn't get too close when it was feeding, it was something you could just observe and admire.

Too many people who saw it were still alive, so naturally, its fame spread.

Now, this fellow was actually killed by Cloud Peak.

However, Cloud Peak only sent a few thousand people!

One must know that the few strongest people in Cloud Peak, like Yellow Ball, Death King Three, Three-nosed Elephant, etc., were still in Cloud Peak, which meant that Ye Zhongming led some people and achieved such a thing.

Many people had a new understanding of Cloud Peak's strength.

Ye Zhongming sat in the Exquisite Floating Ball. He woke up after a few hours, but due to his heavy injuries, he was healing.

But the evolved's body was too strong. Two days passed. Although Ye Zhongming couldn't fight anymore, he could move slowly. He could take care of himself.

When they returned to Cloud Peak, everyone cheered. The Chain Prisoner's giant body was like a prize, and many surrounded it to admire it.

Ye Zhongming chased everyone away after two hours.

During these two days, everyone only collected the liquid in its eye. The other work would wait until they returned to Cloud Peak.

The Chain Prisoner only has one eye. The liquid in it was Bright Vision Liquid. This thing was very precious and could be wiped on one's eyes. It would have an obvious effect on ranged job users. One would get range vision, motion capture, night vision, etc. abilities.

In his last life, such a liquid that could give you multiple skills was a legend.

In this life, Ye Zhongming had over two liters.

If not for him making it blind, he would have gotten much more.

A person wiping their eyes once a day could complete the process in seven days and would use a few dozen milliliters at most. So these two liters would be enough for over thirty people.

Apart from Bright Vision Liquid, the Chain Prisoner's body was covered in treasures. Ye Zhongming gave an order, and everyone started to slice its flesh!

Its body was filled with flesh. In his last life, one piece of its meat could let an ordinary person evolve; moreover, they would be immune to the zombie virus, which meant that one piece of meat was a combination of an evolution potion and an immunity potion.

In this life, it was killed at level eight, so its flesh shouldn't be that effective. But the energy it contained couldn't be underestimated.

Such a fellow could probably feed the entire Cloud Peak. Of course, Cloud Peak wouldn't do that. They would use the Water and Fire Pot to stew it into meat jerky, and then they would trade it in Puxing Town.

The horn was dug. Ye Zhongming stared, and when he saw that the horn was out, he ordered people to collect its brain. He handed it to a job user who had the Beast Herbalist job that could use the brain to create a herb for battle beasts-- Body Training Pill. The pill would help beasts grow quickly.

Cloud Peak had many baby beasts. The pill from a level eight lifeform's brain would be much more effective. Once this group of beasts grew up, Xia Bai's squad would become more terrifying.

Ye Zhongming touched the horn but didn't study it. He looked at the Chain Prisoner. The Ghost Metal that he cared most about was right in front of him.

Chapter 959: Cannot afford

Ye Zhongming suspected that Ghost Metal was connected to the Chain Prisoner's body. That was because the Ghost Metal that he had sliced at the apocalypse's start had returned to normal.

He didn't know the reason, but he had two probable answers.

One was that as the Chain Prisoner's evolution level increased, the metal chains on it would recover. So when he saw it, the shorter chain would return to normal.

Another that was even bolder. The Ghost Metal was something that grew inside the Chain Prisoner's body.

He wasn't sure of the answer before he killed it. Now, it was time to solve the mystery.

Ye Zhongming stared at it for a long time before breathing out.

The Ghost Metal was connected to the Chain Prisoner's bones.

This monster's bones were different from human bones. Ye Zhongming wasn't interested in studying its bones, but when he saw those chains connected to the bones, it proved that his second guess was correct.

He was sure that the metal grew from the bones because not only were they connected, but there was even a color change where they connected.

The bones were white with red spots. Every few parts, there would be a circular base. That base was still white with red spots, but as you went up, the color got darker. The red spots would then disappear and then turn into Ghost Metal.

They were one.

If this didn't prove that the Ghost Metal grew from the bones, then what could prove it?

The level nine old man at Blue Secret Realm put Ye Zhongming under huge pressure, which was why he chose to kill the Chain Prisoner to get its resources. But if it was possible, he rather nurture it and use it as a Ghost Metal production plant.

But he was forced to attack. Moreover, he was glad he made that choice.

The level eight Chain Prisoner was already so strong. What if it reached level nine? Who could restrict it?

In his last life, three nine-star evolved had to work together to kill it. One of them received unhealable injuries and died from it early.

Things changed in this life. The time it took for it to get to level nine was delayed, but it was still on the brink. Once it got to level nine, if Cloud Peak and Ye Zhongming didn't get to nine-star, they would lose their control over it.

Rather than the uncertain future, it was better that they attacked now. At least, it would help their current situation.

Of course, Ye Zhongming regretted that he couldn't get an unlimited supply of Ghost Metal. This material was something that he couldn't get away from. All his good equipment had this material added into.

Although he obtained so many at once, which was enough for a long time, but it would run out someday. What happened then?

He touched the part where the Ghost Metal and bones connected and was stunned.

He touched his chin to think about it. Then, he touched the entire bone structure like a chiropractor. The people around didn't know what he was doing, so no one disturbed him.

When he finished, his eyes lit up.

He told the others to return to work and collect the organs and blood vessels. He then told them to leave. Only a few Cloud Peak core members remained.

“Did you notice something?”

Miya walked to his side. She hugged his arm while asking gently. His arm sunk deep into her big chest.

Liang Chuyin taught her that, and she said that all guys loved it. As she was slightly bigger, she had the skill to do it.

Out of Ye Zhongming's few women, only Xia Lei and Miya could do it.

“These bones are alive.”

The people around were shocked. The core members who wanted to leave and not disturb the two of them returned immediately and waited for Ye Zhongming to continue.

Ye Zhongming was helpless when he saw these fellows who were holding blades now giving out various expressions.

Shouldn't only people like Liu Zheng Hong be interested in this?

But they were all loyal to him, so he didn't hide anything from them.

“I can sense lifeforce on the bones. It doesn't belong to the Chain Prisoner but themselves.”

Although they had seen many weird things in the apocalypse,, this was the first time they heard of bones having their own life. This made their bodies numb.

If your own bones were another lifeform... Weren't they similar to parasites?

“Ghost Metal is a product of this lifeform. Of course, it can also be an excretion.”

Ye Zhongming came to this conclusion, which was why he was excited.

If this thing was alive, didn't that mean that he could nurture them?

He touched more bones and realized another thing.

These lifeforms were weakening.

The speed was slow, and you might not even sense it if you don't pay close attention.

Ye Zhongming told them to get water, and he placed a bone in it. He waited and felt that the life energy was still disappearing.

He switched it with soil, but it still didn't work.

He then called Liu Zhenghong over to study it. They switched the medium to nutrient liquid, and it didn't work either.

Liu Zhenghong was a professional, and she came up with many suggestions that Ye Zhongming didn't know about. But after the experiments, it still couldn't stop the loss of life.

Everyone knew that once the life was lost, the bones would totally die, and the Ghost Metal wouldn't be able to continue growing.

"Get some flesh and blood!"

Ye Zhongming thought about one possibility. He got them to bring some mutated lifeform flesh and blood. This caused Liu Zhenghong and him to heave a sigh of relief. The fresh blood and flesh that filled half a car was sucked dry by that portion of bones in just a few minutes. The life force of the bones increased by a little.

"Take some Chain Prisoner flesh and blood!"

They were using level five mutated lifeform flesh and blood so the energy wasn't enough. Ye Zhongming wanted to try using the Chain Prisoner's flesh.

Truth proved that it was much more effective. With the same amount, the bone took two hours to suck the meat dry.

He found the way to maintain the bones but the problem was that it was just a small portion of bones. How much flesh did he have to feed all the bones?

It seemed like this thing ate too much that even Cloud Peak couldn't afford to feed it.

Chapter 960: Crescent Moon Blood Stone

There was a total of over 280 bones with Ghost Metal. The bone with the fewest chains had seven.

This meant that Cloud Peak obtained over a thousand Ghost Metal Chains. It was a worry, too, as keeping the Ghost Metal alive was a huge headache.

After a day of work, Ye Zhongming, Liu Zhenghong, and many other researchers confirmed some things.

The Ghost Metal Chains could be nurtured using flesh and blood. The higher the level, the more energy would be provided for them.

However, the experiments proved that this method helped them reproduce and not grow normally.

Those chains that were damaged in the battle with Ye Zhongming could absorb flesh and blood to repair itself.

Ye Zhongming needed them to grow normally and not for them to grow quickly.

All the bones had their own life, and all the bones could absorb flesh and blood. It was the same, even if they had no ghost metal growing.

This made him suspect that if the bones had enough nutrients, would they grow Ghost Metal, too?

Then how many chains could grow from the thousand pieces of bones of this Chain Prisoner's body?

If that was the case, this was a giant fortune. But this was built on the basis that they could afford to raise so many bones.

There was also another point. The life force in the bones dropped quickly after they were away from the Chain Prisoner's body. In just a day, the few that didn't get any flesh and blood were dying. Ye Zhongming had to find large amounts of flesh for them to absorb and maintain their life force.

Ye Zhongming and Liu Zhenghong did some experiments. He sliced the chains from their roots and only left the bone and the circular base. The energy they absorbed not only didn't decrease, it even increased in folds.

Maybe they were just too immersed in the situation. But when Miya came over and mentioned that the bone looked like an onion, Ye Zhongming and Liu Zhenghong looked at each other and cursed.

Ye Zhongming grabbed the bone and used the Nurture ability. He noticed that although he had lost a bit of mental energy, a finger-sized piece of Ghost Metal had grown.

They all felt like this thing was an animal since it came from the body of a lifeform and that the Ghost Metal was something it excreted.

They didn't think it was a plant or the Ghost Metal was a fruit.

After Nurturing it, Ye Zhongming obtained familiarity and recognition from the bone, making it easier to study. What surprised everyone was that the bones loved the corrosive soil of the Cannibal Flowers. After they were buried in the soil, after a few hours, Ye Zhongming felt their life energy increase.

These fellows could actually maintain their life force and grow in the corrosive soil.

If you thought about it, you would realize that everything was connected. The Cannibal Flowers were seeds obtained from the Blood Wood. That giant piece of wood was still in Cloud Peak. It was the Chain Prisoner's weapon.

He tossed flesh into the soil,, and the Cannibal Flowers and Ghost Metal Bones would absorb it. The life energy reached its peak. Even if they didn't feed them quickly, their life force wouldn't weaken.

This made Ye Zhongming fully relax. At least he found a way for the bones to continue living. Thus, he sliced all the Ghost Metal chains. After increasing the amount of Cannibal Flowers that were planted, he buried the bones.

He relaxed after solving the problem and turned his attention to that horn.

In his last life, this horn was called the Horn of Life. It was a god artifact for plants. Ye Zhongming could only admire it in his previous life.

In this life, this thing was right before his eyes.

He looked at it and could sense boundless amounts of energy from it, but he didn't know how to use it.

He learned from his previous lesson. He used the Smith and Gardener skills, but they were useless.

Ye Zhongming had no choice and could only do other things. He crafted equipment while thinking about how to solve the Horn of Life's problem.

Was such a good thing unable to help him in the impending crisis?

With the large amount of Ghost Metal, Ye Zhongming didn't hold back. He added this material into the equipment, and many silver pieces appeared. He didn't sleep for close to a hundred hours and created ten thousand pieces. Along with those he had previously, the main and defense squads had new equipment.

When Cloud Peak's forces were all in silver, it shocked the surrounding factions and Posthumous people.

Many people realized that no one was Cloud Peak's match.

Besides, Ye Zhongming didn't slow down on the core members' equipment. Each one of them had a green set and an Earth Set.

This spent large amounts of Fertile soil. Even with the little fellow producing some periodically, Ye Zhongming still finished up all the soil.

After doing all that, Ye Zhongming wanted to solve the second issue before the war. A piece of news spread from Puxing Town.

Someone found a piece of Crescent Moon Blood Stone.

Ye Zhongming couldn't keep calm anymore.

Crescent Moon Blood Stone was a precious material on its own, but it wasn't too valuable. Ordinary people couldn't do anything with it.

But it was different for Ye Zhongming as it was something Moon Sand needed.

Moon Edge and Sand Dance were just the first two forms. Moon Sand was the final form.

The blue Sand Dance was destroyed against the Chain Prisoner, and it pained Ye Zhongming. He was hesitating about creating a new piece for himself. Now that he heard about the Crescent Moon Blood Stone, he got excited.

Could he craft a Moon Sand immediately? He had been collecting materials and still lacked a few pieces. Crescent Moon Blood Stone was one of them.

He led people to rush to Puxing Town. He entered Cloud Peak's official trading room and saw the person who wanted to sell it.

He looked at that person and his pupils constricted.