

## **Apocalypse 1016**

Chapter 1016: Real enemy

Ahmed was very confident, as it had been long since he failed.

This world was very nice to him when he injected the one-star potion. He obtained a new life and was the king of this land.

This included this operation.

Those Chinese were stupid and would only add color to his rule.

So, he didn't give up on entertainment during this journey.

For example, letting beautiful women dance, traditional artisans playing instruments, wine and cigarettes.

Ahmed felt that only this could get him close or surpass the kings of history.

Thus, when the squad gave a warning that they faced desert monsters, he was stunned. Only after a while did he smile.

"There is nothing dangerous in the desert; just clear them."

No one dared to go against the king's words, so the order was given, and the battle began.

The ones who attacked were naturally the slaves.

Although their names had the insulting word of being slaves, they were the core strength of Saint City.

The core of these squads came from the royal family. They were the branch members or servant families that had served the royal family.

Due to their oath during peacetime, they continued to serve. Of course, they had their own interests, and it was even more than peacetime.

The word slave naturally meant more. The true meaning was that all the ordinary warriors had the word scalded on them.

Things that were hard to imagine during peacetime should have disappeared in the apocalypse, but they became more prevalent here.

Religion and faith often gave one influence and control. If you weren't affected, it was hard for you to imagine.

Since Ahmed gave the order, one of the three slave squads surged toward the seemingly small group of desert monsters.

The battle was smooth, and the desert monsters disappeared after a few dozen minutes. The slave army suffered few losses and gained many companion crystals. Everything seemed good.

But the problem came immediately. As they pushed forward, more desert monsters appeared.

The stench from the fights even drew more mutated lifeforms to join the team that attacked the human army.

Many people were terrified.

"Send people forward to see what had happened."

Ahmed might have many unreasonable habits, but he had been the ruler for many years. He realized that things might be progressing towards the unknown.

A few teams pushed forward in different paths.

But half an hour passed, and no information returned.

Something happened.

At this point, everyone knew that something happened.

The core members of the carriage were discussing what to do when they heard shouts from outside. Those shouts were filled with fear.

Ahmed got out of the carriage and looked. He saw that the warriors were looking at the sky. He looked up and a golden ball was flying over and was close to the team.

What shocked them was that this equipment was flying and tossing things down. Many evolved could see that they were throwing corpses covered in blood.

Many people thought about the desert monsters, and their hearts sank.

Dozens of seconds later, the golden ball crossed the hill before the team and flew above them. The cabin opened, and large amounts of blood with pieces of meat fell from within.

A gory stench spread in the air.

A few figures appeared on the mountain peak. They were desert monsters. Shortly after, more mutated lifeforms appeared, and they surged down to charge at their fresh food.

Chaos arrived!

Some people wanted to retreat, while the commanders wanted to charge forward. Some felt like they should defend. But the slave army that had no discipline was in chaos.

If Ahmed didn't realize that he was being conned, he wasn't worthy of being king. He shouted, and his voice stabilized the battlefield. His orders entered the ears of everyone.

This king raised his hand, and a blue light surged into the sky. It flew toward the golden ball that had stopped in mid-air like it was showing its supremacy to them.

There was a loud 'dang' as the blue light hit the giant ball. The ball flew up, but it didn't fall.

Surprise flashed in Ahmed's eyes. He looked up. It seemed slow, but his actions were quick. He waved the staff to kill the desert lifeforms that tried to get close to him.

What he saw was a huge group of desert lifeforms, the number... He was unsure.

Ahmed brought many people, almost half of the men under him.

But there were too many desert monsters. Just the ones he saw, there were around 50 thousand!

If both sides fought here, Ahmed was confident in his ability to win. But if he lost, he could not handle it.

In truth, if he were so determined, he wouldn't have just let the Star Wheel stand tall.

Ahmed knew better than everyone else that his main enemy wasn't the desert monsters but the prophet, whose influence was slightly below him. Also, the God City that stood in the desert.

He gave the order to retreat. The team battled the desert monsters while heading back.

When he returned to his carriage, his beloved son said, "Father, if we retreat like this, then Brother Sheikha Saeed..."

The king looked coldly at him, "You have many brothers."

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Ye Zhongming looked at the scenes from the screen and knew that those from Saint City retreated. He waited quietly. When these people retreated from the range he had drawn, Cloud Peak would start attacking the Star Mother Wheel.

Chapter 1017: Ye Zhongming's idea

"With the wheel as the center, the monsters are gathered around it. Although we drew many of them away, they were from one direction, and many desert monsters remain."

Since sharing a bath with Ye Zhongming, Xia Bai and her men were closer to him. It wasn't that they weren't willing to get close to him in the past; they didn't dare to, or rather, they respected him more.

Now, he was more like an older brother, someone they spent much time with, family, a loved one. This was the case, although many of them were older than him.

Daizhi said these. She disagreed with Ye Zhongming taking the risk. Many agreed. Their suggestion was for them to clear these monsters bit by bit, and only after it was safe would Ye Zhongming enter the wheel.

They couldn't do anything about the dangers inside the wheel, but they could control them outside. They hoped to create conditions that would keep Ye Zhongming safer.

Apart from the majority's view, Xia Bai had her own thoughts. She wanted to head into the wheel instead of Ye Zhongming.

No one else would give that suggestion, not even Xia Bai. This meant that if Xia Bai succeeded, the Star Elf would belong to her. Even if you trusted someone, facing such a treasure, this sentence would draw suspicion.

Xia Lei and the others had high EQ and naturally wouldn't touch this topic. But Xia Bai didn't care. Her heart was never on the Star Elf but Ye Zhongming's safety.

She wanted to take the risk for Ye Zhongming. After all, she was also a seven-star evolved. Even if she was slightly weaker than Ye Zhongming, it wasn't a big gap. If even she couldn't survive, then it would be a signal to Ye Zhongming not to enter.

As for getting the Star Elf. To Xia Bai, this was no different from Ye Zhongming getting it. She would still listen to him to use it as she felt like even she was Ye Zhongming's, much less an elemental spirit.

Ye Zhongming could understand, so he rejected it.

It wasn't because he was jealous that Xia Bai might get something good. He knew that if Xia Bai entered, there was an 80% chance she would die.

It wasn't him overthinking, but it was the actual situation.

Why were the West Asians only able to get temporary control of the Star Elf and not full control? They also had seven-star evolved and due to their special situation, these people would hog most of the interests. This extreme was something that China couldn't imagine.

In China, the leader gets the bone, and his subordinates get soup. But here, the royal family or the religion doesn't even give them soup.

This meant that the top evolved wouldn't be weak. Along with region-specific products like Sandman, Ye Zhongming didn't think they would be weaker than China.

So why were they still able to only get temporary control? Why did they allow the Mother Wheel to reproduce and move their base?

Apart from Sheikh Saeed's reasons, Ye Zhongming was sure of one point: This Mother Wheel wasn't easy to clear. The West Asians tried and didn't succeed.

To Ye Zhongming, Xia Bai was at most on their level. With her personality, she wouldn't head out if she didn't succeed. So it would be too dangerous if she entered, and there was a high chance that she would die.

Ye Zhongming naturally wouldn't let that happen.

Although he didn't reject them outright, his silence expressed his attitude.

After seeing that the Saint City army was forced away to the distance he wanted, he gave a series of orders.

Cloud Peak spread in small teams and drew desert monsters over to reduce the density around the Mother Wheel.

Xia Bai led one of them and led the monsters near the turrets to use them to destroy them and obtain the companion crystals.

Ye Zhongming also attacked, and he went to deal with some higher-level sand monsters.

This process was very boring and dangerous. If they didn't draw the monsters properly, it would cause a large amount of them to move. This was very dangerous for the few hundred Cloud Peak warriors.

Fortunately, Xia Bai's squad was experienced at this. Their equipment was good, too, and everything proceeded smoothly.

Crystal weapons had a huge effect on this special battle.

They gave out a small sound and wouldn't alert monsters. This also ensured that they could successfully draw- clear- draw- clear the monsters.

The crystal grenades also increased the killing efficiency. In just that short while, they obtained more companion crystals than the entire journey before.

Of course, this was because Cloud Peak was rich. If not, the crystal weapons consumption was enough to bankrupt organizations.

Apart from level six crystals, Ye Zhongming would split them into two. One portion was used as their ammo.

Two hours later, Saint City's army was at a safe enough distance, and Ye Zhongming began his plan.

He merged the companion crystals, and finally, a level nine companion crystal appeared in his hands.

This could ensure that he could spin the wheel once.

Moreover, he thought about it. Why could you spin the Mother Wheel? Wasn't that the ability of an ordinary wheel?

Finally, he thought of one possibility, which was the only one. One that Sheikha Saeed didn't tell him.

It wasn't a simple spin, but... A key.

Or rather, a pass to enter the Star Mother Wheel space!

With this level-nine companion crystal, it was time to prove his conjecture.

He told Xia Bai and the others to continue killing desert monsters. He recalled the Exquisite Floating Ball and entered it. It flew above the Star Mother Wheel and then jumped down!

Chapter 1018: Mother Wheel Space

A whistling sound passed into his ears. His movement caused it through the sky. He spread his body and charged down.

Compared to China, where buildings occupied large amounts of land, the vast desert seemed devoid of life. The two were different, but there was one thing Ye Zhongming felt was similar: the mutated lifeforms in the air were comparatively fewer.

If this were a forest, rainforest, mountain, or plain, Ye Zhongming wouldn't dare to use this method. Before landing on the ground, he would be pecked by a flying lifeform and turned into white bones.

The Star Mother Wheel got bigger and bigger until he could touch it.

Ye Zhongming pressed the face of the wheel and used it to reduce his momentum. He twisted his body and then landed.

Thick sand provided good resistance for him.

Even Cloud Peak didn't know that Cloud Peak would use this method to enter the tightly surrounded wheel. So when he landed, there was an empty region around the wheel.

Of course, this region was small, only around 20-30 square meters.

Before Ye Zhongming landed, he had already started to look at the face of the wheel.

The first impression he had was that it was similar to ancient circular coins with a hole. It wasn't that the face had a hole but that the rewards were square. There were seven rows of seven, a total of 49. At the top of the wheel was one solo reward.

Ye Zhongming's vision and thinking ability exceeded what ordinary people could understand. When he landed, he had a full understanding of the wheel.

Sheikha Saeed said that the wheel had 50 rewards. He didn't lie about that. He even said that they got 13 of them. That was correct, as only 37 rewards remained.

But he couldn't tell what they got from the wheel. Only a black circle was left in the rewards that were taken.

However, the remaining rewards caused Ye Zhongming's eyes to light up.

Over half of the 37 rewards tempted Ye Zhongming.

One must know that he was already a seven-star evolved. His true strength was similar to level eight lifeforms. The thing that tempts him must be at least on the same level as an eight-star potion, which meant that at least half of the rewards were as valuable.

There was indeed an eight-star potion. That was the reward that stood out and hung above.

The number of level eight lifeforms on Earth was increasing, but it hadn't reached a level where people could get enough crystals to spin for a potion. Even if one was lucky, one needed at least 10 level eight crystals! They also had to find a level eight wheel that could be spun with ten crystals. The actual situation was that level eight and nine wheels rarely needed only ten crystals; they were, on average, 12-15/

Here, if you were lucky, you needed only one!

Ye Zhongming had one!

He didn't consider much and didn't analyze the rewards. He quickly pressed the level nine companion crystal into the hole. The Star Mother Wheel started to spin.

At this time, the surrounding sand monsters realized that a human had entered its core region. They roared and rushed over. Ye Zhongming ignored them. He placed the Nature Staff beside him and protected himself with Water Bottle Protection.

His gaze followed the rewards that lit up as the light moved.

Before moving, he naturally used the Elimination Technique to remove five choices.

This was similar to the advanced wheel.

After Ye Zhongming's elimination technique reached the top level, he could remove nine from the basic wheel, which meant he had a 100% success rate. Seven from the intermediate wheel, so his success rate was around 30%. He could remove five from advanced wheels, so his success rate was 20% if there were ten options.

It seemed like such wheels were similar to advanced wheels.

The light didn't make him wait for long, and quickly stopped on a reward. Ye Zhongming was slightly disappointed as it wasn't the eight-star evolution potion.

It was a pincer-shaped equipment that Ye Zhongming didn't know.

As time was rushed, he could only eliminate those he knew and didn't need, like the five-star potion.

Since he didn't get the eight-star potion, his attention shifted from the reward to what he had guessed.

After spinning once, did he get the key to enter the space?

The truth proved that he was right.

As the reward appeared, the Star Mother Wheel's face changed. A flower-shaped gate made of black rays appeared and slowly opened. Ye Zhongming didn't hesitate; he kept the reward and retracted his Staff of Nature before jumping in.

His eyes turned black, and the roaring sounds disappeared.

Ye Zhongming looked around, and the gentle light from Water Bottle Protection provided him with some light.

This was a giant space. When Ye Zhongming looked, with his visual powers, he couldn't see the end of it.

The sky seemed limitless, and only the ground was special. It was made of many black crystals, and where the crystals connected were white lines. Black and white spread in all directions.

Everything was black apart from the ground; it was as if you were in a universe without starlight!

No, there was starlight. Ye Zhongming noticed that there were some specks of light in the distance. He hesitated. He retracted the Water Bottle Protection and ran towards the light.

He had to run as it was too far away.

After a few dozen minutes, he saw the light source and stopped in shock.

It was a majestic palace made of white jade.

Right. In this vast space, a majestic building had appeared!

Even if Ye Zhongming knew this space was fake, he couldn't help but feel respect towards the palace.

But he stood for a while and felt like something wasn't right.

He thought about it and didn't continue forward. He moved to the sides and confirmed something.

This palace looked like a giant fly!

Chapter 1019: Afterlife Clip

Ye Zhongming found it weird and had no clue what was going on, so he stopped and didn't continue forward.

He thought about it and stared at this fly-like palace. He hoped to find some information that could give him a clue.

But there was nothing. It was as if this palace was a flawless piece of art. It stood in the galaxy-like space.

Ye Zhongming sat down.

Although he was worried about the situation of Xia Bai's battle squad and the Imperial City's battle, he knew that his safety was more important. If he died here, that was what those who were related to him had to worry most about.

He thought about it and took the Clip-like thing he got from the wheel.

This was the only thing he thought had any connection with this place.

“Chaos Grade Afterlife Clip!”

Just the name alone shocked him.

This name was very majestic.

Although Ye Zhongming was unsure, he felt like equipment that received such names was very strong.

For example, Gate of Sacrifice, Ocean King Crown, Elemental Elf...

Afterlife was one type of name.

He looked at the green equipment and didn't care much about it. With his current status and riches, green equipment wasn't a surprise to him.

When he saw the name, he realized it might be amazing equipment.

"Chaos Grade, increase ability of the equipment by one, increase skill level of one skill by one level."

"Mist Grade, increase equipment abilities by two, increase skill level of one skill by two levels."

"Clear Grade, increase equipment abilities by two, increase skill levels of two skills by one level."

"Pure Grade, increase equipment abilities by three, increase skill level of two skills by two levels."

“Perfect Grade, increase abilities of the equipment by three, increase skill levels of three skills by one level.”

Even the knowledgeable Ye Zhongming opened his mouth and was impressed by the equipment.

Right, it was amazing! At the same time, his heart jumped.

Looking at the introduction, this was a piece of equipment that could be upgraded. Based on the color change rules, if it got to perfect grade, wouldn't it be... Seven colored grade?

This was really a piece of equipment that was on the same level as the Ocean King Crown?

Naturally, there were good and bad pieces of equipment in the same grade. For example, the Gate of Sacrifice was the top gold equipment, and its value was higher than that of ordinary gold equipment.

Maybe the Perfect Grade Afterlife Clip would be more valuable in the future than the Ocean King Crown, but who was Ye Zhongming? He was the best smith. He took one look and understood that the value of the clip wasn't its current state but when it merged with other equipment.

Think about it: if the Ocean King Crown reached seven-colored grade and he used the clip on it, it would get three more abilities... Three abilities would also increase by one level...

That was unimaginable. It meant that the seven colored equipment would get better! Seven-colored equipment was already rare, so what was a grade higher? It was probably a king or god equipment.

Of course, when there were areas where it was good, naturally, there were restrictions.

Firstly was the cooldown time. It wasn't that you could take it off if you thought that the equipment you clipped it on wasn't good. This switch would need a hundred hours.

Secondly, not all equipment could be improved with this. Chaos Grade and Mist Grade could only be used on blue equipment. Clear Grade could be used on Gold. Pure Grade was on purple. Perfect Grade could be used on all pieces of equipment.

The current Chaos Grade Clip can be used on blue-grade equipment. So, which should he use it on?

He thought about it and decided to use it on Sand Dance.

Before he crafted the purple Moon Sand, increasing his attack was best for him. After all, in terms of defense, the Black Halo Shield or the Earth Elf's armor helped increase his protection.

Before using it, he looked at the equipment again and saw that a picture was on the inner surface of the clip.

It was similar to... Ye Zhongming thought about it for half a day and felt like it was a cavalier riding a horse.

But the horse didn't have a head, or rather, it was connected with the body of the cavalier.

Centaur!

Ye Zhongming recalled that this picture was similar to Western centaurs.

But he didn't understand what it meant.

He used the Clip to clip Sand Dance. The moment it clipped, it disappeared, and at the same time, he received the notification that the equipment had entered cooldown.

He looked at the new ability and also saw that it had increased the level of one sand dance skill.

He placed the blade down and decided to walk to the palace to look. Anyway, he had no idea, so it was better that he entered.

He arrived at the entrance quickly. When he was close, he could better understand how majestic this palace was.

It was hard to imagine how majestic this building had to be to shock Ye Zhongming, who had seen many miracle-like architectures on Earth.

This was not man-made. That was the only judgment he gave.

He stepped on the stairs. His Bloodstepping Boots and the jade stone clashed and gave out a rhythmic tapping sound. He arrived at the entrance, and the doors were open.

Ye Zhongming walked over slowly.

He saw a majestic hall, but there was only one color. Everything was made of the same material, and even the corpses on the ground were the same color...

Right, a giant corpse was in the center of the hall. Some missing parts were scattered around, and the material resembled that of the palace.

Ye Zhongming confirmed that there was no aura of life before walking over. He saw a different color.

It was also a corpse.

But it was a human corpse. Ye Zhongming didn't see it because the giant monster corpse blocked it.

He got close and saw that it was a West Asian.

They came here before!

Chapter 1020: So that was the case

Ye Zhongming naturally knew that the West Asians had entered the Star Mother Wheel; if not, they wouldn't have been able to get the Star Elf.

But why did he bump into a palace the West Asians had already entered?

Was he supposed to continue to search for clues? Or was this a place where he shouldn't have come?

Where should he go?

Many questions entered his mind and made him frustrated. He knew he would be trapped here if he couldn't think of the answer. Not only would he not get the Star Elf, he would be exiled here.

So what was the answer?

He walked about the palace.

He didn't let any corner go, and he didn't notice anything.

He walked beside the corpse and imagined the battle. But apart from confirming that this corpse was strong, he still didn't notice anything.

Wait!

Ye Zhongming's eyes lit up. He started to search. He picked up those broken white jade monster parts and pieced them together.

This needed patience and took a lot of time, but Ye Zhongming was very serious.

When he pieced the monster together, he understood something.

This was... A bee? Or a fly?

Anyways, it was the same as the shape of this palace.

Same as the palace...

These few words were key. Ye Zhongming felt that way.

He knew he should grab these words but couldn't think of anything.

That didn't feel good.

Ye Zhongming left the palace helplessly.

Since he didn't notice any problem, staying there was no point. He could only continue in this endless space.

He was afraid he would get lost, so when he headed in one direction, he would turn to look at that palace to ensure that he didn't stray.

Losing his way didn't sound like much. But in the forest, desert, and mountains, these words often meant death.

Ye Zhongming didn't want to lose his way in this space, so he was cautious.

Fortunately, he found another palace quickly.

It was... A half-ship-like palace. There was no ship on it, only the base of the ship.

He scratched his head. Why did these palaces have such a weird shape? The first was a fly. This was better. It wasn't a lifeform but half a ship.

Like the previous palace, this palace was still majestic. It was made of white jade and still stood there alone.

Ye Zhongming didn't hesitate. He rather face some danger than this torturing silence.

He entered the palace, which was similar to the previous one. There was also a corpse on the ground. Oh, no, this was more of a wreckage.

It was a ship wreckage that was several times smaller than the palace.

The shrapnel was still everywhere, and there were many West Asian corpses near it.

The West Asians were still here first.

Ye Zhongming checked the entire ship palace, and like before, he didn't gain anything.

Ye Zhongming didn't believe it and continued to walk on this path. As expected, he bumped into a third palace. This one was a fish with wings.

Ye Zhongming was not shocked anymore. He walked to the entrance and stood there.

This palace was closed!

He wasn't disappointed that he was locked outside, but he was excited. Things had changed, and it was better than having no changes.

He tried to push it, but when his hand touched the jade door, a strong presence roared at him.

He noticed that he appeared on the steps. Beneath his legs were still those black crystal and white light squares. He took one step and could get on the white jade stairs again.

He stopped and confirmed some things.

The West Asians didn't come here, and even if they did, they didn't enter as the thing inside was still alive. If he was correct, it should be a winged fish like the shape of the palace.

Ye Zhongming continued to walk to the entrance to push that door. But he still heard a roar and was teleported out of the palace's range.

On the third time, he started to attack the door. It was useless. No matter what he did, as long as his body touched the door, he would be teleported.

He started to walk around the palace to find another way to enter. But there were no windows. Even if he wanted to climb to the top, he was teleported when he touched it.

He was furious and cursed. So what if you were a flying fish?

En?

He opened his eyes wide, flying... Flying fish? The first palace was a fly... Second, was the bottom of a boat?

Also, Star Wheel, Star...

He exclaimed and felt like he knew the secret of this place!

Astrology, astrology!

First was Muscae, then it was Carina, and now it was Volans!

Moreover, Ye Zhongming thought about the centaur picture. Didn't that mean that he could enter a Centaurus palace?

Regarding the stars, Ye Zhongming only understood the 12 star signs. He knew about these other stars because he studied the history of foreign literature, and some of his knowledge touched on these stars.

He knew a little more than others and knew these were part of the 42 stars!

But he didn't understand. If he remembered correctly, there were 88 stars. If one prize represented one star, there should be 88 rewards, not 50!

So what was going on?

He thought about it for a long time but was made to give up.

He guessed the palaces represented the stars, but there was a problem. The palaces should be distributed like a star map. It was like a dome, so after this palace appeared, the other palace disappeared. It was already amazing that he recognized these stars. How would he even remember a star map?

He couldn't remember the star map, so how could he find the Centaurus palace?