

Apocalypse 1021

Chapter 1021: White Jade Centaur

One hated not studying more when they needed to use the knowledge.

The excitement from finding out the answer had totally disappeared.

If he didn't know the star map, he wouldn't know the location of the stars. No matter how smart he was, he couldn't solve this mystery.

But he realized that since he knew where the problem was, there was just one thing he could do: find it!

How? Ye Zhongming decided to use the dumbest way.

He started to walk backward, and when he bumped into the first palace, he changed directions and walked in another direction.

His method was to draw circles around the Musca.

This was dumb, but it could ensure that he didn't miss any direction. If the centaurus were nearby, then he would definitely find it.

The truth proved that he was right. After he used this method, the second palace he bumped into was the Centaurus!

It was too easy to confirm as it looked like the diagram on the Afterlife Clip.

He adjusted his breathing and walked up the stairs. He arrived at the palace gate very quickly.

Whether or not his conjecture was correct depended on whether he could push this gate open.

His hands pressed onto it, and thus, the answer was given.

Nothing happened.

He took a deep breath and pushed it.

The next second, he saw the centaur monster in the hall's center.

At the same time as he took his first step, that statue-like centaur opened its eyes.

Both sides looked at each other.

Ye Zhongming appeared calm on the surface, but he was shocked. This centaur should be a very special mutated lifeform, but it was still a mutated lifeform and not an evolved one. But why was it so calm? It looked so cold when it looked at Ye Zhongming that it terrified him.

Was it because it was half a human?

Ye Zhongming slowly pulled out Sand Dance, and the strengthened Flame Sandstorm appeared around him. The red sand particles started to spin, rubbing against the air.

The temperature was rising. Any enemy that entered the Flame Sandstorm would get hit with fire element damage.

Black Halo Shield appeared on Ye Zhongming's body. The Earth Elf also added a Black Soil Armor to him such that his defense had reached a terrifying level.

This wasn't over. Sand started to flow from his feet. It was the storage space from the Blood Stepping Boots. Since his bloodline was modified, he began to store sand inside.

When needed, Ye Zhongming would activate his bloodline without any hesitation.

The centaur still didn't move. Only when it saw the sand did it wave the white jade spear. It raised its front hooves, and they landed viciously on the ground.

“Huo!”

It roared and caused the entire ground to shake. Its voice reverberated in the sky.

Ye Zhongming’s head felt giddy, and he knew the monster was about to attack.

The moment its hooves landed and it roared, it started to charge. The four giant white jade hooves gave out a quick and rhythmic trampling sound.

As it charged, it raised the spear, and a light shone on its tip.

Anyone could tell that as it moved forward, the spear would also move until it hit Ye Zhongming.

Ye Zhongming didn’t enter this wheel space in his last life, so he didn’t know what kind of monster this was. If he knew, he would recognize that these were all the centaur’s abilities.

“Beast Roar!”

“Unstoppable Spear!”

The former could cause a temporary dizzy state and could also increase its stats. It was a temporary buff.

The spear was a strong attack ability. Using the charge to increase the momentum and deal damage with the white jade's light element.

Although the centaur didn't have a demon crystal, one could tell from its attack that it was as strong as a level-seven lifeform. It was even very close to level eight.

Ye Zhongming awakened quickly from the dizzy state but noticed that the centaur and its spear were close to him.

If it were someone else, the spear would have stabbed into their bodies. But Ye Zhongming was different. He had the Flame Sandstorm around him.

Moreover, it was the upgraded Flame Sandstorm.

Chaos Grade Afterlife Clip was clipped onto the blue Sand Dance. The random ability upgraded was this.

The current Flame Sandstorm had an obvious slow to enemies that entered its range.

It might have caused the attack to go from one second to 1.5, but that was enough to do many things.

Ye Zhongming was actually caught off guard today. He didn't expect this cold-looking fellow to have a mental energy-like attack. Without the Flame Sandstorm, he would have been hit.

But Ye Zhongming was able to react.

He moved and used Quickness. The centaur's strike was sidestepped.

The giant body and bright spear brushed past him.

He then used Kick and waved his blade, too.

His kicking motion was small. The centaur's speed was also lowered, so it couldn't dodge. Its body shook from the kick, and there was a cracking sound. It should be the leg of the white jade.

Ye Zhongming's kick stopped the centaur that could have charged past.

It also stopped in Ye Zhongming's range, and his blade landed.

Typically speaking, he would use the Burning Sharp Light skill when he slashed. It could activate a light blade to slice anything before him.

But this time, the Burning Sharp Light did appear, and it was even stronger as Ye Zhongming's stats increased.

But the key was that a semicircle barrier appeared after. It covered the centaur's body. A butterfly-shaped blade also started to sweep the area.

If someone were familiar with Ye Zhongming, they would know he didn't use any skill after Quickness and Kick. The Burning Sharp Light was Sand Dance's own ability, so what was this light barrier?

Afterlife Clip not only upgraded the Flame Sandstorm but also gave it a new skill.

“Light Butterfly Slaughter!”

Chapter 1022: Centaur Slash

The light blades sliced the centaur's body and made an ear-piercing rubbing sound. Shrapnel scattered in the light barrier, and as it couldn't escape, it turned the barrier misty.

This process was short, and it was only a breath but it shocked Ye Zhongming with its attack frequency.

But the barrier broke a second later.

The centaur's spear hit the barrier, and that monster charged out.

Ye Zhongming was prepared. The Earth Elf used Gravity Jump, and the centaur's gravity changed.

Ye Zhongming used his job skill.

Thousand Seal Slash!

Ten blade images merged toward the centaur's body.

It had just charged out from the barrier, and its gravity changed. Along with it being in Flame Sandstorm, its movement was restricted. It couldn't dodge that blade.

It raised its spear and clenched the top and bottom of it to block in front of its body.

Sand Dance and the white jade spear clashed.

Ye Zhongming's hands felt numb, and he couldn't control his body anymore. He fell backward, and Sand Dance trembled.

The attack broke down because of that retreat.

Ye Zhongming's strength was his advantage. After using the stat upgrade scroll, his strength reached an unbelievable level. But this strength didn't give him an advantage against the centaur.

He thought it was a simple fight, but they were actually on the same level.

He raised his head and relaxed slightly. His sharp senses told him that the front hooves of the centaur had cracked. The cracks from the kick worsened and showed signs of breaking off.

That spear was worse. Although it didn't break, there was a huge chip where it clashed with Sand Dance.

One would foresee that that spear would break if he used a little strength.

The centaur was unhappy with its situation. It wasn't as perfect as before, and its body was covered in marks. It looked at the spear and tossed it aside. It then pulled an axe from the side of the horse.

Only then did Ye Zhongming notice two weapons on its sides. One was an axe, and the other was a long blade.

He didn't notice it because the white jade was the same color as its entire body. Its muscular front body was blocking it, too.

It picked up the axe, and its aura climbed. It looked at Ye Zhongming and spun the axe with both hands. It then charged at Ye Zhongming for the second time.

He was shocked this time.

He noticed that the Earth Elf's Gravity Jump was ineffective!

He didn't have time to think as he waved Sand Dance. The second Thousand Seal Slash was used.

This was the battle of aura, and Ye Zhongming didn't want to back down.

The centaur's axe was quick. At a suitable time, it clashed with Ye Zhongming's skill.

Not only did Ye Zhongming not back down, but he also flew.

After landing, there was some blood scent in his nose. He knew that his intestines were impacted, and he suffered some internal injuries.

After changing weapons, the centaur was substantially stronger.

Dang dang dang!

Ye Zhongming stood up quickly and heard that sound. He looked and saw that the axe had dropped to the ground. The head and handle had separated. That clash had exceeded what the weapon could take.,

The centaur's front hooves were broken, and it leaned forward like it was kneeling there.

Due to the strength of that clash, although the centaur didn't retreat, its front legs were destroyed.

This monster gave a reluctant roar toward Ye Zhongming. It didn't expect the human to be so strong. Two clashes and Ye Zhongming had the advantage.

Ye Zhongming clenched his blade. He knew he would be in a worse state if it weren't for Black Halo Shield.

At this time, the outcome was decided.

Although the battle was short, Ye Zhongming didn't underestimate the centaur. On the contrary, he felt like if an ordinary seven-star evolved fought it, there was a low chance of winning. Not only was it quick and powerful, but its skill usage was very logical.

That slash after spinning should be an axe skill.

Ye Zhongming walked forward with his blade. He planned to end this battle and also to see what happened next.

But he stopped after one step as the centaur held the blade.

It stared viciously at Ye Zhongming and raised the blade with both hands.

An extreme sense of danger spread. Ye Zhongming felt danger from that motion. He didn't doubt that if he continued to stand there, he would get killed!

The centaur didn't give him more time. It raised its blade and slashed down.

A bright yellow figure flashed out from its body and appeared before Ye Zhongming.

Total silence. It was as if time had stopped.

After some time, Ye Zhongming moved his body and touched his chest. Black Halo Shield was sliced open, and the Black Dirt Armor was sliced. The blue armor was also sliced.

There was a shallow blood wound on his chest. Not much blood flowed, but his skin was slightly opened.

The Staff of Nature was before him. The Water Bottle Protection that he had activated had cracked long ago.

Hong!

The centaur's body fell to the ground, losing all signs of life. Its body shattered into many pieces.

Ye Zhongming opened his mouth, terrified.

He activated the Water Bottle Protection after sensing danger. Even then, the bright yellow figure instantly broke the water element defense and didn't give him a chance to change gems. It then broke Black Halo Shield and the dirt armor.

Although it didn't deal much damage to him and the injuries to his chest were light, he knew that he had just escaped death. If that skill was slightly stronger, then...

He didn't expect the centaur's final attack to be so strong.

What he didn't know was that it was the centaur's final attack; it needed to use its life.

That was- Centaur Slash!

Chapter 1023: Hiring Star Elf

If Sheikha Saeed hadn't died and followed Ye Zhongming into this space, he would have told him that that was the star protector's final hit.

Each palace monster would gather all their strength and lifeforce into one hit to form their final blow.

At the start, before the Mother Wheel gave birth to so many subordinates, many experts from West Asia died from these final hits.

Of course, Sheikha Saeed probably would have answered some of Ye Zhongming's questions.

For example, why were there 88 stars but only 50 rewards?

Ye Zhongming looked at the dead centaur and let the Treasure Nurturing Gourd eat the damaged blue armor. He switched a green Thousand Leaf Phosphor Armor.

When he changed his clothes, a blue light appeared on the centaur's corpse. Then, a small elf floated in mid-air.

The Earth Elf left his shoulder for the first time since following him.

It sat on the small shield and flew towards the new elf. That blue elf saw it and also floated over quickly.

They met in mid-air, and they were like long-lost friends. Both of them sat on the small shield and talked to each other.

Ye Zhongming raised his brow. Did he get some benefits because he already had an elemental elf?

He saw the two babies talking to each other and felt like it didn't fit into the solemn atmosphere.

"Father, he is hungry."

Ye Zhongming lowered his head in shock.

Although he had ordered the Earth Elf not to call him father and didn't even let him talk to outsiders, its sudden words caused his heart to speed up and his face to turn red.

Ye Zhongming still took out some things for these two fellows to eat. The Earth Elf took it and split some food for the little fellow.

When the Star Elf ate a piece of ghost metal and a two-star potion, Ye Zhongming received a notification.

“Star Elf, the only controller of the stars. Current growth stage: Birth. Current state: Hired.”

The front was similar to the Earth elf, but the back part differed.

Hired?

That was probably the Star Elf’s state of the West Asians.

At this time, Ye Zhongming slightly regretted killing Sheikha Saeed before understanding the situation.

“Star Elf Ability 1, Shining Land. When needed, the Star Elf will light up a space similar to its size. In this space, the user will have a speed buff.”

“Star Elf Ability 2, Unobstructed Space. Star Elf has the ability of the elves and can move across space.”

Star Elf Ability 3, Shining Star. Star Elf will release a small star when fighting that can be controlled by the user. When needed, launch a Star Laser.”

“Star Elf Ability 4, Greedy. Star Elf can eat anything it is interested in to store energy in its body. It will enter its next growth stage when it reaches a certain number.”

Star Elf Ability 5.”

“Star Elf Ability 6.”

“Star Elf Ability 7.”

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“Star Elf Ability 12.”

Compared to Earth Elf, the Star Elf shocked Ye Zhongming even more. Two abilities were the same, but the hired state also meant that it had two more sealed abilities.

This made it less useful.

At the same time, he had more questions.

When he got the Earth Elf, he spent a long time fighting in that space and crossing several tests. Although he didn't die inside, he was close.

Now, he just fought one fight. Apart from that dangerous final strike, he had the advantage from the start. He won and obtained temporary control.

Wasn't that too simple?

Also, how long will this Star Elf stay by his side?

There was no notification about those.

In the Earth Wheel Sapce, Ye Zhongming obtained three types of Fertile Soil. But apart from white jade, there was nothing here, much less Star Sand.

This different was huge.

Ye Zhongming looked at the centaur's body and tried to see if the spear could be a material. But that was just wishful thinking.

He could only walk out. But when he reached the door, he stopped.

He moved back to the centaur's corpse and took something out.

Gate of Sacrifice.

He looked at the energy bar and was satisfied. He paid close attention to sacrificing things, but due to other treasures like the Treasure Nurturing Gourd, many materials were split.

Since the last sacrifice, he had been storing energy, and it had reached a decent level.

He tried to sacrifice the centaur's broken weapons, and he succeeded. It also increased a lot of energy. Ye Zhongming was delighted and found a way to compensate for all his hard work here.

After the three weapons, he split the centaur and sacrificed its body. As expected, all of them could be sacrificed.

After all that, he wanted to smash the palace to sacrifice but... It was his wishful thinking.

He headed out, and after sacrificing the corpses in the previous palaces, the energy increased by a full bar. It was a little from the highest amount.

Ye Zhongming anticipated what the full energy Gate of Sacrifice could give him.

As he didn't know the time difference here and outside and he didn't have any other stars to hunt, he didn't continue expanding his search range. He returned to where he had come from, and a gate awaited him.

He held Staff of Nature and walked out. Shortly after, he heard some notification sounds.

Chapter 1024: You think too much

“Star Elf hired duration, 15 days.”

“During this hire period, Star Sand production reduced by half.”

15 days? Production reduced by half?

This notification made Ye Zhongming really unhappy. The hired time and efficiency could not satisfy him.

“Shatter the Mother Wheel space and obtain more hired times, and you can earn the final ownership of the Star Elf.”

This notification was more tempting. It even told him the way to own the Star Elf.

Ye Zhongming understood that Sheikha Saeed wasn't honest with him either. The Star Elf wasn't taken from him, but because his hired date was up, the Star Elf returned to the Mother Wheel. Of course, the others won the fellow from the wheel and not by snatching from him.

Who knows how many times they hired it, as this affected the final ownership?

Ye Zhongming was naturally interested in the elemental elf. He feared that some people hired it too many times, like the king from Saint City.

But he didn't have time to consider this problem. The moment he exited the wheel, he saw a person.

This was a weird person. He wore a black robe and held a crystal ball. Although his robe had a hoodie, he didn't wear it. It revealed white hair and a weird-looking face.

The reason why it was weird was because this person gave him a complicated feeling.

It looked merciful, a little terrifying, killing intent, he smiled, he looked a little lost...

It was as if that face was a merger of many faces.

After Ye Zhongming exited, he should have faced many Mother Wheel sand monsters. But the monsters were still there, and Cloud Peak was still fighting them. Ye Zhongming could even feel the connection from the golden ball.

But it was as if the Sand Monsters, and Cloud Peak warriors, couldn't see him and didn't react.

"I am surprised by how quickly you did it."

That person spoke up first, which made Ye Zhongming stop his attacks.

He felt a person's aura and energy fluctuation, which was no weaker than his own. He thought of a person.

"Jyanendra?"

The old man nodded, "That is me."

It wasn't hard to guess. Only a few people could stand before Ye Zhongming like that in West Asia. Only the two from Saint City knew that Ye Zhongming came here. Although Ye Zhongming hadn't met the king, his statue was in the city. So, it was apparent who the person before him was.

"Yes?"

A simple word changed the atmosphere.

Although it was a question, it also represented the thoughts behind the word.

If he had no problems, then why would he stop him? If he did, then what was it? Was he trying to snatch his stuff or something else?

Jyanendra's reply would probably determine if the two seven-star evolved would battle.

Ye Zhongming was wary of this person who had once defeated China Region's nine-star evolved.

Star Prophet was too weird, and Ye Zhongming wasn't confident he would defeat him. Moreover, he wasn't in a perfect state, and his armor defense dropped.

Jyanendra looked at the two elves on Ye Zhongming's shoulders and was envious.

"I am just here to discuss things with you."

Ye Zhongming's eyes opened wide, and he waited for him to continue.

"I am not sure, but you are among the strongest in the China Region. Then did you think that... We are all being watched?"

An air-like color appeared in his crystal ball and into the sky. There were some scenes that Ye Zhongming was familiar with. Everyone on earth would be familiar with that as it was what happened on the first day.

Ye Zhongming's tense body relaxed.

This was the first time someone had talked to him about this, and it was also the first time he had seen his most profound questions in another person's body.

But he didn't speak and wanted to know what this Star Prophet wanted to say.

"We are struggling to survive in different regions. We keep getting stronger. If everything is arranged, then what is their goal? To help humans evolve or to test the law of the jungle?"

Jyanendra shook his head, "Please forgive me as I am thinking about this in the worst-case scenario, but I think it is the case..."

"We are tools. When we get stronger or stronger until those above want us to reach, they can use us. We will face things that we cannot imagine."

Ye Zhongming thought about how nine stars evolved and rarely appeared before them. He suspected that after you reached that level, things would change.

He was still silent even if Jyanendra had said what he thought.

“At that time, we might be allies and have to face the unknown things together.”

“Then?”

Ye Zhongming suddenly spoke. He looked at him seriously and knew that those words were mostly guesses. Of course, it might be some prediction he got from his job.

“Then? You will hope your allies are strong and can take more responsibility to help you. Or would you like to see them being weak and you having to take on all dangers?”

His crystal ball changed and turned into scenes of fights, cruel battles, and gore.

Ye Zhongming had a mocking smile.

“You just want me to give up on the Star Elf.” Ye Zhongming moved, “I can tell you that if I need an ally, I will choose my own. Even if I have to face those dangers, I will ensure that I am the strongest.”

“Mr. Jyanendra, do you think I am someone who will give up on the Elemental Elf just because of a few words?”

“You think too much.”

Chapter 1025: Burial Barrier

One had to be impressed by Jyanendra’s upbringing. After hearing what Ye Zhongming said, his face showed no rage or annoyance.

This was an obvious rejection. One could even say that Ye Zhongming had totally soiled their relationship. Based on how people did things in the apocalypse, Jyanendra would retreat or battle Ye Zhongming.

But he didn’t do anything.

“Nobody can be alone. A person can never do what many people can achieve. A chess piece will be surrounded on the chessboard; only by having many chess pieces will you be able to battle others.”

Ye Zhongming shook his head, “Either move aside, or I will kill you.”

Jyanendra finally sighed, and he took a step back.

The surroundings dimmed.

The barrier that cut the two of them off from the surroundings deepened.

“You want to fight just because you can’t persuade me? You should have done this from the start; there was no need to be so fake.” Ye Zhongming said calmly. A gun appeared in his hand, and he pulled the trigger.

Dangerous energy fired from the barrel of the crystal energy demon gun.

This distance was the best distance for the purple weapon.

But the small energy arc with lightning energy didn’t hit Jyanendra’s body. It stopped in mid-air.

Ye Zhongming’s gaze landed on Jyanendra’s crystal ball.

‘Burial Pearl?’”

Ye Zhongming looked at those scenes and thought of one piece of equipment.

It was rumored that the strong West Asian nine-star evolved had a piece of very powerful pearl equipment that had many miraculous functions.

Who knew that Jyanendra grasped this pearl when he was seven-star?

“Your knowledge is surprising!”

Jyanendra was shocked. He didn't expect the Chinese to say the name of his equipment.

“You talk about not being a chess piece while you continue to use the wheel's equipment. Don't you think that is funny?”

Ye Zhongming mocked, but he was thinking about how to break this barrier. He didn't want to make a move before he understood it.

“This is just the process to reach the goal. All of this isn't important; only the outcome is important.” Jyanendra replied, “But to stubborn people like you, nothing is important.”

The pearl lit up, and some light rays spat out from within. They were short at the start but were growing at a visible rate.

The arcs of the crystal energy demon gun hit these rays and were sliced apart.

However, the exploding energy would cause the growth of these rays to slow.

“Swordlight!”

Jyanendra launched his attack.

The situation was bad for Ye Zhongming. When he appeared, the West Asian had already set up the barrier, which forced Ye Zhongming to fight him.

But Ye Zhongming had no choice. If he had listened to Jyanendra's nonsense, all that awaited him was extortion.

Ye Zhongming knew that Jyanendra was using the barrier's unique nature, which made his attacks useless, and launched such an attack method.

Ye Zhongming pulled the trigger again, and he did so consecutively until he finished the energy in the gun.

Through this process, he realized that his movement was also restricted. It was as if he was in a swamp and it was filled with resistance.

The energy arc formed a barrier before his body.

"It is useless. Nobody on the same level can break my Burial Barrier. If you listened to my words and left something to ensure your promise is kept, you wouldn't have had to face this situation."

Jyanendra's face was filled with the joy of his plan working even though his words seemed like he was taking pity on Ye Zhongming.

"You finally revealed your true nature." Ye Zhongming scoffed. He kept the gun and took out the... Sniper Rifle.

The barrier restricted his movement. After taking out the sniper rifle, he didn't aim it at Jyanendra, but he still fired. This made Jyanendra mock him.

But Ye Zhongming wasn't affected. He used up the case that was filled with silver bullets. He then took out the Explosive Mechanic, Crystal grenade, and a crystal gun, which he fired at the barrier.

Jyanendra's expression started to sink.

At first, he thought Ye Zhongming did it to slow the progress of the Sword Light. Those energy arcs, bullets, rays, etc., were effective. But when Ye Zhongming continued using various seemingly useless attacks, he felt uneasy.

He felt like it wasn't so simple.

As expected, when Ye Zhongming tossed two black grenades, the barrier shook for the first time.

Some eggshell-like cracks started to spread.

Ye Zhongming didn't have any equipment to break the barrier, but it didn't mean that he didn't have a solution.

No matter what space it was, the amount of energy they could take was limited. Once it exceeded that, the space would explode.

Be it rooms, cities, Earth, or even the universe.

The Burial Barrier was no exception. Before the space-like abilities of the two elemental elves got unlocked, this was the only way he could think of.

Since he couldn't leave, he would cause it to explode.

Ye Zhongming executed his plan immediately.

The Burial Barrier that caused the Chinese nine-star evolve huge trouble and even decided the outcome single-handedly hadn't grown to that terrifying level. It had already reached its limit before Ye Zhongming used all his cards.

"Are you crazy?"

Jyanendra realized what Ye Zhongming was doing, and his expression changed. His voice turned into terror, "If the barrier explodes, we will all get killed by the energy explosion!"

Ye Zhongming pouted and didn't reply. He took two more crystal grenades from his space and added them to the unstable energy current of the barrier.

The cracking sound got louder and louder. Finally, the barrier couldn't take the energy and exploded while Jyanendra exclaimed.