

Apocalypse 1026

Chapter 1026: Should be coming

The sudden explosion shocked Xia Bai's squad. They looked toward where the sound came from and prepared to strike.

It was where the Star Mother Wheel was.

The sand monsters were mutated lifeforms very sensitive to such energy. They could sense that many of their fellow lifeforms had died from that explosion.

Be it humans or sand monsters, they all charged toward the explosion.

The former did so because Ye Zhongming might be there. The latter did so, as that was where the mother wheel was.

The area around the wheel was in a mess. The sand monsters there all exploded. A giant hole appeared in the ground, and many sand monster corpses were around.

This alone can tell you how intense that explosion was. The lifeforms within a few dozen meters were cleared.

Ye Zhongming walked out slowly and waved toward Xia Bai and the others. The battle squad changed directions and ran outwards to escape the sand monsters. Ye Zhongming used his speed and got free from the wheel.

Logically speaking, Ye Zhongming was at the center of the explosion and should have received a strong blow, but he looked perfectly fine.

The sand monsters gathered before the Sand Monster Wheel and roared. They were furious for some unknown reason.

Ye Zhongming stood in the range of the Violent Lightning Turret and looked into the distance. He knew that Jyanendra was alive.

During the explosion, Ye Zhongming thought about his plan. He wouldn't be as dumb as Jyanendra thought to try to die together.

When the barrier cracked, he used the Staff of Nature and then moved behind the Star Mother Wheel. That was enough.

No matter how large the explosion was, it wouldn't hurt the wheel.

Thus, Ye Zhongming escaped that fatal energy storm.

He thought that even if Jyanendra didn't die, he would be badly injured. Then, Ye Zhongming would have the ascendancy to try to kill him. He even thought about what he wanted to ask.

But that Star Prophet screamed before the explosion. He then used an unknown method to escape. When Ye Zhongming noticed him, he was thousands of meters away and escaping quickly.

As expected from this strong evolved in the last life, he wasn't weak in this either.

Ye Zhongming offended both guys in Saint City, but he shrugged and didn't care much. He cared about how to come back to hire the Star Elf again.

"Pack it up, let's get ready to leave."

Ye Zhongming didn't continue attacking the sand monsters and just gave the order to retreat.

He couldn't remain here to spin the wheel. The battle in Blue Secret Realm might start at any time. He couldn't return to Saint City to use the Space Stack Gate, so who knew how long it would take to rush back. So he couldn't waste time. Fortunately, he used the Exquisite Floating Ball to grasp the desert layout and knew how to go.

The team first left toward where they came from and cleared the sand monsters that attacked the Saint City troops to collect their companion crystals. They then avoided the returning monsters and passed a few dozen kilometers from the Saint City. They rushed towards the Space Stack gate in West Asia.

If it were an ordinary person, even if they had camels and enough replenishments, it would be tough to pass a desert, much less ensure speed.

But Xia Bai's squad was all five-star evolved and was like Superman. They also had enough items and many equipment that they could use. With the help of the Exquisite Floating Ball, they took a straight path towards their target.

The dangerous land during peacetime was just soft ground that slightly affected their speed.

Of course, things weren't too safe. They bumped into many groups of sand monsters and also a level seven mutated sand rat. They even bumped into a few hundred evolved bandits beside an oasis.

The team didn't choose to avoid but to crush them.

They didn't take much time. It took 15 hours to reach their destination, which was nearly the limit for these evolved.

During this period, Ye Zhongming even sat the Exquisite Floating Ball to head to the camp that was attacked by the sand monsters. He wanted to keep the Space Stack gate there.

He wanted to keep the possibility of heading to Saint City.

But when he went there, the Space Stack Gate was gone. Saint City had sent people to remove it.

Young Master Yun's squad completed their guarding mission, and they went through a few fights.

These days, apart from some mutated lifeforms, a team from Saint City has appeared. They wanted to block Cloud Peak's path home. However, as time was of the essence and because they felt the main force was at the Star Mother Wheel, they only sent a few thousand. But their combat strength wasn't high, and Young Master Yun's battle squad crushed them.

He told everyone to leave first. He then kept this problematic wheel that could only teleport with the other branch wheel. He sat in the Exquisite Floating Ball and returned to an area near the Star Mother Wheel. He found a secluded spot, placed the gate down, and disguised it.

He then teleported back to Cloud Peak. After scouting the area, he led people back to the Posthumous People City.

He crossed seven thousand kilometers in a day and also crossed space to get to the Secret Realm. Only Ye Zhongming and Cloud Peak could do that now.

Anyone who saw Ye Zhongming heaved a sigh of relief within the Imperial City.

They were very nervous when Ye Zhongming wasn't here.

Fortunately, Saint Ligth Hall was making preparations. Apart from some probing attacks, they didn't use the terrifying Power of the Gods. This allowed the barrier that covered the city to remain.

He discussed with a few people and placed the Violent Lightning Turrets on the secondary defense line. He then distributed a batch of crystal equipment. Ye Zhongming, who planned to craft blue armor for himself, was stopped by Xia Lei and pulled back to his house in the Imperial City.

She sat in his embrace and pulled his hand into her clothing, giving a few nasal moans.

“I think that level nine expert is here.”

Chapter 1027: Saliva

Ye Zhongming’s hand stopped and only continued when Xia Lei showed unhappiness.

But he frowned.

He knew that Cloud Peak and the Posthumous people had to face Saint Light Hall’s level nine expert, and he prepared many solutions for that.

The reason why he took the risk to head to West Asia and search for Star Sand was so that he had more confidence in facing that expert.

But now, he just returned from West Asia, and the elf hadn’t produced any sand. Naturally, he couldn’t craft any Star Equipment. From this point alone, Ye Zhongming was unprepared.

Also, for some reason, Ye Zhongming's connection with Red Hair was intermittent. He thought it was because they were in two different spaces but it was still the same in the Imperial City. This made him worried. Did Red Hair bump into something strong on the Undead Hill?

Ye Zhongming thought back to Red Hair's soul whip and throne and felt threatened by those. Did Red Hair really awaken those strong, undead lifeforms buried under the hill?

Maybe he shouldn't have let Red Hair head there.

His fingertips felt soft, but his heart was lost.

The West Asia trip seemed decent, but only Ye Zhongming knew how dangerous it was.

The West Asian's personality and organization meant that the king didn't decide to go all out, which gave Cloud Peak a chance.

In truth, if that ruler had been more vicious, the outcome might have changed. Cloud Peak might be in a tough battle and have no chance with the Star Elf.

Although Ye Zhongming blocked the centaur's final strike, it was just a test. If he had to use green equipment, his defense would drop, and be even more dangerous.

The most dangerous thing was still that short fight with Jyanendra. If not for him having many methods to break the barrier, he would be killed.

After taking such a huge risk, if he didn't turn everything he got into combat strength, then he should have just spent a few days in the Secret Realm crafting equipment.

At the same time, after facing Jyanendra, he had a new understanding of experts. After getting to seven-star, Soul Refining Technique was also upgraded, and his slight pride in himself disappeared.

He knew that even if he had reborn but he wasn't invincible. Others might have a good base or strong skills or overpowered luck. This would mean that they weren't weaker than him and even stronger than him in some areas.

For example, Jyanendra. For example, the King looked timid but had so many strong subordinates.

Due to these two people, Ye Zhongming temporarily gave up searching for the Chrysanthemum Clouds.

Even Earth Experts were like that, much less the Saint Light Hall Saint Father that had cultivated for such a long time in the Secret Realm.

Even if you overestimated his skill, he might still be stronger than that.

"There were cheers from Saint Light Hall yesterday. They are now gathered under the wall. Their Saintess and Yangos are all here. The three main squads have long arrived. Apart from the level nine Saint Father's arrival, I can't think of another reason they are so happy."

Ye Zhongming nodded. Indeed, apart from that level nine expert, there was no reason why they would cheer.

“Since they haven’t attacked, I want to craft something. You continue to take charge and move the items. Use anything that can improve our skill apart from saving those that the crystal weapons need to use. Turn the crystals into potions or other buffs.”

Ye Zhongming decided to take a gamble. Xia Lei nodded and leaned toward him.

They knew how dangerous things were, so they stopped holding each other back.

“Chuyin, Xia Bai, head in!”

The two of them entered, but it was long before anyone exited. Warriors that occasionally pass would hear weird sounds that made one’s face turn red...

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Ye Zhongming had his clothes over his body and revealed his chest muscles. He fed Ghost Metal and other precious materials to the two elemental elves.

Just now, he noticed a situation. The two fellows hugged together and disappeared.

This finding helped to reduce how obvious and attention attracting they would be.

When they appeared again, one ball-shaped thing appeared under the Star Elf's body. It looked like a star and should have the same function as the Earth Elf's small shield.

The two puny things could speak. Although they weren't too intelligent—just the intelligence of a seven- to eight-year-old kid—Ye Zhongming found out how the Star Elf produced Star Sand.

Saliva...

The Earth Elf would shit it out, and the Star Elf would salivate when it was asleep.

Ye Zhongming had to think that the wheel's creator had some weird ideas when he created them.

After the two fellows ate, they fell asleep. Specks of country product started to appear by its mouth, but due to the reduced amount, it would take some time before he could use any of them.

Using this space, Ye Zhongming thought about it and planned to craft Moon Sand.

The materials were collected and prepared. Apart from the Crescent Moon Blood Stone, each was strengthened.

There were only three sets of materials previously, and the success rate was low. But things had changed now. Ye Zhongming obtained the Intermediate Smith Heart that increased the base rate.

There was a 4% chance previously, along with the 15% from Basic Smith Heart, it was 19%. Even with ordinary luck, he would succeed once in five tries. With only three sets, he didn't dare to try.

But things were different now. With the Intermediate Heart, the success rate was 34%, which exceeded $\frac{1}{3}$. As long as he wasn't too unlucky, the three sets could ensure he got a purple close-combat weapon!

Ye Zhongming adjusted his breath and started to deal with the materials according to the blueprint.

At the same time, what he didn't know was that when he started crafting and those materials started to merge, be it Imperial City or Saint Light Hall, the advanced warriors all sensed something and looked toward Ye Zhongming!

Chapter 1028: Named weapon

Ye Zhongming was too ordinary in his last life, so he didn't know about the higher-end stuff. For example, he didn't know what his crafting would cause.

When purple and seven-colored equipment formed, other strong lifeforms could pick up the energy fluctuations.

This wasn't surprising. It was like how plants would give off a scent when the flowers bloomed and how animals would cry when they entered some periods.

The kings and Cloud Peak members sent people to surround Ye Zhongming. They even tried some ways to block off the energy fluctuation, but that was useless.

It wasn't them over reacting. It would draw danger. To the current Imperial City, the danger was naturally Saint Light Hall.

Even the Posthumous people could sense that something strong would appear, much less the Saint Light Hall members. It might even push the war forward.

The Saint Light Hall higher-ups indeed sensed the change.

The three heads even wanted to attack immediately. They were worried that the Posthumous people would create something challenging to deal with.

But the Saintess retorted by saying that everyone has trump cards, which changed their thoughts.

They wanted to prepare everything first, so there was no need to rush their attack.

Ye Zhongming didn't know that his crafting would cause such a commotion. He focused on melting the materials and crafting according to the blueprint.

The rarer the material, the harder it was to melt them. The failure rate was high, too. At the same time, this also consumed the most mental energy.

Due to his high mental energy, this stage was his strength. He could ensure that his mental energy injection was stable enough, which would help increase the success rate.

Due to his high mental energy amount, he was able to be more detailed when melting.

The various materials started to merge and solidify. The shape of a blade appeared in mid-air.

This was the easiest moment to fail. Ye Zhongming had crafted many things in his life, but he was still nervous. After all, he had to add some of his crafting understanding into this which increased difficulty.

Based on the success rate on the blueprint, Moon Sand was 50% but those were basic stats. That wasn't what Ye Zhongming wanted. He would add Ghost Metal, Drill Ocean Metal etc and even used seals which greatly reduced the success rate.

Of course, if it succeeded, the basic stats would increase significantly, so the success rate dropped to 4%. Fortunately, he had the Intermediate Smith Heart.

A chaotic energy started to fluctuate in the space. This was the most dangerous time as the blade's abilities would form.

Ye Zhongming's eyes lit up, and he felt he was about to succeed.

But in the next second, a glass-cracking sound spread. The blade that had formed started to crack.

Ye Zhongming sighed and stopped.

Everything shattered and turned into metal shrapnel.

He failed when he was just one step away.

Outside, many people who paid attention sensed the chaotic energy that disappeared. They didn't know what had happened, but they sighed.

Especially the few kings. Ye Zhongming getting stronger would only be good for them. They hoped he would succeed, but things didn't happen as they had hoped. They only felt helpless.

The Saint Light Hall people were the ones who laughed coldly and gloated.

Ye Zhongming walked out and drank some water. He sat on the steps and adjusted his mood before returning.

This was why crafting jobs was tough. You needed blueprints, materials, and mental energy. On top of that, there was a success rate. There was also your understanding and style.

This showed the pressure that a good smith would face. Of course, if he succeeded, it would bring things that other evolved couldn't replicate.

Materials started to melt and merge like the first time, and a foul smell appeared in the room. This process produced some gas.

Ye Zhongming added materials in with tempo. With his understanding of crafting, he changed the ratio.

Very quickly, the crucial step was here. The initial form of the blade appeared and energy started to be released.

"Yi, crafting again?"

The Saintess sensed the fluctuation and wasn't as relaxed as the first time.

A smith that could craft such equipment consecutively? When did they have such a person?

Ye Zhongming didn't know all this. He only knew that the crafting was on the verge of failing.

His mental energy and the weapon itself weren't compatible.

This shouldn't have happened, but it did. Ye Zhongming sensed it when he failed but thought it was because he didn't control his mental energy input. This time, he felt like this happened because the equipment level was high and was repelling him.

This relaxed him as long as it wasn't the beginning of failure.

He slowly started merging more mental energy into it and tried to be more detailed when he led his mark into the materials.

The blade started to form. Finally, at a certain time, there was a bright light. It was white, and then it turned gentle and purple. When everything quietened down, a purple blade floated before his eyes.

Ye Zhongming grabbed the handle, and a name entered his mind.

"Earth Sand Moon Blade!"

Just a name nearly caused him to jump up.

If everything were normal, the blade would be called Moon Sandstorm. However, since he placed Fertile Soil and it became Earth Equipment, it should be Earth Moon Sandstorm.

But that wasn't its name. It was Earth Sand Moon Blade.

Ye Zhongming recalled something.

Named weapon!

Chapter 1029: Star Equipment

Named weapons had no specific meaning; they were more of a special mark of high-level equipment.

Like how humans named the strong mutated lifeforms.

Although this didn't bring any extra benefits, it represented a form of recognition and respect.

Not many purple pieces of equipment could be named, and that was usually something that only seven-colored weapons had. This was also why Ye Zhongming was excited. It meant that this piece of equipment was decent.

"Earth Sand Moon Blade."

“Ability 1, Sharpness +720, Toughness +780.”

“Ability 2, Moonlight, when waving the weapon, the blade would form sharp moonlight that slices the target. The length and strength of it correspond to the power of the user. Extra 70 sharpness.”

“Ability 3, Lifesteal Alliance. When the Earth Sand Moon Blade causes damage, the target’s injuries will worsen within a period of time, and the Moonlight will be buffed. Increasing between 1-5% basic stats.”

“Ability 4, skill memory. The blade will record some relevant stats when the user activates a skill while using the Earth Sand Moon Blade. Each time you use it, it leaves a mark on the blade, which increases the skill strength. With 100 marks as a basic number, every time you reach 100 times the basic stat, the skill will increase by 12% strength.”

“Ability 5, Moonlight Field. When battling using the blade, form a moonlight space around the user to strengthen the user’s body quality and also slow and stun enemies. Moreover, the moonlight will deal consecutive damage. The range is a 10-meter radius with the user at the center, and it can be expanded, but it would consume mental energy. The biggest range is 50 meters. The bonus effect has something to do with the mental energy and evolution level of the user.”

“Ability 6, Sandstorm Moonlight Tornado. User can cancel Moonlight Field and turn it into multiple powerful tornados to deal both earth and light elemental damage. The strength of each tornado has to do with the number of tornados summoned.”

Ye Zhongming looked at these skills and understood why it was named.

First, the blade's basic stats were strong, be it sharpness or toughness. However, these were just the blade’s base stats, and they didn’t include skills. If you added those, this blade was extremely sharp.

Next would be the change to Moonlight. Moreover, moonlight would appear the moment you waved it, and its strength was comparable to that of the blade itself.

The new Lifesteal Alliance increased your own combat strength when the blade hurt your enemy. If you increase by the lowest 1%, then the sharpness would be close to 800. If you added 5%, that would mean 840!

This was another grade increase.

Skill memory and Moonlight field were both strengthened, and many restrictions were removed. The latter even had a new stun effect.

Finally would be the Sandstorm Moonlight Tornado. Although there wasn't much introduction with this, it could replace Moonlight Field, so it wouldn't be too weak. At the same time, it was both a solo and aoe skill that could be flexibly used based on the situation.

Even if you ignored the basic stats, the blade had a total of 5 skills.

As expected from a named weapon, it was very strong.

Ye Zhongming touched the shiny and sharp blade and felt its power.

Although he had the crystal energy demon gun, it didn't fit with his main job. Undoubtedly, the Earth Sand Moon Blade was the main weapon that was most suitable for him.

He placed the blade down and looked at the remaining equipment. Ye Zhongming took this chance and started the third try.

But... He failed.

Ye Zhongming felt a slight regret.

Three attempts consumed a large amount of mental energy. Ye Zhongming rested and noticed that some Star Sand was collected. He observed them. Even if he had seen them before, he was still attracted by the bright colors.

Star Equipment was more famous than earth equipment. This didn't mean that the former was better than the latter. Ye Zhongming guessed that it had to do with the Chinese being very humble and not showing off their Earth Equipment. At least on the outside, Earth equipment did not stand out, but Star Equipment was bright and shiny.

Ye Zhongming thought about it and decided to make an armor to test the effects of Star Sand.

He chose the safest method, preparing the armor and enchanting it. Although it wouldn't be as strong as a fully formed equipment, he could get a blue piece of equipment if he succeeds.

Ye Zhongming took off the Thousand Leaf Phosphor Armor. This was an original piece that wasn't strengthened with fertile soil. He followed how he crafted the blue armor to add ingredients and then used the mountain seal.

The armor changed very quickly. The gentle green light disappeared, and some blue and purple dots appeared on its surface. These specks started to become active and move around the armor.

Ye Zhongming was lucky and succeeded right away.

He took this beautiful, shiny equipment and looked at its stats and abilities.

Compared to Thousand Leaf Phosphor Armor, its base stats increased. Most of the skills didn't change, but its strength did. There was one new skill--- Armor Shadows.

When fighting, you could summon armor shadows to terrify enemies around you, deal impact damage, and knock them back.

What Ye Zhongming paid attention to was the name of the equipment. Star Thousand Leaf Phosphor Armor! There was also the Star equipment bonus stats.

"Star Defense Equipment bonus stat Shattered Star. When needed, form a meteor ring around the wearer, which would protect the user in battle and deal with enemies in range. When all the meteors hit the target, the ring would explode to deal huge damage. The armor would be slightly damaged in the explosion and after you repair it, the ring will enter a cooldown of 50 hours."

Chapter 1030: Saint Light Cannister

When Ye Zhongming appeared with the Star Thousand Leaf Phosphor Armor, that beautiful armor resembling stars in the sky caused a commotion.

Little Tiger recovered from his serious injuries and cried for Ye Zhongming to craft one. After learning how precious the equipment was and the low success rate, although he stopped asking, he followed behind Ye Zhongming and stared at the armor. The only thing he didn't do was to lick it.

There was no wonder why he did it. Even Xia Bai and the few kings couldn't look away from the armor. When Ye Zhongming tested it and used the meteor ring, the spinning meteors made the armor look more mysterious and ancient.

If even these people behaved like that, much less female warriors like Liang Chuyin, Mo Ye, and those from Xia Bai's squad.

Women had little resistance toward beautiful things, including handsome guys.

Of course, guys were the same, too.

"You... This is too obvious." Ling Kun shook his head. He wanted to say something but stopped.

Ye Zhongming knew what he meant. Such equipment would make him stand out on the battlefield, but that often meant extreme danger.

But Ye Zhongming had no choice, as this was what Star Armor was like.

Earth Armor had its various strengths. He had to consider their efficiency because he didn't have enough fertile soil and star sand to waste.

Three earth equipment could form a set. Weapons, accessories, and pants were enough. If he used the Star armor, he would benefit from both sets. Under the current state, that was the best combination.

He kept the meteor ring and walked to the magic pearl.

After confirming that Saint Light Hall wouldn't attack today, ye Zhongming planned to charge the item that the Omnipotent God had left and then see how to increase the recognition level.

In the past, the kings might not have agreed with that request, but things were different now. Not only was Ye Zhongming a king, but he was also the only person who could use the pearl. Who else but him?

Ye Zhongming entered the palace and first observed the pearl. He saw that this thing was brighter than last time. He placed his hand on it and received a notification.

He tried to inject mental energy. Maybe because he was the controller of the pearl now, it didn't suck him dry, and he could control the amount he injected.

Last time, after removing the energy from the last owner, the pearl had 20% energy remaining. But only 4% of the energy was left because the barrier was activated.

Ye Zhongming thought about it. The barrier took three Power of the Gods hits, dropping energy from 20% to 4%.

Ye Zhongming didn't forget that this barrier had been on since to protect the entire city, so it should consume some energy, which meant that the three hits took 15%?

With that in mind, one Power of the Gods would consume 5% of energy. Even if there were a slight difference, it wouldn't be much.

Ye Zhongming had some confidence and started to inject mental energy. The energy in the pearl began to increase, and many warriors felt the energy barrier above their heads become brighter.

Ye Zhongming stopped when he used half of his mental energy. The energy in the pearl reached 43%, and the recognition was still 7%, with the ability unlocked level still three.

Ye Zhongming touched his chin, knowing he was too rushed and didn't think about it. Maybe his understanding was wrong.

Seemed like he could only increase the recognition when he filled the pearl up with energy. When the recognition reached a certain level, the unlocked level would then increase.

With that in mind, it would take a long time to unlock this fully.

Although it differed significantly from what he thought, he wasn't discouraged. After all, this pearl was a surprise. Due to his cooperation with the Posthumous people, it wouldn't be easy for him to take it even if he gained complete control.

After exiting the palace, the few kings and protector who were interested in the pearl asked him about it. Cloud Peak had been crushing them in terms of equipment, and they only had one comparable piece of equipment, so it was normal that they paid attention to it.

Ye Zhongming gave them a rough explanation, but he wasn't too exact. When they heard that it was far from its true potential, the few kings felt it was a waste.

"Zhongming, you did it?" Xia Lei rushed over and pointed at the barrier.

After getting a confirmed reply, she shrugged, "Come and take a look."

They got up on the walls and saw that the Saint Light Hall army had started to move. Two teams had gathered beside the Power of the Gods tower. There were rows of warriors before them.

The Feather Warrior Squad's bald eagles started to circle the sky and slowly moved towards the Imperial City. This slow but firm progress put huge pressure on the warriors.

What Ye Zhongming paid attention to was the giant machinery that appeared. There were giant crossbows, which were those zither-shaped ranged weapons. There were also trebuchets with stacks of stones piled beside them.

Apart from that, there were some monsters even the king race hadn't seen before. They were distributed around and were in scale.

"That is the Saint Light Cannister?"

Neal looked into the distance and frowned.

Everyone looked and saw that a bunch of silver-armored warriors held a canister of the same color. The barrel hung low and tilted at the ground.

Ye Zhongming and the others were experts and could see. There was some white light in the canister.

Hong Xiang smiled bitterly, "We only saw relevant records. If that is the canister then... This would be a problem."