

## **Apocalypse 1061**

### Chapter 1061: Life Grain

Da Ning was pulled into a room by Ye Zhongming, but he wasn't afraid because he was smiling.

Although the rumors said that Ye Zhongming was cruel, everyone in Cloud Peak knew that Boss Ye was very peaceful as long as you didn't hurt Cloud Peak.

Of course, as he was too busy, the subordinates didn't have much time to see him.

Of course, Ye Zhongming was going to smile as Da Ning gave him a surprise.

He only wanted to create a workshop that could produce vitamin tablets. He wanted to mix materials to create medicine to sell to obtain huge wealth.

But who knew that Da Ning gave him an even bigger surprise? He said that he could create other medicines!

One could say that Da Ning opened a new door.

Ye Zhongming was restrained by the knowledge of his last life. He thought the apocalypse would end up like his previous life. It might not be totally the same, but it would be roughly the same.

But Ye Zhongming realized that his arrival had changed the world.

Many nine-star evolved in his last life didn't have the chance to evolve to this level in this life. Soul Merchant, Glory Army, and Resistance Zone were all weakened. There were many factions in Ying City in his last life, but only Cloud Peak now. Zhang Dalong and other names had disappeared from this life...

Then, his way of thinking should change.

"Boss Ye, Boss Ye?" Da Ning shouted carefully. He didn't know why his boss got distracted. Why did he pull him to this dark room? Was he...

Da Ning lowered his head to look at his dirty clothing and also at his middle-aged face in the mirror. He felt there wasn't a chance his boss would be interested in him.

"Let me show you something."

Ye Zhongming led Da Ning to a table and waved. A squarish thing appeared, and it was split into two separate parts.

On the left, some soil floating on the water had dozens of grains growing from it. There were just ten of them, and they looked different from Earth's. They were pale golden in color.

They were 30 centimeters tall and were at their sprouting stage.

Da Ning observed and mumbled some things that Ye Zhongming couldn't understand. It was probably something technical about grain.

On the other side was one lone grain. This was very special. The entire plant was golden and it was very thick, like a tree.

This was much more mature and was starting to bear fruit. Da Ning observed the other ten grains and counted them. The lone grain had ten fruits on it.

Da Ning took a look and also sniffed it. He actually picked up a nice smell. After it entered his body, he felt really comfortable, as if some heat was flowing.

Moreover, as the light shone in, the leaves and stem of that lone grain reflected many colors, which made it look like glass.

"This, this is too magical!"

Da Ning praised.

"Life Grain." Ye Zhongming replied.

This thing was a reward from the competition death wheel. It was ranked before the battle contribution box and was the second last reward.

Logically speaking, this thing should be very good, but until now, it hasn't been of much use to Ye Zhongming.

Be it the material bag of Basic Smith Heart, they gave Ye Zhongming huge help. Candy had the Neutralising Grasp, which created many potions.

The Contribution Box didn't need a mention as those battle contribution weapons, submissive sets, etc., were all used extensively in battle.

Only the Life Grain, this golden reward promised so much but didn't give Ye Zhongming any benefits.

"Life Grain?" Da Ning opened his eyes and repeated.

"En, Life Grain. Food that can strengthen skill after you eat it." Ye Zhongming replied, "All skills, including job skills."

"Ah?" He opened his mouth in shock.

This thing could actually increase skill strength.

There were usually two ways to increase skill strength. One was through upgrade scrolls, and the other was to strengthen your own body so that your stats increased.

The first method was difficult as scrolls were rare. Job advancement and skill upgrade scrolls were more precious than evolution potions. Even Ye Zhongming found it hard to get one of them.

The second wasn't easy either. Humans had to challenge higher-level mutated lifeforms, and the later it went on, the more challenging it would be to evolve. The strength increase wouldn't stop, but it would slow down. This resulted in one's growth stopping at one level and their skill improvement being very slow.

Increasing one's body stats was also tough, and this didn't have much of an effect on one's skill or strength. It was only useful if your accumulation reached the amount similar to another evolution.

So, humans judged skills based on their initial strength. It wasn't that they didn't care about progress, but that it was too difficult.

Two years had passed, and Da Ning naturally knew this rule. He was shocked when he heard that this Life Grain could solve this problem.

"Don't be too excited; this thing isn't that simple." Ye Zhongming sat beside the table and looked at the plants with a complicated expression.

Ye Zhongming had the gardener job and had huge amount of mental energy. Logically speaking, he could easily nurture a plant. As long as he wanted, he could grow it quickly. But that was not effective on the Life Grain.

“The solo plant is the mother of the Life Grain. The seeds are the other few and after planting the others, the fruits that grow are Life Rice. Strictly speaking, rice is what can increase skill strength. Which is the ten you see on the other side.”

Da Ning looked to the side and then at his boss’s face. He saw his boss shrug and say something.

“I have never seen a mature Life Rice.”

Ye Zhongming’s words floated into his ear.

“The moment before they mature, they would wither and die. The rice would melt and disappear!”

Chapter 1062: Splitting

“Ah?”

Da Ning gave his second exclamation of the day.

Although he didn’t understand his boss much, he knew that the boss had the Gardener’s skill and also that he had a huge amount of mental energy.

The ginseng melons and Cannibal Flowers were proof.

Da Ning was an experimental staff member, so he knew about the Death King Tree project. At the start, he was even a core part of that and knew how important Ye Zhongming's abilities were.

That was a level-eight lifeform. Ye Zhongming was able to provide many research samples from that. But was this thing higher than the level-eight Death King Tree?

But he knew the boss wouldn't make such a joke, and there had to be some issues.

He didn't doubt Ye Zhongming's ability, so the problem was definitely with the Life Grain.

"Although these few look a little short, their lifeforce is strong; how did this happen?"

Ye Zhongming shook his head, "I don't know the exact reason. The mother grain is very normal, bearing ten seeds each time. But when they are planted, the new grains will face those problems."

"So that is the case..." Da Ning frowned, and he was deep in thought.

"I even used Fertile Soil."

Ye Zhongming gave another piece of information.

"Fertile Soil?"

Ye Zhongming explained what the Fertile Soil was. At Da Ning's level, he didn't know the use of this country specific product. After he heard it, his gaze toward Ye Zhongming was filled with shock.

The country's product would tempt anyone. Its life-stimulating ability attracted Da Ning, who studied plants.

"I will leave this to you. I will also give you some fertile soil to do experiments. You can also find me if you need me to use my Gardener abilities."

Ye Zhongming stood up. Since he couldn't find the solution to the Life Grain, he shall leave it to the professional.

"Don't worry, Boss, I will quickly find the reason!" To a researcher, nothing was more exciting than getting an interesting topic.

"Try your best." Ye Zhongming walked out. "Your guard level has been increased to A+. Someone will contact you to discuss the arrangements. This flat will be your temporary lab, and I will build a new one based on your requirements. Also, if you have any needs, you can find Xia Lei and me. If we aren't here, you can find Mo Ye or Chuyin."

Guard level was a change that Xia Lei did based on her past experience. The main role was handed to the guardian squad or Chameleon. They were split into d, c, b, a, and s ranks. A and S also had sub-ranks of a-, a+, s-, and s+.

The structure became more standardized as the number of Cloud Peak warriors increased. The core members seemed more important, so their status was higher. The core members and their subordinates were more like small factions to a certain extent. Apart from when Cloud Peak had an operation, they were free to do their own things like hunt and forage. Of course, there were strict rules they had to follow.

The freedom gave them huge room for activity. During every week's report, Ye Zhongming could see news that excited him. The entire Cloud Peak was booming because of that.

With Xia Lei's monitoring squad observing and Chameleon paying close attention, this method had a healthy development.

But there were pros and cons. The most outstanding one was that the core members became more important. Their squad would be in chaos if anything happened to them, and even lose control.

After all, Ye Zhongming or Xia Lei couldn't follow behind each squad to ensure that everything was done cleanly.

Moreover, the core members were the focus of enemy factions. All these factors together meant that their safety was a problem.

This protection system formed.

Each person's status and importance are evaluated. After confirming the level of protection each level can get, that would put many people at ease.

Each person was in terror in the apocalypse. Everyone hoped to feel safer.

Only two people in Cloud Peak were S+. They were Liu Zhenghong and Le Dayuan. They were the current and future most important people.

There were two s- members, Park Xiuying and Xia Lei. Their importance was obvious.

As for Ye Zhongming, he was a+ like Da Ning and the other special job users besides Park Xiuying. He could protect himself, and this level of protection was enough.

"Thank you, boss!" Da Ning scratched his face and thanked Ye Zhongming. Previously, he had only a C grade, and ordinary researchers were D.

"Study these ten first, and before you have confidence, don't touch the mother grain. But don't delay the medicine factory matter. Try to produce the vitamins." Ye Zhongming instructed before heading out.

On his way back, Ye Zhongming remembered Da Ning's joy. He knew that Xia Lei's protection mechanism did protect the core members from hurt, but it was also to observe them.

Everyone knew that but didn't care much. After all, if you didn't have bad intentions, being monitored was just a way the higher-ups could relax.

He returned to the apartment. Xia Lei and a few management staff were having a meeting. She was at the Posthumous People's side, and a lot of stuff had accumulated here.

Everyone stood up when they saw Ye Zhongming. Ye Zhongming waved to tell them to continue before he went to the second floor.

Ye Zhongming didn't push the door but waited. A guy in a black robe appeared beside him, and after bowing, he passed a piece of paper.

Ye Zhongming entered and sat on the chair. He looked at the content roughly and then had a detailed look. He thought about it before destroying it.

Xia Lei entered soon and sat on his leg. She saw him frown and asked with concern.

"Our intel shows that Bright Water Feast is to split the various faction territories in the country." Ye Zhongming's hands moved around her undergarments, and he told her the news he had just received.

"Understandable, but wouldn't it be better if the Resistance Zone did that? They didn't do it, so how can Five Ring Money do it?"

Ye Zhongming shook his head, "I don't know why Five Ring Money is doing it, but I know why the Resistance Zone didn't."

"Why?"

"In the past, they think that the entire country is their territory."

Chapter 1063: Other team

"Is it here?"

Lu Yi led his group and looked at this small village hidden in the greenery. He asked his subordinate.

"That is the news we received." The subordinate confirmed before replying.

As the person in charge of the merchant squad, Lu Yi also had a strong battle squad. As he was in charge of building relationships with others and was often outside his faction territory, the level of his squad wasn't low.

If you looked down on them because of the nature of their work, you would often pay a heavy price.

From the numbers alone, they had over two thousand people. This number was similar to some medium-sized factions. Moreover, their equipment was better than Cloud Peak's average level.

This was normal. After all, they faced more dangerous situations than those battle squads active near Cloud Peak. They had to face mutated lifeforms and other humans who were jealous of their riches.

Cloud Peak was even more famous than other merchant squads because people knew that they left with many potions and good equipment, and on their way back, they would have many demon crystals and various good items.

Riches would tempt the heart, and under such huge temptations, not every faction could maintain their respect for Cloud Peak, and they would often do some rash things. So they had to be strong.

Of course, their rashness would have to be punished. When they were robbed, they would never hold back and would kill those who they could kill.

That could send fear into the hearts of people who were tempted.

It had been a period since Lu Yi headed out, and he received an order a few days back that sent him to this place.

“The First team enters, the second and third teams cover, and the rest defend the caravan.” Lu Yi gave the orders. Nine hundred people split into three batches and entered the village ahead.

After a few dozen minutes, a few warriors returned to inform that it was safe inside.

Lu Yi led the team into the village.

It was said to be a village, but the structure inside was really good, and it was actually quite famous in the surrounding environment. It had a large stone gate, and the flats were rows of connected two-story apartments. One could tell that this place was very green before the apocalypse, and one could now see many flowers and grass.

It wasn't big. There were only eight rows, each with 10-12 apartments. There were around a hundred families.

"Uncle Lu, come over and take a look."

A team captain ran over and asked Lu Yi to follow him to a place. Lu Yi found it weird and instructed the others to clear this village and set up a sentry. He then followed the captain to a villa.

Before he entered, he sniffed something bad and became wary.

The moment he walked in, he saw something that made him frown.

There were many corpses stacked in the center of the big hall. The bodies were burnt into ash, and the terrible smell was from this.

"There are roughly 200 people. Although the burns are bad, we can still tell that those people were killed and then shifted here to burn."

Hearing what the captain said, Lu Yi looked at the surroundings and the roof but didn't spot any fire marks.

"It should be a controllable flame."

The first team captain explained.

Lu Yi nodded and said nothing, but he had a thought.

He was also a core Cloud Peak member who Ye Zhongming trusted. He used his methods to create huge wealth for Cloud Peak and Ye Zhongming.

So, he knew many things that other members didn't. Lu Yi knew what good things Ye Zhongming had with him.

Ye Zhongming wasn't a dictator. Especially in areas he wasn't good at, after getting things he didn't need, he would discuss with Xia Lei, Lu Yi, and the others. Those Cloud Peak members who needed the item could trade for it.

Lu Yi had seen many good things, some even in his space equipment.

When he looked at the corpses, he suddenly thought of a scroll, one that tempted him and that he wanted to trade for something good.

Flame Angel.

Ye Zhongming brought back two precious scrolls. One was Black Halo Shield, which he used, and the other was this job scroll.

This was a unique job scroll that was very powerful. It had both AOE and solo skills, and when upgraded to the highest grade, you could turn into a flame body, which made you immune to both water and ice.

Lu Yi said that as long as he got the scroll, he was confident in trading it for a seven-star potion from a big faction.

But he remembered clearly that Ye Zhongming rejected that suggestion.

Lu Yi could only sigh.

When he saw these corpses, he thought of that job and had a guess.

“These should be... Chameleon, Uncle Lu...”

“Stop!” Lu Yi stared at the kid that he had nurtured, “You shouldn’t talk and comment about some things. Why? It involves killing? Do you know what happened to these people? You shouldn’t treat your thoughts as the reality, do you understand!”

Because of his age, he rarely got angry, but when he did, his aura was very strong, and that caused the first team captain to lower his head.

“Understood, sorry, Uncle Lu.”

Lu Yi acknowledged and said, “Clear the bodies and bury them far away. Also, inform everyone not to talk about Chameleon. It isn’t something we should know about!”

“Yes!”

“Tell people to clear building 53. Secure the son platform of the Meditation Bone Demon Platform and send news back. Raise the warning level to the highest, especially toward Five Ring Money’s base. We need to send more people there. Finally... Prepare to welcome the boss.”

Lu Yi looked at the corpses being cleared and felt like his guess was right.

That scroll should belong to someone from Chameleon!

Lu Yi sighed. Unknowingly, the boss had another terrifying squad.

Chapter 1064: Side Business (1)

Ye Zhongming looked at the flames in the distance, and emotions rose in his heart.

Seeing so much light at night in the apocalypse was not easy.

Only two types of factions could do it. The first was a super strong faction that wasn't afraid that the light would attract mutated lifeforms and was confident in defending its territory.

From the mutated lifeform perspective, they were sensitive to the aura from humans' bodies. Few mutated lifeforms would target these types of strong bases as they knew they would just die.

Mutated lifeforms weren't afraid of death when they fought, but at other times, they were very rational.

Only those extremely strong lifeforms would dare to challenge these types of factions. Either that or it would be hordes.

For example, Cloud Peak was very strong now, and its combined strength was enough to scare off most mutated lifeforms. Cloud Peak was usually very safe.

The other type would be factions with special equipment or members with special abilities. These factions used certain methods to cover the light, creating an illusion for the mutated lifeforms.

This camp was hidden with such a piece of equipment. But because of Ye Zhongming's strengthening eyesight, he was unaffected.

This place was Fallen Water Fortress, it was the last human base before Bright Water Feast's location. Ye Zhongming teleported to the village that Lu Yi and the others occupied and came here alone.

It wasn't that he didn't want to bring anyone else, but it was the special feature of the Meditation Bone Demon Platform.

This teleportation equipment has a life of its own, and each time it evolves, it will have teleportation ability. Moreover, the number of teleportation times wouldn't be too many due to the energy. The teleportation was based on the target's energy and consumed the platform's energy.

With Ye Zhongming's current strength and equipment, to be able to teleport him here and back was already the platform's limit. He couldn't bring more people over.

Although being here alone was risky, he was strong, and few on Earth could fight him. He had many equipment and skills, so he could escape even if he faced danger.

Moreover, Lu Yi's merchant squad was nearby, and they could support him. The mysterious Chameleon was also definitely nearby. All of this ensured his safety.

Although he came here alone, it didn't mean he was heading to Bright Water Feast alone. He needed some subordinates, just that they weren't beside him now.

He moved forward and planned to sneak into Fallen Water Fortress and find out more about the feast.

He didn't understand why Five Ring Money made such a feast.

Was it just to raise influence? Or split territory?

Ye Zhongming didn't think that it was so simple.

Although he didn't fear anything, he had no idea why they would gather so many battle squads. It would be good if he could understand.

The fortress wasn't small, and it was built on a mountain. More accurately, it was built in a valley. The sides were smooth cliffs, which provided this place was a natural barrier. Only the front and back needed guarding, and the few dozen meter-long walls protected them well.

He casually killed a level-two mutated snake that attacked him and tossed the demon crystal to the side. He pondered about the way to enter.

He was observing the movement of the guards and their shift timings.

He looked at a place around a thousand meters away a moment later. There were actually other humans there.

Ye Zhongming thought about it and snuck over.

He was shocked to find nearly a hundred people here when he was nearby!

Why were so many people gathered together at night in the wilderness? Were they going to be the supper of the mutated lifeforms?

Using his strong hearing, he heard some conversations.

These people were doing business, and the deal was to... Enter the fortress!

But they had some disagreements, and their voices became louder.

Ye Zhongming looked and saw a muscular guy standing in the crowd. He tried to lower his voice while also threatening them.

“Let me repeat it: why are all of you here? Isn’t it because you want to see if there are any benefits that arise because of Bright Water Feast?”

“Why? Do you lack that bit of money? Let me be direct: the money can’t be reduced. If you don’t like it, return to where you came from and enjoy your time in your territory! Stop embarrassing yourself to half of China’s famous and strong people!”

He didn’t hold back. People in the apocalypse were arrogant. There would have been a fight if this guy had dared speak to other evolved people like this during peacetime.

But it was obvious that these people came here with a goal, so they suppressed their anger.

“Yan Laowu, it isn’t that we lack the money, but you are dishonest. You said that each battle squad would cost 20 level-three crystals. What happened when we came? You said that you would charge per head, one level-three crystal per head. Are you mad?”

The bald guy that seemed like the leader said, and that drew agreement from the others. They pointed at him and scolded him.

“Right, I went against my word. But do you know that you need to have someone backing you in my line of business? That is why I can lead you into the Fallen Water Fortress that closed four days ago. Will anyone do things for free nowadays? Those old bosses aren’t blind and can’t they see that there are more evolved in the fortress?”

Yan Laowu scoffed, “So what if they see? Then just make them act like they didn’t see! How? Demon crystals! Use crystals to cover their eyes!”

“Now, do you understand? The person who takes care of me needs reparations, too! Where does this money come from? Of course, from me, where does my money come from? Of course you!”

“So, this is the situation. If you think it is okay, then pay up. I will send you in. If you think it is expensive, then don’t waste my time. Even if we meet in the future, we will still be friends!”

Chapter 1064.5- Side Business (2)

After saying that, Ye Zhongming had a different opinion of Yan Laowu. He was an experienced businessman, and his words could easily bluff people.

Fallen Water Fortress was controlled by Five Ring Money. If they didn’t allow it, who would dare to let them into the fortress?

It was definitely Five Ring Money that allowed this!

The people below used this method to earn some side income.

Using crystals to cover their eyes was just this person working with the guards to earn some money.

But there was nothing you could do unless you wanted to break in.

But Ye Zhongming was not going to do that, much less these few battle squads that didn’t seem very strong.

As expected, the few squads discussed and paid up. There were four battle squads, and they should have paid 80 crystals. Now, they paid 100.

“That is right, after we enter, you will know it is worth it!”

He waved and told them to follow him.

Ye Zhongming took a look and felt like this was a good way to get in. He increased the weight of his footsteps and walked toward them.

Yan Laowu was alert, and they noticed him when he was 30 meters away.

“Who!”

Yan Laowu shouted, and his dagger lit up.

The night was dangerous not only because of the mutated lifeforms but also other humans.

“Don’t be nervous, I just want to enter.”

Ye Zhongming acted anxious. He slowed but still moved forward.

“I told you to stop!” Yan Laowu said again, and he stared.

Ye Zhongming stopped. He raised his hands to express that he wasn't a threat.

Yan Laowu and the others looked around but didn't see anyone else, so he relaxed. The group moved over and looked at this intruder.

Ye Zhongming was planning to sneak into the fortress. He didn't wear the repaired Star Battle Armor. The other high-level weapons were in his space equipment. He was now wearing white armor and holding the white moon edge on his back. His gloves were also white.

His equipment was above average in the apocalypse. It wasn't too low profile but not too rich.

“You are alone?” Yan Laowu asked suspiciously. Not many people would head out at night, and it was fewer to have one person out at night.

“I am always alone.” Ye Zhongming replied.

They looked at his white equipment and believed him. White equipment might be ordinary in Cloud Peak, but that was because of Ye Zhongming.

One white set was precious in the outside world. In this hundred-man group, those few battle squad leaders didn't even reach that standard. They might have one or two green pieces of equipment, but the other defensive items were grey.

A guy in full white which should be a solo adventurer.

"How many stars?"

"Four."

That reply made many take a deep breath. They looked at Ye Zhongming warily and also with some envy.

The average level was three stars, and only the leader or core members were four stars.

For example, the heads of a few battle squads were four-star, the rest were three-star, and some were still two-star.

Only Yan Laowu was five-star. That was probably the reason why the others didn't fight him.

Hearing that Ye Zhongming was a four-star evolved, his solo identity became more certain. One's strength decides how a person lives in the apocalypse.

Yan Laowu stared at Ye Zhongming and didn't sense any dangerous aura, which made him relax. His strength crushed the other person, so he didn't fear anything.

"You can enter, but do you know the rules?"

Ye Zhongming looked confused, "This, please tell me about it."

Yan Laowu scoffed, "The place is sealed, and if you want to enter, five level-three crystals per person!"

Ye Zhongming laughed coldly to himself. This fellow charged him five times the price he was charging others.

The others didn't say anything.

After taking Ye Zhongming's crystals, Yan Laowu looked greedily at Ye Zhongming's bag. With his experience, he knew that there were still a few dozen crystals of unknown level.

"Okay, let's go. Keep up and be quiet. Lower your heads when you enter and only speak when I say that it is safe."

Ye Zhongming mixed into the crowd and walked toward the entrance.

The fortress gate was huge and firm. There were at least a few dozen guards with torches around, which lit this place up. It was tough to sneak in.

Yan Laowu walked before the gate and whistled. The guard had seen the group, but they didn't make a sound as they were used to such things.

A gap appeared, and Yan Laowu bent over. He said some things. Ye Zhongming saw this five-star evolved pass a few dozen crystals to that person. It seemed like he could earn 50-60 level-three crystals after this trip. At this stage, it was a fortune.

Ye Zhongming glanced at an unassuming mark at the bottom of the gate and relaxed.

Yan Laowu and that person finished the trade, and he waved to them. He then let them pass into the fortress through the small gap.

Ye Zhongming was the last person. When there were 20 more people before him, his ears twitched. His body dashed to the front, and that made the people unhappy. Even Yan Laowu stared at him. He would have scolded him if not for the need to be silent.

Ye Zhongming didn't care and just squeezed through the gate. At this time, cars could be heard, and they got louder and louder.

Yan Laowu and the guards' faces changed.

Chapter 1065: Stumbling

When one was making a sneaky trade on such a night, and then they heard such a sound, everyone would definitely panic.

Only someone like Ye Zhongming, who had lived another life, could keep calm.

Yan Laowu's eyes turned red. Although he was a five-star evolved and seemed like a powerful person in the apocalypse, he knew he was nothing in the eyes of the truly strong people.

His current business was just him taking advantage of something the big bosses didn't care about.

If it were exposed, those people wouldn't mind punishing him.

In the apocalypse, punishment often meant death.

"Enter quick, enter quick!"

Yan Laowu charged to the back of the team and pushed them into the gate. All he could do was wait for these people to enter quickly and then leave. He had to disappear before that big boss appeared.

Logically speaking, he had enough time. After all, with the evolved's speed, they didn't need much time to pass the gate. It might just take a few seconds.

But don't forget that they evolved because of the wheel. The sound of an engine didn't mean it was an ordinary transportation device.

A metal beast arrived under the walls within a few seconds.

This was a product that came from the wheel that exceeded this era. It looked like a vicious mechanical spider but had four legs, each with metal wheels. On the wheels was a complicated mechanical joint that seemed like a knee. It was obvious that the four legs could not only be used as wheels but also had a terrifying jumping ability.

On the four legs was an oval-shaped metallic body slightly bigger than an SUV. You couldn't tell which was the front, but you could see many sensors and mechanical eyes that were protected by some small structures.

Apart from these were the weapon barrels. There were six to seven of them, and no one knew what weapons they were.

This caused the guards' faces to turn white.

They were too familiar with this lab spider. It belonged to the boss of Bright Water Fortress, Gong Shangming.

These guards allowed these people in because they received benefits, and things were okay if it wasn't discovered, but if they were...

Many people started to shiver.

Yan Laowu turned around. Those people who hadn't entered had a worried expression. When they saw Yan Laowu, they knew that things had become complicated.

"Yan Laowu?"

A weird voice spread from the land spider; it should have been from a sound device.

"Gong, Boss Gong!"

Yan Laowu bent his back and nearly knelt down.

A squad arrived behind them. Although they were driving ordinary cars, everyone could tell they were modified. It wasn't traditional modifications, but some people used their jobs to modify them. Some of the cars looked very different from what they used to.

Ye Zhongming stood behind the gate and looked through the gaps. He knew that this Gong Shangming or his subordinates should be a great modifier. As for whether it was a mechanic modifier or a car modifier, that was uncertain.

“Zi,” a door opened at the side of the land spider. A middle-aged guy jumped out in black leather armor. There was a golden button and badge, which looked beautiful under the flame light.

“Did you treat my words as nonsense?”

Gong Shangming’s words weren’t loud, but they were like a mountain pressing Yan Laowu’s back down. This five-star evolved actually knelt down.

“Who is on duty?”

He ignored Yan Laowu and turned towards the city gate.

That person who traded with Yan Laowu shuddered and walked ahead. He lowered his head and clenched his fist while apologizing.

A woman got out of the vehicle and asked Gong Shangming something.

“Do you know where he stays?”

“Yes. He is Da Dulai, a subordinate of Jian Chen.”

Gong Shangming nodded, and suddenly, a thin but very explosive metal whip shot out from his leg armor.

The metal whip stabbed toward the guard called Da Dulai.

Da Dulai frowned and retreated. Two balls of flames appeared on his hands, and he raised his arm to punch Gong Shangming.

Although he was a four-star evolved, he dared to resist when facing Gong Shangming, a six-star evolved.

But the gap was huge. The sharp metal whip pierced through his chin and into his neck, exiting through the back of his head.

The flames in his hand extinguished, and he stumbled twice before falling to the ground. He twitched and died.

The metal whip retracted like a snake and was hidden back under his leather armor.

“Search his body and then search his house. I want him to spit everything that he has eaten.” Gong Shangming didn’t even look at Da Dulai and walked forward. He kicked Yan Laowu, and this muscular guy hit the wall. When he landed, he spat out some fresh blood.

“What do we do with these people?” The woman asked and pointed at the people who wanted to enter Fallen Water Fortress.

“Them?” Gong Shangming scoffed, “Didn’t they come to get rich, then let me give them a chance to get rich.”

“Toss them to the mines. Deacon Shui needs large amounts of gems. Collect more before Bright Water Feast, and we can exchange it for more benefits.”

He waved at his battle squad and surrounded them, forcing them into the city. Anyone who dared to resist was killed.

Only Yan Laowu lay there until the woman beside Gong Shangming asked a few sentences. He jumped up emotionally and slapped his chest to swear to the heavens.

Ye Zhongming planned to leave, but after hearing Deacon Shui and gems, he didn’t and just followed this group.

He felt like he was lucky. He stumbled around and got close to Bright Water Feast’s secret.

Water could be heard in the distance. It was a waterfall flowing off a cliff. That was where Fallen Water Fortress got its name.

The mine that Gong Shangming talked about was behind the waterfall.