

Apocalypse 1066

Chapter 1066: Mine

The people in the apocalypse were arrogant, but they knew it was the survival of the fittest.

These 100 might be vicious killers outside who killed without blinking, but when they faced the guards here, apart from the two that tried to escape, the others didn't do anything and just followed.

It wasn't that they didn't want to resist, but because the Fallen Water Fortress battle squad was much stronger than them. The Fallen Water Fortress battle squad had 2-3 times the number of guards, and they were stronger. Even their equipment was better.

Those people who spent money to sneak in knew that if they resisted, they would die.

Moreover, so what if they fled? They would attack the gate and then flee?

That was impossible.

These people were pushed to a cliff on the west, and they could see many holes in the walls. These were probably the so-called mines.

But before they got close, the team suddenly stopped. The guards aimed their weapons at these people. Some even used their skills and prepared to attack.

“If you want to leave, take off your equipment. Treat it as your payment to live. Quick, take it off!”

These guards actually targeted their equipment.

Although the hundred of them didn't have a high level, there were a few green equipment and many white. Each person also had two or more grey equipment. If they took them all, it would be a sizeable fortune.

This caused some chaos. After all, these were all they had. They were fine with being tossed into the mines. Their evolved bodies meant that they could work for a long time and not die from exhaustion. During that period, they could find a chance to leave.

But things were different once they were made to hand over their equipment. They risked their lives, and apart from the evolution potions, these were left. If they handed them over, their strength would drop greatly!

“Ah!”

A few screams could be heard. The few more emotional people were suddenly killed, and it silenced everyone else.

“You can earn the things you lose, but if you lose your life, then it is all gone.” A captain looked coldly at them, “Fellow battle squad members, you should know the punishment for entering a camp. Our boss is showing mercy by not killing you, so have some shame.”

He pointed at two people, and his subordinates sliced their heads off.

This was the norm in the apocalypse. No one knew when their lives would end.

The few corpses were good at being a threat. Although these people were unwilling, they still removed their equipment and tossed it to the ground.

Ye Zhongming was no exception. These white equipment weren't much to him. He placed his good things in his space. If these people wanted to search his body, he would then be forced to kill them and ignore Five Ring Money.

Fortunately, the guards didn't believe that these people had space equipment. They just looked to see if they had any shining equipment or bags and then let them off.

These naked people were sent into the mines. After the people inside took control of them, they started scolding once the guards left. They were probably cursing the guards for taking all the good stuff and leaving them with a bunch of skinned pigs.

Right, these people called them that.

A guy who was topless with messy hair walked before them with a whip. Behind him were several hundred guards who looked warily at them.

Even without equipment and their danger level reducing, but he could still kill with his hands.

“Listen up, enter the holes, and collect these things. Every time you hear the bell, come here to get food and water. Of course, the amount you can get depends on how much you collect. You can decide not to work, but then, sorry, you will just die from hunger.”

That person said the rules, “Don’t think about running as you can’t get out. There are a thousand guards here. With so few of you, you are just asking for death. If you are lucky, maybe you can see the light of day.”

“Now, line up, and I will assign you rooms. Then get a set of food, water, and steel mace.”

“Remember, the mace isn’t to fight but to collect stuff. It also helps you to defend yourself. This represents your life, if you lose it... Don’t blame me for not reminding you; you basically cannot survive.”

“Okay, line up!”

Some people wanted to ask, but the guy whipped them. He was a five-star evolved, and four five-star evolved were behind him, along with many armed soldiers. The few people could only swallow it.

“You have no right to ask questions here!”

This person looked around and started to distribute things. The so-called one set was just half a fist-sized piece of meat jerky, and the water was half a bottle of yellow liquid.

The mace was quite good. It was 50 centimeters long and three fingers thick. A part of it was pointy but not sharp.

These hundred were split into four groups and sent into the four mines. Ye Zhongming was lined at the back and sent into the fourth hole.

When he saw the mines, he understood why they didn't wear chains. The entrance was small, and one had to bend to enter. If you wanted to head out, as long as the cave was guarded, a few people would be able to block it.

Many people were in despair when they saw the small dark hole. Some even tried to fight back to see if they could live. But they definitely wouldn't succeed.

A few dozen fresh corpses calmed everyone down. Although they didn't dare, they still walked in.

Ye Zhongming followed them. The moment he entered, he saw many green or red eyes!

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The people who entered before also saw those scenes and tried their best to retreat.

But since they had lived for two years in the apocalypse, no one shouted or screamed. Everyone was on guard. If they were attacked, they would fight back.

Those green or red eyes didn't get close and quietly looked at these newcomers.

"Do you have food?"

A coarse voice rang out, which relaxed the moods of these newcomers.

Humans were still terrifying in the apocalypse. But in such a dark environment, confirming that it wasn't a mutated lifeform would help put people at ease.

Humans didn't eat zombie meat, so even now, food is still a big problem. They were like beasts. If they hunted something, they would be full for a few days. If they couldn't find any food for a period of time, they would go hungry.

So, to humans, if people asked you for food, naturally, you would be wary.

Thus, the newcomers gathered together and didn't fully relax. Some people even raised their steel cones.

Ye Zhongming stood at the back, close to the wall. Although this place was dark but, he could still see clearly.

The humans with green or red eyes were people wearing tattered clothing and long hair. Each of them looked like devils from hell, not high-level lifeforms with flesh and blood.

They looked like they had been here for a long time.

Someone suddenly spat out a ball of light that rose into the sky. This was either his job skill or ordinary skill.

The light lit the place up. Although it was dark but, people could see clearly.

The newcomers saw those people, and they all took a deep breath. Coldness appeared in their eyes.

It wasn't toward those people but themselves.

They were looking at their futures.

The newcomers looked at these people covered in dirt. They were carrying similar steel cones, and some even held two. But the cones were old and damaged, and some even had cracks.

Ye Zhongming looked at some dark brown marks and frowned.

“You are unlucky.” One of the experienced people raised two cones and said to the dozen of them, “Leave half of your food and water as a gift; if not, we can only kill you and then take your items.”

Even if it was dark, they could see their vicious faces.

Ye Zhongming turned, and that entrance that could only fit a person who had to bend his way through was already covered with a giant piece of stone.

“Smelly bug, you aren’t following the rules again.”

A voice interrupted and broke the nervous situation. Another person with long hair. Although his body was not clean, the group this old man led was cleaner than the bunch before. They walked into this giant stone hall from another direction.

Moreover, the newcomers realized that these people didn’t have green or red eyes.

Ye Zhongming looked at these two groups and thought of a possibility. His gaze towards those people with colored eyes turned cold.

“Old fellow, you are still alive.”

That dirty man laughed, but his face was filled with killing intent.

The two of them stood in a standoff. Both sides had two hundred people, and only those few dozen newcomers seemed helpless.

“My team welcomes you. We are willing to share the situation here with you so you can live easily until we can leave.”

The cleaner old man looked at them and said, “I am Lin Yixun; these people are my children.”

“Tsk, acting like a good person, but you are still doing the same as those outside. They will quickly see your true colors.”

Lin Yixun shook his head, “Better than you cannibals.”

The newcomers heard that and all shifted in Lin Yixun’s direction.

The apocalypse was cruel, and cannibalism often happened. But if they had a choice, no one would eat other humans. Evolved hated such people.

Ye Zhongming had thought about cannibalism. If you often ate human meat, your eyes would change and turn green or red.

No one knew the reason why, and no one studied it. But those were the rumors in his last life, and he finally saw them today.

That person knew that the moment Lin Yixun exposed it, these newcomers would oppose him, so it was impossible for him to achieve anything today. He gave a dark smile and left from another tunnel.

Before he left, he looked at Ye Zhongming and the others and said coldly, "One day, you will jump into my embrace; I will wait for you."

Everyone calmed down after watching those people disappear into the dark tunnels. Lin Yixun didn't say anything and just waved at Ye Zhongming and the group for them to follow up.

"How? Should we follow?"

Someone spoke. Although these newcomers had not known each other for a long time, they were more willing to stick with one another under this circumstance.

"Follow them. If not, what can we do?"

The one who spoke was a faction leader. He was the one who used that light skill. Most of his people were here, so they agreed with his words. The team followed Lin Yixun deep into the cave.

The more they walked, the bigger this place felt. It was like an underground maze that had been hand-dug. Many people didn't talk about it, but they were shocked. How many people did it take to create such a mine?

Only Ye Zhongming knew it wasn't too difficult for an evolved to create such a hole.

Ye Zhongming paid attention to the walls on both sides and hoped to discover something.

His goal in coming was to learn about the stone pearls and to understand the goal of Bright Water Feast.

He didn't care much about the people here. He could tell that Lin Yixun and the boss of those cannibals were five-star evolved. They weren't a threat to him.

Although the light was dim and was only lit by a few torches, he could see clearly. However, he didn't notice anything.

Very quickly, these people came to a hall that was smaller than the one from which they had entered, but it was still quite huge.

But it wasn't tall, only around a meter. The taller people would have to lower their heads, which made one feel very suppressed.

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"Sit. Little Liang, get some people to be the sentry. Don't let those animals enter."

Lin Yixun sat on the ground and drank some water from his waist. He then looked at the newcomers, who were nervously standing together.

“Sit; we are all unlucky people and must take care of each other.”

The other people spoke to calm the newcomers down before Lin Yixun continued, “I know you have many questions- Let me tell you.”

He sighed, “The people who lived the longest here have spent close to a year. The other mines are the same. It isn’t easy for the first batch of people to survive.”

“I spent more than half a year here, and as my evolution level is still okay, these kids pushed me to become their leader. If you are willing to follow me, you are a member of this big family. If not, you can work alone. But let me remind you, the mine is dangerous, and there are also mutated lifeforms. There aren’t many, but they are very strong. Also, those Black Dog members are all lethal.”

“What are stone pearls? What are their use?”

Ye Zhongming suddenly spoke up, and everyone focused on his face.

He didn’t want to waste time and listen to this old man recruit people. If not for there being too many people here, which made it hard to charge, he would have directly interrogated him.

The old man was surprised.

“This is the stone pearl.” He used his gaze to stop his subordinates who wanted to teach Ye Zhongming a lesson. He took out a grey pearl and tossed it to Ye Zhongming.

Ye Zhongming caught it and took a close look.

The pearl wasn't very smooth; instead, it was very rough. Ye Zhongming was very strong, and when he held the pearl in his hand, he felt like he could crush it.

He looked around and walked beside a torch. Using the light, he observed some dark patterns that weren't in order. There wasn't any energy inside it, either, so it wasn't a material.

Ye Zhongming was confused. If not for the patterns being special, these stone pearls didn't have any attractive points. So why would Gong Shangming be interested in them? How could he trade this for something good from Deacon Water?

“Do you know what use this thing has?” Ye Zhongming asked his second question.

“If I knew that, maybe I wouldn't be trapped here. If you want to live, you can only use this pearl to trade for food and water.”

Lin Yixun's temper was good and he replied Ye Zhongming.

“Has this place been collecting these pearls since the start?”

“Yes.”

“All the pearls are the same?”

“Mostly, but their smoothness is different, and so are the patterns. If you can find those that are close to glass with orderly patterns, you can trade for more food and water. I think those should be pearls of higher quality.”

Ye Zhongming nodded and didn't say anything. He had been looking at that guy's eyes and saw that he was honest. He didn't hesitate or stutter, and his heartbeat didn't mess up. There was a 90% chance that he was telling the truth.

“But I heard some news when I was trading for food, just that I don't know if it is true or not. If you are interested, we can have a chat.”

Ye Zhongming was stunned. He nodded and returned to his seat to look at the pearl. He didn't look like he was going to return it.

The others looked at the two of them in shock.

Lin Yuxun adjusted his body and continued. He talked about the rules, such as the stone pearls that would be handed to him to trade for food. He explained that he had some power that could allow him to trade for more resources.

People survived not on just food and water. They needed fruits, vegetables, salt, and even things that could reduce their pressure.

Like cigarettes, wine, and even drugs.

The old man would naturally take some, but as payment, he would ensure their safety, providing them land to mine and more intel.

“Black Dog thinks I am like those outside who rip everyone off. I don’t deny that I get some benefits. I eat more and drink water than all of you, but I contribute to it. I can ensure that all of you live. One day, when we are strong enough, I will charge out with all of you. Please trust me, as we have the same goal. A good organization is the basis for everything.”

Ye Zhongming laughed coldly. He didn’t deny that this old man was logical, but he didn’t believe that this old man wasn’t selfish. Lin Yixun definitely had his plan for this.

“Okay, that is it; it is time for all of you to make your choice. Those who are willing to follow me can stay. Those who aren’t willing, please leave.”

It wasn’t easy to gain trust in the apocalypse. The old man said all of that, but a few dozen people still left. They wanted to believe in themselves.

Ye Zhongming didn't move as he had his own plan.

The newcomers were arranged very quickly. Everyone had a few hours to rest, and then they would have to work.

Ye Zhongming sat close to the wall, and he stood up when there were some noises. He jumped across the people and entered a tunnel. It was Lin Yixun's room.

"You are here!"

Ye Zhongming saw Lin Yixun smiling at him. He was waiting for him.

"How could you tell?"

"My job is a Seer."

Ye Zhongming nodded and accepted that explanation. Seer was a support job that could scout and judge things. This old man had seen his evolution level. He was impressed with how calm this old man was.

"You want the stone pearls, right?"

“Don’t tell me that your news was a lie. If not, you will die a terrible death.”

“No, it is real, but I want you to promise me something.”

“Bring you out?”

“Alive. Bring me out alive.”

“Okay.”

Lin Yixun heaved a sigh of relief and adjusted himself, “This isn’t the real mine. It is just a tunnel. The real mine is below... Ruins!”

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Ruins?

Ye Zhongming repeated it, but he was still a little shocked.

He had naturally heard of ruins before, but was there such a place in the apocalypse?

But he didn't think it didn't exist just because he hadn't seen it before. He didn't have a high status in his last life, so he didn't understand many things.

But he was slightly excited. If the ruins were something he didn't know about, it meant that he was unveiling the mysterious veil of the apocalypse.

"This is the news you heard?"

Lin Yixun shook his head, "No, the ruins are just what we call the stone pearl mines. The news I heard is that the stone pearls can be used in the Bright Water World."

Ye Zhongming tensed up. So, these pearls were really useful?

"Bright Water World?"

He heard a phrase, Bright Water World?

"En, I am not sure about the specifics, but I heard a manager mention them."

Ye Zhongming nodded and believed most of it.

Lin Yixun had been trapped here for a long time, so he must now know about news from the outside world. He heard of the Bright Water World but didn't know about Bright Water Feast. From this alone, you could tell that he wasn't lying.

At the same time, Ye Zhongming had some guesses. Was this Bright Water Feast held in another space?

He knew that Earth didn't have such a space in the past, but if you had such an item from the wheel, would it be something like the special wheel space?

But the special wheel space couldn't be controlled by evolved, what about this Bright Water World?

Ye Zhongming couldn't understand, so he stopped thinking about it. Anyway, he would find out when the time comes.

"Let's talk about things here." Ye Zhongming sat beside Lin Yixun and listened to him talk about the mines.

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The mine started to snake down, and the manmade marks became more obvious. The tunnels here were rougher than before.

Lin Yixun told Ye Zhongming about this path. He said it led to a secret place producing many stone pearls.

But he didn't find anything along the way. Lin Yixun said that he would know where the pearls were if he saw them, but until now, he had seen nothing. Was it because he hadn't arrived, or was that person lying?

Ye Zhongming walked a while more before stopping.

He shone the torch and saw some mist-shaped things.

This mist was very pale. If not for Ye Zhongming's good eyesight, he wouldn't be able to notice it.

He walked to the side of the mist and tested it with a dagger. Nothing changed. He touched it with his fingertips before moving aside and didn't feel anything unusual. Only then did he carefully pass through it.

When he arrived on that side, he turned back at the mist and didn't understand why such a thing existed.

He could only continue forwards. But he took two more steps before his body shook, and tossed his dagger forward.

It stabbed into the wall. He was so strong that the blade entered, and only the handle was shaking outside.

The sound of the dagger and the pillar clashing was just a slight creaking sound, but Ye Zhongming captured it.

He saw that a lizard-like thing was pinned to the wall and was dead. Ye Zhongming pulled the dagger and grabbed the lizard. It was a level-three mutated lifeform. It was the same color as the pillar. Even its demon crystal had a layer of skin like that of an eyelid. When needed, it could hide the demon crystal.

Its skin was the same color as the wall and very firm. Its six limbs had sharp claws, and the tail, which was the size of its body, had a sharp hook.

Ye Zhongming opened its mouth and saw fangs. He tested them, and they weren't poisonous.

Ye Zhongming didn't recognize it.

What was this?

He kept the demon crystal and material and strengthened the dagger before continuing forward.

During the next dozen minutes, he met several of those lifeforms. Some were level two, some were level three, and they had no special abilities. They used their speed and strength to sneak attack but were useless against Ye ZHongming. But they were a threat for levels four and five evolved.

Ye Zhongming knew why Black Dog and Lin Yixun's people had brown marks on their cones. It was from the dried blood of these beings.

It seemed like this dark place was filled with dangers.

Ye Zhongming suddenly put out his torch as he heard some noises. He snuck over and saw humans at the corner.

These were four evolved with steel cones: three guys and a girl. One of the guys dragged an injured arm, held something like a fluorescent pearl, and shined ahead for his fighting partners.

The other two guys and the girl were fighting a cow-sized monster!

Ye Zhongming used the light from the pearl to see that the tunnel ahead had increased. The manmade marks were gone, as if everything here was natural. Stone pillars and pieces were all around. Many tunnels branched into different directions. Some stones even crystalized and reflected beautiful colors.

This made Ye Zhongming think about Karst Cave. This place was bigger and more mysterious than that.

He looked at that monster and saw that its skin wasn't similar in color to the stone walls. Or rather, it was slightly different. It looked like a crystalized stone. It would be tough to notice if it didn't move and stood in this cave.

It was actually another perfect camouflage!

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The monster's big head looked weird and took up a third of its body. It had a wolf mouth on both sides of its face that was on the sides of its nose. The crystal showed that it was a level-four mutated lifeform.

This monster was very strong and should be close to level five. Its hooves were powerful and made it very nimble. Two triangular-shaped shells grew from its spine and covered its sides so the humans couldn't hurt its stomach. Its two mouths were a huge threat. Even the steel cones were broken by it.

That probably injured that guy's arm.

Its two mouths seemed like the only attack, but its body and head were also its strength. When Ye Zhongming was observing this, another human was hit and sent flying at the pillar. He spat out mouthfuls of blood and held his chest with one hand. His ribs might even be broken.

Ye Zhongming squinted. The four of them weren't weak and were all four-star evolved. This fellow was also four-star, so why did they find it so tough?

He recalled that Lin Yixun mentioned many scattered people around the mines.

Collectors!

These people weren't willing to be with others. They were either alone or with a small group to collect stone pearls to trade for food.

Ye Zhongming heard Lin Yixun's fear of these people. He said that they were firm and twisted. They didn't fear death and weren't willing to be ripped off by Black Dog or himself. They would avoid the two factions, and if they met any, they would retreat.

Lin Yixun and Black Dog weren't willing to clash with them either. The mines were complicated, like a maze. If there was a conflict, it wasn't easy to use their numbers advantage to kill these people. They could use the environment to cause huge losses. If you failed to capture them, they would even follow you and move like an assassin.

If there were no need, Lin Yixun and Black Dog would act as if they had not seen the Collectors.

Ye Zhongming respected these people when he heard and knew that they were stubborn people. To a certain extent, they were more courageous than Lin Yixun and Black Dog. Lin Yixun even mentioned that the collectors had more information than them. If possible, he could ask them for some information.

After watching for a while, he knew that the four of them would win, but there would be casualties. He thought about it and walked out. He took the dagger that had turned white and made some noise as he got close.

The four of them noticed him. They shouted for each other to pay attention, and their movement slowed.

One of them tangled with the beast, and the other stood between Ye Zhongming and the battlefield.

“Scram, this two-mouthed cow is ours!”

The one who stopped Ye Zhongming was the woman. She held the steel cone and stared viciously at Ye Zhongming. As she hadn't washed for a long time, he couldn't make out her face, but she sounded young from the voice.

“Do you need my help?”

Ye Zhongming raised his chin and glanced at the battlefield. The four of them were finding it tough to deal with the monster. Now that two were injured and one came to stop him, the remaining person was in danger and couldn't last for long.

Ye Zhongming even raised his white dagger.

Their eyes lit up.

Why was it so hard for them to fight a mutated lifeform of the same level? Apart from their lack of vitamins causing their strength to drop, a more important point was their equipment. They didn't even have a good weapon.

The steel cone was hard, but it was an ordinary piece of metal. It might be useful against mutated lifeforms of levels one and two but not much against level three.

If they had a white weapon, then...

At this time, their desire for the weapon and also the dangerous battle situation tempted them.

“If you hesitate, your guy would die.” Ye Zhongming waved, but he continued to look at that monster.

“Let, let him...”

That person who was knocked aside struggled to speak. He was the leader of the four, and he agreed.

Ye Zhongming charged, but he didn't show off all his strength. He suppressed his strength to around four stars.

If possible, he didn't want to reveal his identity here. Moreover, after learning about their personality from Lin Yixun, he knew that it was impossible to force them to say anything. He didn't want to use that method to get information as he wouldn't know if they were lying.

Out of ten news stories, nine were real, and one was fake. But it was possible that the fake one would kill.

Ye Zhongming tested the monster's shell and realized that a four-star evolved wouldn't be able to break it.

Those people frowned and felt like this person was unreliable and wasted a good weapon.

But they quickly realized the difference. Ye Zhongming started to target the mutated lifeform's weakness. Very quickly, he dealt more damage and showed them how he sliced the meat open.

The mutated lifeform lasted a few minutes before bleeding to death.

The few of them felt this new person was strong.

When the cow fell, they ignored Ye Zhongming and started to suck the mutated lifeform's blood. The guy with the broken arm even tried to eat raw meat from the wound Ye Zhongming opened. He ate while looking at Ye Zhongming.

Ye Zhongming waved and was uninterested. He even took a few steps back to make those people relax. They continued to eat.

"Sorry for being a joke." The guy who spat out blood stood up. His injuries weren't too heavy.

"You are also... A Collector?"

Ye Zhongming shook his head.

“Then how would you like to split this?”

That person wasn't surprised. He could tell that Ye Zhongming was a newbie and was more interested in splitting the cow.

“If we give it to you, can you give us your dagger?”

That woman, whose mouth was covered in blood, raised her head and asked.

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Ye Zhongming saw that they had drunk nearly all the blood and eaten some meat. He shook his head.

That woman lowered her head in disappointment.

“You don't want?”

The collector with the injured arm stood up and held a piece of bloody meat. He walked toward Ye Zhongming while trying to pass it over.

Ye Zhongming looked at it like he hadn't eaten for a long time.

A weird glow appeared in his eyes, and that piece of meat suddenly jumped. The pearl that was used to light up the area fired toward Ye Zhongming's face. It was so quick that it whistled in the air.

The others exclaimed and didn't expect this person to attack. It was impossible to dodge at this distance.

What shocked them was that the young man knocked aside the pearl like a fly.

Blood light shone, and the white dagger slashed across the guy's throat.

His hand that could move held his neck, but that wound sliced half his neck. Blood rained down, so it was impossible to stop it.

The guy fell backward. He wanted to look at the guy who killed him, but the glow in his eye disappeared.

Ye Zhongming looked at the few remaining people.

He wanted to get the news he wanted calmly, but it didn't mean he would accept everything, especially when people attacked him.

In this life, especially after Ye Zhongming created Cloud Peak, he rarely killed people except when something huge happened.

There was no need for him to kill people personally. His decision or even one sentence represented the deaths of many.

But it didn't mean that he wouldn't kill. This was an instinct. As long as someone threatened his life, he wouldn't hesitate and would show no mercy.

What he was going to do was to kill the others.

“Wait, wait.”

The captain's injuries had gotten better. He waved at Ye Zhongming, “He isn't with us.”

Ye Zhongming laughed coldly, but he didn't trust him.

“We know each other, but we aren't usually together.”

That woman also explained. She raised her steel cone and defended against Ye Zhongming.

This made Ye Zhongming believe her a little.

These people thought that he was a four-star evolved. So if they fought three against one, even if someone got injured, they still didn't fear him. The reason they explained was because that person really wasn't on their side.

This made him stop.

"I just arrived and need some news." Ye Zhongming continued, "Tell me what I need to know, and this cow is yours."

This trade was very tempting to people who had a tough time here. Ye Zhongming's strength meant they didn't think about taking all the prey.

In this dark mine, sometimes working together was more meaningful than killing one another.

They split the cow up and tossed the parts they couldn't eat while taking all the meat.

"You don't want the shell?"

To Ye Zhongming, the most valuable part of it, apart from the demon crystal, was the two triangular-shaped shells.

“It is useless.”

The other guy carried two pieces of meat and didn't care if the blood dirtied his clothing. He ignored the two pieces that seemed most valuable to Ye Zhongming.

Ye Zhongming shook his head. Although level four materials weren't much to Cloud Peak, outside, this was a very good item and could be sold easily for a decent price.

He took a look. The two pieces of armor were great for protective gear. To toss it away made his heart hurt. He ripped the clothing of the person he killed into threads and, tied two to the shell and dragged them along.

They were very honest and answered Ye Zhongming's questions while walking. They introduced the situation here.

He listened to their words and linked them to what Lin Yixun said. He realized a problem.

This... It might be a dungeon!

An underground dungeon!

The mist wasn't mist but the barrier!

Only that could explain why there were these camouflaging monsters and also why Lin Yixun and the others would say that these were ruins. It could also explain the stone pearls.

"Do you think these pearls are actually the tears of the mutated lifeforms here?"

When he heard the female collector's information, he couldn't suppress his shock and asked.

"En, or rather, something from their eyes."

Ye Zhongming asked, "Why don't the other people know?"

Lin Yixun didn't tell him about this.

"Not many know." That captain explained, "Little Ling was taken away by a monster here, and when she was trapped in the cave, she saw it happen. Those monsters would secrete a liquid flowing into the rocks and form these stone pearls within a few seconds."

"But they thus merged into the rocks and need you to excavate them."

“Do you know what they are used for?”

It was just a casual question. He didn't think that the four-star evolved that were trapped here for a long time would know the answer.

Even if they might be strong outside before they were trapped.

But the truth was, these few answered.

“Energy medium.”

It was still that woman, “Someone noticed that the stone pearls had some energy, but it was only one time, so they weren't certain. Not many people know about it, and I am coincidentally one of them.”

Medium?

Ye Zhongming took out the one that Lin Yixun gave him and tried to inject energy or mental energy into it but failed.

He didn't fully believe those words.

He knew that he would only find out what this thing was used for when it came, so the last thing was to try to collect more of them.

“Get all the pearls I can in the shortest amount of time?”

When they heard Ye Zhongming, the captain and the two others looked at each other and hesitated, “If you give us the white dagger, then we can tell you a secret.”

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Ye Zhongming passed his dagger to him without any hesitation.

This shocked the three of them. After taking it with some uncertainty, their faces were filled with joy.

They didn't know how this guy brought such a good thing in, but it wasn't important. What was important was that this weapon belonged to them.

Their hunts would become safer and more efficient in the future. They would also get more food, and the benefits would be a chain reaction.

The guy with the two pieces of meat looked at the captain but saw him slightly shake his head.

Ye Zhongming saw their actions, but he didn't care.

His strength would drop after he gave up his weapon. Now that it was three against one and they also had a weapon, that person was asking if they should kill Ye Zhongmingming.

Smart people cared more about their interests in the apocalypse than they did during peacetime.

This captain didn't agree, not because he wasn't a good person. Although Collectors had a reputation for being honest and having principles, it didn't mean they weren't greedy. The captain didn't agree because Ye Zhongming had nothing valuable on him besides a stone pearl.

To them, it wasn't worth offending a four-star evolved just to get a stone pearl that was easy to get. Moreover, Ye Zhongming had previously helped them, leaving them with a good impression.

"Speak."

Ye Zhongming understood their thoughts, but he didn't care. The three of them were like rabbits before a lion. They couldn't do much to him even if he let them attack.

"Two methods."

That captain's body recovered quickly, which surprised Ye Zhongming. He probably had some body technique or was a related job user which had good healing.

“First is to excavate yourself. We know a place with a lot of stone pearls. If you could mine there, you can trade for enough food and water and even trade for other good things.”

“But many beasts occupy that place, and their levels are high. Until now, no one can mine there.”

The captain identified the path while saying. He looked at Ye Zhongming’s torch and was in thought, “You can also guess this method and it also proves that these beasts produce the stone pearl. After all, that is their base, so naturally, there will be more stone pearls. Many people know about that place, but no one headed there. After all, people in the mines live worse than pigs and dogs. Everyone wants to head out, but they have their own plans. They won’t clear that place as there are only two tunnels there. Each of them isn’t wide, and the only way is to use human life. Who would be willing to die?”

He smiled mockingly. No one knew if he was mocking himself or others.

Seeing that Ye Zhongming didn’t say anything, he continued, “The second way is the secret I was talking about. When you were tossed down, you should have come from the 4th hole, right?”

Ye Zhongming nodded; that was the truth.

“But we came from the third hole.”

“En?” Ye Zhongming was stunned and quickly reacted, “You are saying that the mines are connected?”

“Smart!” That person didn’t expect Ye Zhongming to get it instantly and praised, “The four mines were connected a few months ago, but only the Collectors know.”

“What does that have to do with the stone pearls?”

Ye Zhongming had a guess, but because he didn’t understand the situation, he didn’t say anything.

“Storage!”

The captain waved, “The mines existed for over a year and evolved, being tossed in every period of time, from one to two stars to three to five stars. Although people would die, those who live are enough to form a small society.”

“Lin Yixun and Black Dog are the superiors in these societies. Of course, Collectors have their own kings, but these kings move alone and rarely gather together.”

As expected.

He had guessed the captain’s words. These higher-ups had some stone pearls; if you added them together, they would be a sizeable amount.

“These people have many stone pearls. If they can give it to you, it is the fastest way to get stone pearls.”

That captain smiled, and so did the other two. They weren't mocking Ye Zhongming; they just felt that either method was impossible.

They mentioned it was a secret. Apart from the four mines being connected, the other things were just fresh news but weren't valuable information.

But Ye Zhongming was calm and didn't mind their laughter. He was just thinking about something.

The few of them looked at each other and felt like this young man was weird.

But they didn't think much as this young man was a newcomer. It was normal that he cared about living. He was probably lied to that stone pearls could be traded for freedom, so he believed them.

It was worth it to trade two pieces of news that Collectors all knew after living for some time in this place to get a white piece of weapon.

The three of them were having illusions about their wonderful futures.

Humans were like that. When they adapted to hell, a slight change would make them think that hell was good.

This was their adaptability.

“Do you know what the highest-level monster is in that cave?”

Ye Zhongming asked.

“Ah? Oh.” The captain was stunned and wondered if he wanted to kill them. But because of the white weapon, he still answered, “Someone saw a level-six monster enter, but I am not sure what the highest-level monster inside was.”

“Have you seen level seven or eight monsters?”

Ye Zhongming asked.

“You are joking. If we saw such a monster, would we still be alive?”

“That is true.” Ye Zhongming made his mind up, “Bring me there!”