

Apocalypse 1081

Chapter 1081: Small trick

“Cloud Peak again?”

“Who are they?”

“Is your rankings wrong? Why is it all Cloud Peak? Five Ring Money has no good equipment?”

“Right; I know that many faction bosses have strong equipment, so you are sprouting nonsense.”

“...”

Many people didn't understand how the first equipment came from Cloud Peak.

These people who had some status in their regions knew about their higher-ups. For example, most people knew about the Resistance Zone as they occupied every part of the country.

Many people knew about Glory Army as they were spread across every corner.

Naturally, everyone knew about Five Ring Money, which was everywhere.

But, after all, only a few knew about Cloud Peak. So they were unhappy. At the end of the day, they didn't trust Cloud Peak.

The captain waved, "It is still the same thing as before; such rankings will have gaps, especially for gold equipment and above, where their color can be hidden. So, we can't ensure that the rankings are correct. Even if we miss out, they would mostly be correct. The rankings will have new equipment in the future, and they will change."

"So why are you sure this Earth Sand Moon Blade is ranked first? I think it isn't as good as the Battle Contribution Badge; I even think it is worse than the Holy Army Coat."

Someone questioned. That was normal; after all, the blade's abilities were unknown, so how could it be more valuable than the badge with unlimited possibilities?

"This can't be denied. You can doubt any equipment on the rankings, but this is first without a doubt. At least now."

"Reason, we need a reason!" That person asked.

"That person appeared a short while ago, and we only guessed it existed. But it was then proven."

The captain left the cabin and looked at the shore, "You might not know about Moon Edge, but you should know about the famous white battle blade. Yes, you are carrying one."

The person held up the battle blade, a white Moon Edge. Ye Zhongming had seen it and wasn't surprised. He had given it to many people and factions. Of course, he didn't add Ghost Metal and only used ordinary materials.

Moon Edge was around for two years, so it was normal for it to be floating around.

"This is actually from a blueprint known as Battle Blade Moon Sand. Moon Edge is the lowest-grade item, and Earth Sand Moon Blade is the final version. The initial item is already purple grade."

Everyone was silent. If that were the case, then it would be strong. But it was not enough to prove that it should be ranked one.

"Our professionals deduced some of Earth Sand Moon Blade's stats from Moon Edge and its successor, and the outcome was shocking. There was one more important thing. We obtained a piece of equipment from the wheel that would test all equipment within a range. The strongest energy source came from Earth Sand Moon Edge. This name was even given to it by the wheel."

Everyone could finally accept. After all, the wheel had special equipment. For it to recognize you meant that it should be believable.

"How is Cloud Peak so strong?"

The captain sighed, "Their boss, Ye Zhongming, is a great smith, and Earth Sand Moon Blade is his creation. Now you know why this weapon can be first? Like the War Fortress, its creator can add many things to it. Although the materials are hard to find and the success rate is really low... But you can't deny that you can create many of it."

When he said that, a bunch of Five Ring Money evolved walked over to chase them off the boat. Then, the boat headed back to shore to pick up more people.

Although everyone wasn't willing, as there were two more rankings, they were being ordered off. They could only head up unwillingly and walk toward the entrance.

Ye Zhongming and the other two followed. They were at the back, a distance from the rest.

"Boss, are there moles..."

Gao Yi whispered to Ye Zhongming.

"Spy?" Ye Zhongming thought about it, "There are definitely eyes, but they shouldn't be in our core."

"Then how do they understand your weapon? Even we don't know, and they even know the name!"

Zhao Xiangxue and Gao Yi had the same thoughts and felt that something was wrong in Cloud Peak.

"No, it should be the materials."

“Material?” the two of them didn’t understand. What could go wrong with the materials?

“That person might be right. Five Ring Money has a piece of equipment that can test the strength of the equipment. But they know about Earth Sand Moon Blade because the materials we bought were marked.”

Ye Zhongming knew that he was being slightly conned.

Five Ring Money provided him with the Crescent Moon Blood Stone and even sent the Bright Water Feast invitation. They also came to an agreement with him on gene lifeforms. Now that he came, one of the goals was to discuss specifics.

It was obvious that Five Ring Money, or rather, that Deacon Water had much information about Cloud Peak. After knowing that Ye Zhongming had the battle blade blueprint, he guessed what materials were needed and then did some tricks.

Although it didn’t harm Ye Zhongming and just monitored his crafting standard, it annoyed him.

At the same time, he had a new understanding of Five Ring Money’s strength.

This Deacon Water was one of the five deacons and he could reach so deep. He had such professionals!

He looked forward at the giant entrance. He felt like it wasn't an eye but a mouth that swallowed everything.

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Time passed. When Ye Zhongming and the others were on the ship, two women stood on the luxurious cruise and spoke before the window. When they brushed past the fishing vessel, one of them exclaimed.

"Why?" the other asked.

That woman opened her mouth and then shook her head, "I might have mistook someone."

"You have been so suspicious recently. Rest well. Five Ring Money needs your ability to break the seal. We can get one-third of it, and my dream of becoming rich will come true."

The woman burst out laughing and rolled her eyes at her partner.

Chapter 1082: Another space

After paying 5 level three crystals for each person, the three of them entered Bright Water World.

Anyone would be wary when they entered another space.

When he crossed the glue-like gate, he felt as if his body and soul were splitting.

But after entering, he felt rejuvenated.

Due to the Bright Water World, the space was very bright. He raised his head and saw ripples above. There was a fragrance that no one knew where it was from.

The ground had blue crystals and when you stepped on it, it gave off a metallic sound.

The space was huge, and various streaks of light intersected so that one couldn't see clearly what was happening. The colors were changing in a pattern.

Some people with sharp senses knew that space was fixed by certain laws that humans could not change.

Ye Zhongming looked around, guessing and probing this place.

On the left of the entrance was a beautiful white jade region that had been turned into a garden. Many evolved entered, and exited it.

On the right were rows of silver and metal tables with various types of food. The ingredients were like those of the apocalypse, but the style was similar to high-class banquets during peacetime. Apart from food, one could see vegetables and dessert. There were also dozens of famous types of wine.

Some evolved were selecting their food but they all ate very elegantly. It was as if their nature had changed after they entered this place.

Another group appeared. There were a few hundred of them, and their equipment was great. They were white grade on average. Four to five of them were obviously the leaders, and their bodies shone green. One of them had a blue pair of bracers on his hands.

There was a Five Ring Money person beside the few leaders. Ye Zhongming didn't recognise him, but he did recognise the badge on his chest. It was similar to the one Liu Chengyu had. This person's status wasn't low and should be someone close to a deacon.

He accompanied these people because they were from a big faction.

Ye Zhongming and the other two paid attention to them, not because of their equipment, which was Cloud Peak's standard a year ago. They kept looking because this group was moving towards those colorful rays.

They walked nearby. That Five Ring Money person took a 20-centimeter stick and waved at the light rays, which spread in all directions and revealed another space.

After this team entered, the rays of light returned to normal.

This stunned the evolved who just entered. Too many magical things happened in the apocalypse.

“Various evolved that just entered. Please register here and take your tags. This is your only document here, and you need this tag to join the various events. Please take good care of it.”

An elegant female voice spread out of that white jade garden entrance. Everyone saw a beautiful woman in a robe smiling at them, directing them to the garden to get their tags.

Everyone walked over. Zhao Xiangxue naturally wanted to take the lead and asked Ye Zhongming what they should call themselves.

“There are three of us, so call us the trio.”

Zhao Xiangxue’s mouth twitched, and went to get the tag. She felt helpless with the thoughtless answer that Ye Zhongming gave.

She got the tags quickly; there were three of them... Each costs two level-three crystals.

Everyone was helpless and hated Five Ring Money’s attempt to earn money. Fortunately, these evolved were rich. If it were some ordinary people, they would have gone bankrupt.

Ye Zhongming looked at the token. It was specially made and had the words ‘trio’ written on it.

Ye Zhongming felt Bright Water World should be an amazing piece of equipment and might even be ranked first. But Five Ring Money wasn’t planning to reveal their own information.

They could go for the buffet after getting their tags and proving their identity. As there were more evolved than before, the people didn't look as cultured. Even with Five Ring Money reminding them, they continued to wolf down, and very quickly, half of the food and wine on the metal tables were destroyed.

The three picked some dessert they couldn't eat regularly and drank some wine. The other types of food were just made with level three beast meat. They were used to food from the Water and Fire Pot, so they weren't very attracted to that food.

Over an hour later, more and more people gathered at the entrance. The big factions that were invited all entered, and those outside were the small factions. But there were a few thousand of them alone.

These people represented a large part of the country's intermediate evolution body.

When many people felt impatient, the entrance closed, and everyone was stuck inside.

"Don't panic, let Bright Water Feast officially begin."

The same beautiful woman told everyone to keep quiet. She didn't use any speakers, but everyone could clearly hear her voice.

She then gave a welcome speech before heading straight to the main topic.

“Everyone is curious about Bright Water Feast, so let me explain. Firstly, this place is called Bright Water World. Everything that happens from now on will happen in this space. Although it is closed, it is only temporary to save energy. Each day, it would be open for two hours, and friends who want to leave can proceed. Of course, it is free to do so.”

Her self-mocking words caused everyone to laugh.

“Bright Water World is similar to a secret realm, but the difference is that the secret realm is connected to another world while Bright Water World is a special space. There are many good things here. Even after Five Ring Money obtained it for some time, we haven’t even explored 10% of it. To be honest, we are facing many problems, so everyone is here to explore them together.”

“I believe that once everyone sees the true face of Bright Water World, you will fall in love with this place. Any item will be worth huge amounts outside. Just Five Ring Money ourselves only obtained a tenth of the stuff, and the value of the items is worth two seven-star potions.”

Everyone was shocked. The information she revealed was very shocking. Seven-star evolved, which represented the highest human evolution level now.

“Dreams of getting rich overnight are not a dream here.” Her voice was very tempting, and it excited everyone.

Ye Zhongming pouted. Why would they open it if this place was as perfect as she said? He would be surprised if 30% of her words were true.

“Of course, while there is opportunity, there is also danger. So life and death is up to all of you. Be careful.”

She raised her head, “One more thing, we will know everything all of you get. If you want to take it away, you need to pay us a fee. Treat it as tax. It isn’t as high as 20%, but it is 10%.”

The people were unhappy and scolded them for wanting money again!

Her face turned cold. “Do you think Five Ring Money is a charity? We opened this place for you to take things for free. If you were the ones, would you be so kind?”

Those words shut everyone up. It made sense from Five Ring Money’s point of view.

“Don’t worry, Five Ring Money still wants to work with all of you, so the valuation is definitely fair. Don’t worry that we will ask for a sky-high price. Our reputation is very important to us.”

“Believe me, you will gain far more than you imagine.”

She clapped and finished, “It has been a long journey. Rest well today and tomorrow; the Bright Water Feast will officially open!”

“Please allow me to introduce our... Entertainment zone! While spending time here, the zone will be open for everyone. There are only things you can’t imagine; there is nothing we can’t achieve!”

With her loud voice, some colorful rays shifted to reveal a fancy area. Before you even went in, a smell that excited everyone had already floated out.

“Oh, I nearly forgot. Before everyone parties, Five Ring Money has prepared a gift for all of you.”

“That is... Country Rankings!”

The rays suddenly became ordered, like that of a fountain. Words started to appear that became clearer.

When those images stopped moving, everyone could finally see the words on them. They were the five country rankings that they had heard a part of.

Ye Zhongming and his two subordinates took a look, and they felt very wary of Five Ring Money.

This faction was showing off their influence, so... What were they trying to achieve?

Among those questions, Ye Zhongming looked at the clear leaderboards. He landed on the two rankings he hadn’t heard, and his eyes opened much wider.

Chapter 1083: Country top ten

The people weren't as calm as Ye Zhongming, and they made different sounds.

Praise, disdain, question, doubt, craze...

All of that was because of the five rankings on the screen.

Mutated lifeform rankings, battle beast rankings, and equipment rankings were the same as what that captain said. The difference was that it was more complete and detailed. Not only were there a few dozen positions, but each had an introduction.

Those monsters with names on the mutated lifeform rankings would have an introduction of their main activity regions, what they have done, famous appearances, famous abilities, etc.

The Battle Beast rankings described their background, evolution process, current state, etc. The equipment rankings showed why people wanted that item, what attack elements, battle results, etc.

Anyway, no one explained the rankings to the people looking at them, but the introduction helped everyone understand each page and increased the rankings' prestige.

Besides Cloud Pea taking over the equipment rankings, Cloud Peak was also in the Battle Beast rankings. Ye Zhongming's flying beasts were ranked 13th, and the evaluation was that their solo strength was weak, but they were strong overall. They were good at large-scale group battles.

Also, Park Xiuying's three-nosed elephant's ranking was even higher at 11th, just lower than the Glory Army second army leader's Sky Breaking Eagle. This ranking received much attention and discussion because the three-nosed elephant was level eight, higher than many of the top ten beasts. Many people didn't understand why it was 11th.

But people could accept the explanation. There were two reasons. Although its level was high, it was a support-type beast. It needed strict conditions to show combat strength. The second was that it was badly injured, and his brain was damaged. Its intelligence was low, and no one knew how much it had recovered and how much intelligence it had left.

Ye Zhongming agreed with the rankings and, of course, the elephant's rankings. But he knew that Five Ring Money definitely couldn't reach the secret realm and didn't know what the elephant did. If not, it wouldn't be 11th.

But that was good. Cloud Peak's equipment attracted too much attention, so it was good to keep a low profile.

But he gave a bitter smile when he saw the overall combat strength rankings.

Cloud Peak's name appeared again at the front.

For some reason, there were many factions on the list. Ye Zhongming roughly understood why. Five Ring Money wanted the factions to see their positions and use it as a mark to work hard. This would show the prestige and importance of this ranking and cause some added benefits.

Don't forget what Five Ring Money did.

Most were familiar names, but there were some that he had only heard of.

“Tenth, Five Ring Money.”

Many people were filled with disdain toward that name.

They had Bright Water World, five deacons each had one strong battle squad, and they were only tenth? Were they trying to bluff everyone? They probably felt like they shouldn't rank themselves too highly since they created the rankings and just placed themselves in tenth.

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“Ninth, Cannibal Chain.”

Ye Zhongming disagreed with this.

Others might not know, but he knew Cannibal Chain was a super faction in his last life. They were also strong in this. From Peace Town to Linhai Ghost City to establishing a base in Puxing Town, they had many business relations with Cloud Peak.

Ye Zhongming knew how strong this giant monster was. Like Five Ring Money, people only saw the tip of the iceberg.

Ye Zhongming suspected their background, but he still hadn't gotten an answer.

"Eight, Soul Merchant."

This surprised Ye Zhongming because they were very mysterious and strong in his last life. But in this life, Cloud Peak destroyed a large part of them. Even now, the moment there was news about them. Cloud Peak would send a group to clear them out.

Ye Zhongming hated this organization that treated humans as pigs to evolve.

But with their current situation, they could be ranked eighth? Was there a mistake with the rankings, or were they outside his territory and quickly recovering their strength?

This ranking covered Ye Zhongming's heart in a shadow.

"Seventh, No Man's Zone."

This was a name he wasn't familiar with, and he only found out about them from Chameleon.

He didn't even know where this faction's main base was, but it should be near the north, and it was slowly expanding towards the west and south.

In Five Ring Money's introduction of them, this faction was actually great at nurturing mutated plants!

A part of Ye Zhongming's goal here had to do with plants. If this No Man's Zone was good at that, would they conflict with him?

Seemed like he should let his people pay attention to them. They might not need to become enemies, but it was good to understand his competition. Moreover, Cloud Peak could work with them to get what they needed.

"Sixth, Cloud Peak."

Zhao Xiangxue was very unhappy when she saw that rank.

"Boss, we have had contact with Five Ring Money. They know your weapons so well and even let us take over the equipment rankings. They only rank us sixth here? Are they looking down on us?"

Gao Yi didn't talk much, but when he saw the rank, his body was ice cold, which caused everyone to look at him with a weird expression.

In his heart, even if Cloud Peak couldn't get into the top three, they shouldn't be sixth.

Only Ye Zhongming was satisfied.

He knew he was an ordinary evolved in his last life and worked hard for ten years to get to six-star evolved. This was also because he was lucky and bumped into brothers with whom he could work hard. They helped each other to get to that evolution level.

He had another chance, but compared to the other super factions, his starting point didn't change. It was very low. Even if he had another chance, he still lost on the starting line. All he had was the experience of his last life.

He was already very satisfied to become a seven-star evolved and let Cloud Peak enter the top ten in just two short years.

Chapter 1083.5- Country top ten (2)

This didn't mean that he accepted their ranking. Five Ring Money definitely didn't know about Chameleon. Although this team was new, Ye Zhongming invested a huge amount. They grew quickly and were a fifth of Cloud Peak's strength. If you add them, would Cloud Peak still be at this rank?

Also, Ye Zhongming didn't know if Five Ring Money knew about the Posthumous people. Did they consider them?

If not, then naturally, his rankings would shift. If they did, they either felt that Cloud Peak was worth that rank with the Posthumous people, or they didn't think Cloud Peak and Posthumous people's alliance would last long.

Ye Zhongming didn't know the exact region.

Also, Five Ring Money didn't know the Death King Tree was in Cloud Peak and didn't know about the Gate of Sacrifice. They didn't know how far their crystal weapon and gene research reached. Didn't know about the Star Elf. Yangos... Etc.

They didn't know about many things, and he was happy they didn't.

He was satisfied with that ranking. The only thing was that it revealed much about Cloud Peak like the crystal weapons came from them. Their gene research was top-class and above everyone. Ye Zhongming was a good Smith and was ranked together with the creator of the Holy Army Coat.

"If possible, I'd rather be ranked 100. I am afraid people might target us."

Ye Zhongming joked and made the two captains feel better. But when they looked at the sixth rank, they were still unhappy.

"Fifth, Pin Palace!"

This faction had appeared before on the Battle Beast rankings. That level six mutated turtle Thousand Year belonged to this Pin Palace.

The leader was an old man, and his camp was on a large lake in the southwest region.

Ye Zhongming looked at the introduction of Pin Palace and knew that the faction relied on that lake to gather many elite evolved. Moreover, they had a complete set of wheels from one to nine.

Cloud Peak only had seven stars, and that unknown lake had wheels of all levels. This made Ye Zhongming impressed by that boss's luck.

But why didn't he hear about such a strong faction in his last life?

Seemed like his rebirth had had huge changes to the world.

"Fourth, God Hall!"

"Scoff, those fellows we destroyed can actually be ranked before us."

Zhao Xiangxue couldn't help but mumble after seeing God Hall's name.

Chameleon was the one who destroyed God Hall's headquarters. They were near perfect, from the accurate information to the internal capitulation to surrounding and robbing them.

To a certain extent, they stepped on the heads of God Hall to climb in Cloud Peak.

Ye Zhongming understood her thoughts, but he didn't agree.

"They didn't go all out against us, if not, their chief that has the ranked second vine would have appeared. Who knows if they just used us to remove the toxic people from their group? Since they could be ranked in this position, they must have their strengths."

The two captains saw how solemn their boss was and kept their other thoughts. They listened seriously.

"Pay attention to their movement. Since we are enemies, we need to be wary of them. If possible, we must make them disappear from this list."

The thousands of people gathered here probably didn't expect that while they were envying the people on the list, people were planning to erase those names.

The two captains looked towards God Hall coldly.

"Third, Thousand Beast Villa."

Ye Zhongming guessed that Thousand Beast Villa would enter this list but didn't expect them to be ranked so highly, to get into the top three!

Indeed, the first 50 to 100 were very different compared to the fifth to tenth. And so to the third and above.

This meant that they had reached another level.

“This Thousand Beast Villa is so secretive, but they are actually able to be ranked so highly.”

Another person had read to the same place and praised.

Ye Zhongming knew that even if they had Chameleon, which spread many seeds that sent them news, their manpower was limited. China was huge, and they didn't control and understand a large enough region. There were indeed factions like Thousand Beast Villa and Pin Palace outside of their region.

Suddenly, Ye Zhongming thought of a famous phrase: ‘The world was filled with heroes.’

The apocalypse was similar to the warring states. The difference was that heroes or tyrants stood out then. Now, evolved were the ones who replaced them.

“They deserve respect to be able to nurture battle beasts to this extent.” Ye Zhongming gave them such an evaluation.

“Second, Glory Army!”

“First, Resistance Zone!”

Ye Zhongming and the two felt complicated when they looked at the faction that was ranked in the top two. The reason was that they were connected to Cloud Peak.

Since the Ying City Poppy Wheel, the Glory Army has been their enemy. Both sides fought a few times, and Cloud Peak greatly benefited.

But everyone knew that the main force of this super faction hadn't appeared. There would still be another battle between them in the future.

The relationship between Resistance Zone and Cloud Peak was more complicated now. One region was cold to them, one was wary, one treated them as their enemy, and one was working with Cloud Peak. Even Ye Zhongming was unsure whether they were friends or foes.

“We are probably the only ones that can be enemies with 3 of the top 10 and neutral with another!”

Ye Zhongming laughed. It was as if he was looking down on the world.

Chapter 1084: Top ten gatekeeper

Ye Zhongming paid the most attention to the country's overall strength rankings as it was a good way for him to judge Cloud Peak's strength.

He knew Five Ring Money would do some tricks, like placing Cannibal Chain and them at a lower ranking. But Ye Zhongming could evaluate the other factions.

This was very helpful in judging other things.

Like Resistance Zone. Although they suffered huge losses in that operation and, a few battle squads were about to be wiped. They even lost a seven-star evolved. But the entire resistance zone was still leading. Moreover, they weren't dead yet and were just injured.

Of course, Ye Zhongming was satisfied with Cloud Peak's position, but that didn't mean he was content. He knew that Cloud Peak was lacking in many areas. The rankings reminded him that the path ahead was long and arduous.

He didn't feel dispirited and was more pumped up.

Ye Zhongming looked forward to the heights to which he could bring Cloud Peak.

"Boss, there!"

Zhao Xiangxue whispered to him. Although she joined an organisation like Chameleon that was always in the darkness, she was young. She was excited to come out with Ye Zhongming. Ye Zhongming also hoped that Gao Yi and herself weren't too cold here, so she returned to her peacetime self.

Ye Zhongming looked toward where she pointed and saw the final ranking where many people were gathered-- individual combat strength rankings!

There were a hundred people on it!

“No one is the smartest, and no one will fight to be second in terms of skills.” Ye Zhongming looked at the ranking. As the rankings spread in the world, no one knew what storms it would cause.

Unwilling to lose and chasing the rankings were a function of humans. There would definitely be people who cared about the rankings.

The reason was fame!

Just a title? It was useless?

If you thought that way, then you were totally wrong!

Why was there Forbes? Why was there the Hurun Report? Why did they release the rankings? To tell people who was rich? Were those people on the list just so that people could recognize their faces and names?

Of course not; there was a reason.

What did Forbes rely on to earn money? They didn't create those rankings for free. Ordinary people just looked at the rankings, but there was a medium carrying them. Forbes was a famous publisher and media company. They produced many magazines and controlled many book publishers. After they became famous, advertisements, rights, etc., would bring them income. After a few years, they had already become a giant in the world.

As for those famous people, their names appeared on the prestigious rankings, and that was a much better advertisement than any media. People will remember them, raising their company's brand value and market value.

Although peace was gone with the apocalypse descending, things didn't change. What Five Ring Money wanted to do was to become Forbes. But they could do more than Forbes.

Wanting to do and being able to do it was probably the most significant change in the apocalypse.

As for the people on the rankings, they were what ordinary evolved looked up to. They enjoyed invisible rewards, which was enough to tempt anyone.

Including Ye Zhongming.

Although he didn't want Cloud Peak to stand out and become a focus, he wanted everyone to know about it, so no matter where they went, they would receive some benefits.

There were many rewards for being famous.

However, Ye Zhongming was only ranked tenth in the rankings.

Ye Zhongming took a look and was shocked.

The rankings naturally couldn't reflect the country's entire situation, but Ye Zhongming felt that they were more believable compared to the other rankings.

An evolved could hide the equipment and skills but not his strength. That would be asking to die. The other evolved and mutated lifeforms wouldn't give you a chance just because you wanted to hide your ability.

Zhao Xiangxue told Ye Zhongming to look at the rankings naturally because of where he was ranked.

Tenth!

Tenth in the country!

Any other Cloud Peak member would be unhappy with the ranking.

To them, he was invincible.

The top 20 in this ranking were meaningful as these 20 exceeded level six.

“20th, Liu Xuanzhi, seven star evolved, Cannibal Chain Northeast Manager.”

“19th, Leng Ran, seven star evolved. Soul Merchant Deputy Chief.”

“18th, Zuo Jinxuan, seven star evolved, Resistance Zone.”

“17th, Deacon Bai, Seven star evolved, Five Ring Money.”

“16th, Zhang Hetai, seven star evolved, Resistance Zone.”

“15th, Wugang, seven star evolved, Glory Army.”

“14th, Xia Bai, seven star evolved, Cloud Peak.”

“13th, Deacon Water, seven star evolved, Five Ring Money.”

“12th, Nine Dragon, seven star evolved, wanderer.”

“11th, Wen Zhong, seven star evolved, Resistance Zone.”

Ye Zhongming was familiar with many names: Zuo Jinxuan, Zhang Hetai, and Wen Zhong. He had also heard of Leng Ran and Wugang.

So, their appearance made Ye Zhongming think that this ranking was valuable.

Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai were among the first batch of people to reach seven stars. Based on that situation, he felt they might be the top three.

But he wasn't arrogant to think that he was first, even if he lived a second life.

The reason was simple. Like novels, you might become rich even if you knew what would happen. You might end up like Bill Gates, but you can't stop people like Buffet, Steve Jobs, Bezos etc from appearing. You can't do everything and occupy all domains.

Take a step back. Even if you occupy all the promising domains, the traditional domains can't be something you could take over. People had hundreds of years of family history and tradition that couldn't be broken. There were the Rockefellers, Rothschild, Morgan, etc.

Chapter 1084.5- Top ten gatekeeper (2)

Ye Zhongming didn't think that he was invincible.

When he saw the rankings, he was only careful and didn't underestimate everyone.

Even if he knew that Xia Bai and him should be ranked higher.

"Five Ring Money hid their strength, but they are showing off on these rankings."

That evolved that was looking at the same list as Ye Zhongming spoke up. This person was close to Ye Zhongming and started to talk to him. But he would glance at Zhao Xiangxue, revealing his true intentions.

Such things were common in the apocalypse. If guys and girls were interested in each other, it was normal for things to happen. Many people even felt like it could reduce pressure.

Moreover, this guy saw that the three of them didn't wear any good equipment. Not only did he not mock Zhao Xiangxue, but he even tried to get close to them, which showed that this person knew his place.

Ye Zhongming knew what he was talking about.

Five Ring Money ranked themselves tenth so that they could maintain a low profile. This would allow them to maintain their fame while ensuring that people weren't too wary of them.

On the combat strength rankings, there were two deacons from the 11th to the 20th. That number was only lower than the Resistance Zones. This was also a warning to others that Five Ring Money was strong.

Ye Zhongming smiled and nodded, not saying much. He just looked coldly at the Soul Merchant Deputy Leng Ran.

“Let’s look at the top ten rankings.”

This person saw that Ye Zhongming didn’t reply. He hurriedly used looking at the rankings to hide his awkwardness.

“Tenth, Ye Zhongming, seven star evolved, Cloud Peak.”

That person scoffed, “Would the person who owns the top weapon, Earth Sand Moon Blade, who leads Cloud Peak, which is sixth in the rankings, only be tenth?”

That earned Zhao Xiangxue and Gao Yi’s good feelings.

“Yi, there is an introduction.”

That person squinted his eyes and also read the words.

“Top Smith, the creator of value, created Cloud Peak from nothing and even crafted a weapon like Earth Sand Moon Blade that tempts everyone. This person is really strong and has many strong subordinates. Their equipment is at the top of the entire country. If he spent more resources on himself, his combat strength would climb. He lost a high-level battle beast, which caused his ranking to drop. An energy weapon’s destruction also affected his position, but he was still one of the strongest evolved.”

That person sighed after reading it.

“So that is the case. This Mr Ye is such a waste. Who wouldn’t care about themselves in the apocalypse? If you are strong, you can do other things.”

Ye Zhongming heard other people’s judgment of himself and felt weird. One of the reasons that affected his ranking was Yellow Ball. The other should be Shattering Soul Bone Staff. Seemed like no matter how strong Five Ring Money was, there was still an information gap. The staff wasn’t destroyed, and there was just a usage restriction.

The two subordinates heard what the outsider had to say and looked toward Ye Zhongming with gratitude.

Ye Zhongming nurtured them to reach their current level. They had to be grateful to him, as he sacrificed his own interests for them to reach such heights.

They had lived through the apocalypse for over two years and knew how tough it was. Their hearts were warm, and they felt even more loyal to this guy.

“But he is worthy of respect.”

That sentence caused Zhao Xiangxue to look at him seriously.

“Ninth, Wen Huan, seven star evolved, No Man’s Land.”

This person should be the boss of No Man’s Land. Compared to their ranking, this person having such combat strength was not surprising.

“Eighth, Mr. Mao, seven star evolved, Pin Palace.”

This person was the owner of the beast Thousand-Year. He was the best at water fights out of the top 20.

“Seventh, Wang Hanran, seven star evolved, Cannibal Chain.”

This was the first time many people found out that Cannibal Chain’s boss was Wang Hanran as this person rarely came into contact with others. People were more familiar with their five managers.”

“Sixth, Ji Ruiguang, seven star evolved, Resistance Zone.”

Even Ye Zhongming pouted when he saw this name at sixth. The guy who lost to him had already reached seven stars, but Ye Zhongming didn't think he could defeat him. Like that common phrase, your grandfather is still your grandfather.

“Fifth, Deacon Tong, seven star evolved, Five Ring Money.”

Only one sentence introduced him—the person who discovered and used Bright Water World.

But just that sentence alone was enough to show his strength.

Ye Zhongming felt that this Deacon's ranking was low and Ji Ruiguang's ranking was too high.

“Fourth, Big Chief, seven-star evolved, Soul Merchant.”

No one knew who the Soul Merchant Chief was, so they could only call him that. But this was a small matter. The name was just a nickname; as long as he was the leader of Soul Merchant, no one would underestimate him.

Ye Zhongming didn't find any useful information on the leaderboards on this enemy and felt like it was a waste.

“Third, Zhang Daqian. Seven Star evolved, Thousand Beast Villa.

It wasn't a surprise that this person's ranking was so high. After all, their battle beasts occupied two of the top ten positions. Especially Chisel Teeth, who was level eight. Just this alone meant that he had high combat strength.

"Second, Mu Hanyi, seven star evolved, Glory Army."

He was the overall commander of the Glory Army.

Ye Zhongming frowned. The information about this person that Chameleon sent back was different, but he guessed it was some errors from them. At least this person's name was right.

Everyone looked toward the final name.

This person's name was meaningful to everyone as he represented the top expert of the region, the strongest person.

"First, Unnamed Chief, it is rumored that he is an eight-star evolved. God Hall!"

Chapter 1085: Sky Monument

Like the amount of money the world's richest had, which was in billions, when the people who evolved here saw the top of the rankings, they were shocked.

These evolved had heard the names of many of the hundred who got on the rankings. They even met some of them. The introduction of each name made the rankings more believable. They slowly formed a recognition of the rankings. Even if it was uncertain that the top person was eight stars, it fully fixed this recognition and reliability.

Ye Zhongming knew that the rankings would be recognized by all evolved in the future.

Discussions were naturally the biggest for this God Hall boss. Each person was wondering who he was and if he was level eight. They asked where God Hall was and if he had any proud achievements.

But the moment the leaderboard appeared, no one from Five Ring Money came to explain, which caused the number of such discussions to increase.

Even someone as cold as Gao Yi looked intense and passionate when he saw the first position.

At this point, everyone understood why everyone in the novels fought for the top spot.

This God Hall Chief would undoubtedly become the most famous person in the apocalypse.

“So that is the case, so that is the top of the apocalypse.” That person exclaimed and glanced at the people on the board as if he wanted to remember all their names.

“One day, I will get onto the board.”

This person mumbled, which amused Ye Zhongming.

At this point, everyone has had a good look at the boards. Two rows of five beautiful women walked out of the entertainment zone and invited the evolved. They told everyone they could look at the leaderboards inside, too.

These evolved all entered, and Ye Zhongming's group was the last batch.

"Boss, is God Hall's Chief really eight-star?"

Zhao Xiangxue said the question she had on her mind.

Ye Zhongming thought about it, "It is possible. You know that they can piece together some level eight lifeforms. If they stop other lifeform creations and have some luck on the wheels, there is a chance that they can get an eight-star potion.

"Of course, that is just a conjecture. Even Five Ring Money is unsure, so I can't be sure either."

"Then..."

She stopped and knocked the staff on her own head.

Ye Zhongming didn't bother; he squinted his eyes and looked at that high spot.

"Should be able to fight."

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It was a huge area behind the wall formed from those rays.

This entertainment zone was just a small village. There were orderly paths, and various buildings. If you raised your head, you could even see the stars.

It was a prosperous town and not a cold other dimension.

Ye Zhongming, who was very experienced, was filled with praise for how Five Ring Money modified this place. It was hard to imagine how they made such a place in such a short time.

Style... Ye Zhongming recalled the few pirate islands on Pirates of the Caribbean, but this place was multiple times cleaner.

There were some bright neon lights and lamps that were either elegant or rustic. The air was a mix of alcohol and perfume.

Many people fell in love with this place the moment they saw it.

Be it their remembrance of the past or them forgetting about the present, anyways, this was the first time many of them were in a peace-like environment.

Supermarket, bar, teahouse, restaurant, hotel, auction house... Even a playground!

When these people entered, this place was already filled.

Ye Zhongming looked at everything and was a little stunned like the rest. After all, this seemed like something that shouldn't exist.

Ye Zhongming looked at the prosperous town and realized something.

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When Ye Zhongming entered the entertainment zone, the Five Ring Money deacons were having a meeting in that luxurious hotel.

“We have fixed the various regions we are in charge of tomorrow. Are there any other problems?”

Deacon Tong Yin Rou's face had a smile, and he tapped the table. She glanced at the other four people.

Deacon Water sat beside him and looked at a map. But if one looked carefully at her eyes, you would notice that she was deep in thought.

On the other side was the handsome Deacon Bai. The three of them were ranked in the top 20 of the combat strength rankings.

Opposite them was Deacon Ouyang and Royal Guild's head.

"Why am I in charge of Blood Vengeance Ocean? Why aren't you guys at Fallen Sun Canyon or Dark Blue Forest?" The Royal Guild Head tapped his staff on the ground and questioned.

Deacon Tong looked, "I got Magma Desert."

The Royal Guild chief paused and wanted to diss him for being neither a girl nor a guy. He controlled Bright Water World, and even if it was dangerous, this was his home ground, so he had a higher chance of passing it.

But he didn't say it out loud. After all, this was the Bright Water World, and he couldn't be in conflict with the person who controlled it, although this control was just around 10%.

There was one more point. Royal Guild suffered huge losses previously and even split once. Although they recovered well over the year, he was weaker compared to the other four deacons. Although he forcefully made himself a seven-star evolved, it badly hurt his guild.

Deacon Ouyang didn't enter the rankings, too. Apart from conserving strength, the reason was that they weren't able to get into the top 20, so they just hid their rankings in the darkness.

Seeing that the Royal Guild head was in silence, Deacon Tong had a look of disdain on his face, "No worries, this is just the first day. There are many more unknown regions, so we will split them when the time comes."

"Our final goal is the Sky Monument, so we must achieve more than half of the exploration bar. We need everyone to work hard together."

"Although we don't know what the Sky Monument does, as long as we can get it, the benefits would be far more than we can imagine."

"What about those people?" Deacon Bai asked.

"Those people... There are many choices, like Tragic Path, Chaos Cliff, Rising Swamp, Sealed Ice Mountain... Or Puppet Ruins."