

Apocalypse 1126

Chapter 1126: Choose or be chosen

The Royal Guild Chief knelt on the ground, and blood flowed from his mouth.

To evolved, injuries that continued to bleed were irreversible injuries. Ye Zhongming didn't hold back. The head of one of the rings didn't have long to live.

Although the wheels were magical, and there were many potions and jobs that could save lives, those weren't things the royal guild chief would enjoy.

"This is Bright Water World, it is... Five Ring Money's territory... You,... Dare to kill me?" Even if he was badly injured and sensed that his life force was draining, Chi E still had some hope. He used Five Ring Money's home-ground advantage to hold Ye Zhongming hostage.

Ye Zhongming glanced at the battlefield and slowly grabbed the chief's throat.

The chief was right. This was Bright Water World, Five Ring Money's home ground. If Ye Zhongming killed the chief, who was one of the five deacons, that was a problem.

But no matter what, they attacked him first. He had no reason to let him go and allow him to continue to find trouble with him in the future.

Moreover, Ye Zhongming was very calm after reviving. He didn't fear any evolved. His ideals were very simple: he would try to keep those on his side alive and would kill his enemies if he could.

The reason why he didn't kill the chief immediately was because he wanted to know why he attacked himself. Be it time or location, this wasn't the best opportunity. This question wrapped around his mind.

When he heard that question, Chi E laughed. His twisted arms and legs started to twitch.

He looked at Ye Zhongming with a complicated expression.

He was filled with fear towards this guy due to his strength. When he realized that his team was about to lose, he didn't expect himself to be so easily defeated. He was a seven-star evolved, so he didn't understand why their gap was so huge. Why was he unable to last for even ten seconds before this kid?

On the other side, he felt like he had something to rely on and that this guy wouldn't dare to kill him. That guy had to fear Five Ring Money's home-ground advantage.

So when he heard this question, he laughed and wasn't prepared to reply.

Ye Zhongming squinted and noticed that this person was just laughing coldly and not speaking. His patience was gone, and he used more strength, wanting to crush his throat.

Evolved were sensitive towards killing energy. He sensed it right away when Ye Zhongming wanted to kill him. He reacted. Be it his eyes or body, he transmitted a message to Ye Zhongming.

He had something to say.

As for why he wasn't speaking, his throat was being grabbed.

Ye Zhongming released his fingers, but there was still killing intent in his gaze. He was telling him that he would continue to kill him if he was unsatisfied with his answer.

"When... You reach a certain level... You..." He struggled. Even if Ye Zhongming held back in time, his throat was badly damaged. If he weren't an evolved, he would already be mute.

"You need to make a choice." He spat some blood, and he looked like he was in a bad state.

"Even if you don't choose, someone will choose you, hehe." He smiled weirdly. His face that had turned purple, and started to twist, "I want to kill you because our choices are different!"

Ye Zhongming looked at him and analysed his words.

What choice? Whose choice? What were they choosing?

The Royal Guild chief laughed again, "You are strong, but your background and previous position have decided that you will fall behind. You will become a chess piece that will be abandoned at any moment. Don't be too happy. Your strength might be what kills you."

The Royal Guild chief was very smooth when he said those words.

He looked at the guy he had defeated and became more confused. He didn't think this person was lying to him.

"Don't be anxious, you will find out. Also, what I said was wrong."

"What?" Ye Zhongming asked.

"You might know what my name means when you are still alive, but... You will be in pain when you do find out."

Ye Zhongming took a deep breath and bent down to look at him, "Be more direct. You might not die today. That is a good thing, right?"

The chief smiled, "Who will dare be more direct without permission? Don't be anxious; you will know soon."

"So, you have no value now?"

“You will kill me regardless, I can tell.”

“Then, goodbye.”

Their voices were soft, but they were talking about life and death.

“Wait!”

When Ye Zhongming was about to attack, the three deacons and their subordinates appeared nearby. Dozens of speedboats broke the red ocean and drove quickly over.

Ye Zhongming took a look as expected from the person who controlled Bright Water World for now. He could even make speedboats while others had to swim.

The time was enough for him to kill the chief, but he hesitated and didn't kill him.

He wanted to hear what the deacons said.

Of course, he had enough confidence. Not mentioning those wooden puppets, his understanding of Bright Water World meant he wasn't afraid of these people.

The few deacons didn't bring many people, which was one reason he was more relaxed.

The three deacons came to shore, and a hundred guards were behind them. Even if they knew the outcome, they were still shocked when they saw the Royal Guild's situation.

Someone on their level was kneeling before others. That made them feel a sense of defeat.

Their gaze toward Ye Zhongming became complicated; this person was already so strong?

"You came to give me an explanation?"

Ye Zhongming held up the chief like he was holding a bag he could tear apart.

The three deacons looked at each other. Deacon Tong spoke, "Mr Ye, there might be another better way to handle this."

Chapter 1127: Gene Warrior Trade

"Tell me about it."

Ye Zhongming kept the puppets, and his bloodline was on cooldown. The sand soldiers from the music box also disappeared. Only a few dozen Cannibal Flowers, Gao Yi, and Zhao Xiangxue, were left.

But the few deacons didn't think that Ye Zhongming had no more combat strength.

Deacon Tong looked at the Royal Guild Chief with a complicated expression and said directly, "You can kill this person. Failures don't have the right to beg."

Ye Zhongming was stunned and didn't expect Deacon Tong to say that.

The Royal Guild chief looked at Deacon Tong viciously, but he didn't say anything.

"We can compensate you for your losses here. We will compensate you double." There was only the sound of Deacon Tong's voice and the ocean.

"That is the first way to solve it."

Ye Zhongming nodded and waited for him to continue.

"Mr Ye can vent his frustration and make up the losses, but... You will lose our friendship."

"Is your friendship very valuable?" Zhao Xiangxue looked at this person and replied coldly.

Although she was used to silence, she knew sometimes a subordinate had to take up a role. She had to say some words that her boss didn't want to say when negotiating with others.

“Whether our friendship is worth any money depends on our negotiations.” Deacon Tong smiled and then turned toward Ye Zhongming, “One more solution. You give him to us, and we will compensate you. Moreover, he will pay for his life. Then, we can sit down and negotiate.”

Seeing that Zhao Xiangxue wanted to say something else, he waved, “Don’t reject me immediately. We got to our positions not only by killing people, right, Mr Ye? Sometimes, we can place hatred down. [Moreover, what is between you two isn’t hatred.”

Zhao Xiangxue looked at Ye Zhongming and didn’t say anything. She knew that it was time to let her boss make the decision.

“You don’t have to be exact, but I need to know roughly what I can get.”

Ye Zhongming tossed the chief’s body, allowing his blood to scatter.

Many Five Ring Money warriors saw that and were furious. But they saw the Royal Guild’s tragic situation and were terrified.

“You won’t be stingy in the amount to pay for your life, right?” Deacon Tong walked to the Royal Guild chief and laughed coldly.

Although they were in the same organisation, Deacon Water and he were closer. Royal Guild Chief and Deacon Bai were close, while Deacon Ouyang was neutral.

To Deacon Tong, the Royal Guild's destruction wasn't much of an issue. But he cared about the Gore Race, so he wanted to keep him alive.

But he didn't want to let him off so easily. It was best if he could deal him a blow such that he lost power in Five Ring Money.

The chief looked at Deacon Tong. He didn't nod or shake his head.

"You better make a choice, or you will bleed out." Deacon Tong shook his head and looked at the chief's feet.

This time, he finally agreed. He struggled to say a few sentences. Deacon Tong looked at Ye Zhongming, who thought about it and nodded.

Many people rushed over to force some potion down his mouth. Another adjusted his bones, applied some black potion and said some chants. The potion turned into black bugs that entered the wounds. There were cracks in his bones, and they were recovering at a visible rate.

"All these costs money, chief." Deacon Tong said coldly.

Ye Zhongming squinted his eyes and looked at the healer.

It was a Black Witch.

This was a rare job that often had weird and strong abilities.

Five Ring Money did have some foundations.

“The chief’s things will be sent to you. Now, let’s have a chat?” Deacon Tong turned his head and asked.

Ye Zhongming nodded. He wasn’t afraid that they would go against their word, as it wouldn’t be good for them. He was also not afraid of turning on them, as he was confident in killing his way out of this place.

“Let’s talk outside.”

They left Vengeful Blood Ocean and came to a bar in the entertainment zone. The chief's items arrived when the attendant brought up a bottle of red wine.

Ye Zhongming took a look before waving his hands, causing the case to disappear.

The three deacons weren’t surprised but were amazed as he had such a big space equipment.

They knew that the puppets and equipment were all stored in his space.

“These are our compensation.” Deacon Tong was direct and placed another box before Ye Zhongming. There was a green summoning-type equipment and 300 level five crystals which was more than what he lost. But it was hard to say if it was two times. Both sides didn’t want to bicker on that point.

The three deacons were very efficient, which improved Ye Zhongming’s impression of them.

“If the apocalypse is like the underworld, then we are sons and daughters of that world. Let’s be honest: I will say what I need, and you say what you want. Mr Ye, let’s continue discussing this as the pretext; how about it?”

Deacon Water spoke first. Ye Zhongming looked at this pure woman and didn’t understand who had the most power out of the three deacons.

Seeing him agree, Deacon Water’s eyes lit up. She laid out the cooperation conditions she had planned a long time ago.

“First, gene lifeforms.” Deacon Water waved, and a ball of ice wrapped that bottle of wine. After reducing its temperature, she poured it for the few of them.

“We discussed this previously, so Mr Ye has no questions, right?”

Both sides agreed when Deacon Water gave Ye Zhongming the materials for the Earth Sand Moon Blade. Five Ring Money needed gene lifeforms to fill their Gory Red Arena, and Cloud Peak needed the battle results of those gene lifeforms so each side would benefit.

“No problem, but we didn’t settle on the price.”

Hearing Ye Zhongming say that, she frowned and was slightly unhappy, “Does Mr Ye still want us to pay money to purchase?”

Ye Zhongming acted like it was obvious and spread his arms, “Of course, we are providing gene lifeforms to bring you profit, and they would even be sacrificed, so shouldn’t I be compensated? Don’t say that we are using this chance to better our research. If I wanted the data, there are other places I can go to. What do the deacons think?”

The three of them looked at each other, and Deacon Water said, “Sure, but it can’t be too high, and we won’t agree on a profit commission! Mr Ye must know that we can find others.”

Ye Zhongming nodded.

“Then second.” Deacon Water spread and waved two fingers, causing Ye Zhongming’s eyes to be slightly dazzled, “We hope to purchase relatively complete gene warriors in the future to replenish our strength.”

Ye Zhongming straightened his back. “Oh, what is relatively complete? How many do you need?”

Chapter 1128: No discussion

Others didn't know, but Ye Zhongming knew Cloud Peak's gene warriors were part of their fighting squad. They also formed an army. There were two types. Apart from the explosive gene warriors, there were gene lifeforms similar to ordinary evolved that could fight stably.

The only thing they had to do was to repair and nurture them. This wasn't much for the labs that created these lifeforms.

Besides appearing during the Flame Tiger Operation, Cloud Peak rarely showed them.

Hearing Deacon Water say that, Ye Zhongming guessed that they had obtained some news confirming that Cloud Peak's gene research had broken through, which was why they gave such a condition.

"Relatively mature means that they can be used in fights. Moreover, you don't need to incur a lot of costs to sustain them. Five Ring Money doesn't have as good life technology as Mr Ye and also don't have top talents like Professor Lu Zhengong."

Deacon Water observed Ye Zhongming's face and smiled, "As for the amount, we would have to discuss that in scale. I think Mr. Ye's Cloud Peak has more than one gene lifeform. We are interested in more than one, so each price will be different, and the needs will be different... As for the exact... It would depend on their quality and price."

Ye Zhongming nodded, "Sure, once we have such stable gene warriors, we can discuss the specifics. But I will agree first to ensure there won't be more obstacles in the future."

“We trust Mr Ye.”

Deacon Water lowered her head to show thanks. Deacon Tong and Deacon Ouyang were relaxed. They were glad to see them come to an agreement.

But Ye Zhongming firmly declined the third condition.

“Thirdly, we need a batch of crystal weapons, guns, grenades, and cannons.”

Ye Zhongming swiftly shook his head, “Crystal weapons are not for sale; there is no discussion on this.”

The three deacons discussed, and this time it was Deacon Ouyang, “I think Mr Ye is afraid of the technology being leaked. We can ensure that we aren’t interested in studying this complicated thing. Others might think we are fake, but you can understand how much effort it takes to design and research such things. We don’t have the energy to do that and don’t want to invest so much. We love to do business and not research. So if that is your worry, then you don’t have to. If you are willing, we can give you a satisfactory price.”

Crystal weapons weren’t a secret. Some had flowed out, but those were the old models and not mature products. Even then, these were in the hands of factions very close to Cloud Peak, who treated them like treasures. Even if Five Ring Money’s strength and finance, they didn’t get many. Moreover, they were those that were about to spoil. There were less than five usable crystal weapons in their huge organization.

The three deacons wouldn’t care about the strength of the crystal weapons. They cared about Cloud Peak’s current mature weapons—especially the crystal cannons. Numerous pieces of information told them that it was something that every lifeform had to respect.

People feared Cloud Peak and gave in to Ye Zhongming because of the crystal weapons. Ordinary evolved would think they were just weapons but Five Ring Money cared about its future and the change it would bring humans.

This was a game-changer. People did want to get it, but they failed. The few Cloud Peak defenses proved that, at least until now, no one had the strength to break that place.

Five Ring Money was no exception.

Since that was the case, trading with Cloud Peak was the best solution.

Moreover, these merchants knew that once they were the only party to get Cloud Peak's crystal weapons, when they sold them, the profits would be something they could only dream of.

Who knew Ye Zhongming would decline? Deacon Ouyang had to solve the problem himself and hoped that he could reduce Ye Zhongming's worries.

"We can even sign a contract that we will never spy on the secrets of the crystal weapons. We can even help Cloud Peak deal with the factions that try to understand the theories behind it."

Deacon Tong interrupted and gave another barrier of insurance.

But Ye Zhongming shook his head and only said two words: No discussion.

Did Ye Zhongming believe those promises? Yes, he did. At least, he did now. From how they dealt with the Royal Guild chief, these people only cared about interests. They even dared to rob their ally.

Royal Guild would probably end up as a useless shell.

But because of their personality, Ye Zhongming was worried.

They didn't care about the technology now, but that didn't mean that they didn't in the future. Research costs are high now, but they might not think it is high in the future.

Things might be different once they created huge profits with the crystal weapons.

All the promises, contracts, and trading partners were nothing in front of their interests.

So, Ye Zhongming was not planning to release the crystal weapons—at least not before he made a huge switch in models.

Seeing Ye Zhongming focus on his drink, the few deacons knew that there was no possibility.

“Let’s talk about the next thing.” Deacon Water was slightly disappointed and said, “Equipment. We hope to purchase large amounts of equipment from Cloud Peak.”

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The discussion continued for a long time, which was normal. After all, it concerned many things and interests. Gene lifeforms, equipment, potions, materials, intel, etc, needed detailed talks. Any mistake would affect their future cooperation. Neither side wanted to lose out, and they bargained, so time flew by.

When they stopped, their throats felt dry. The negotiation wasn’t about the trade itself; it was also a silent competition about their strength, future, wishes, psychology, etc. It wasn’t easy to agree.

But when the three deacons felt like these dozen agreements were all, Ye Zhongming placed something in front of them.

“All of you are done, and then it is my turn. Take a look at this; maybe we can make another deal.”

Chapter 1129: Two reports

“What is that?”

The three deacons looked at the small things on the table. They didn’t recognize it. It looked like a medicine.

Ye Zhongming smiled. It was the apocalypse. People could recognize potions and scrolls, but ordinary medicine that you had in peacetime was something people were confused about.

“You can look at this first.” Ye Zhongming took a few pieces of paper from his space and passed them to the three deacons.

There were two reports. Of course, they came from Cloud Peak. One was an overall report that didn't have anything scientific—only some data. This alone was shocking.

It recorded the body changes when evolved used evolution potions, especially in terms of falling ill.

Ratios of deformities, weird statuses, bleeding, fainting... The data looked real. It even listed which factions were in the data pool and how many people were tested. There were even some photos. Even if they weren't very clear, you could see things growing from human bodies.

The few of them were familiar with these things.

Not everyone was like Ye Zhongming or these deacons to have lived without worries. In the bloody apocalypse, most people fought to evolve while also struggling to survive in a bad environment.

They had to face life problems that continued to disturb them.

Like finding a clean water source, food to fill their stomach, a warm and dry place to sleep, clean clothes, cleaning products...

But these were tough.

Evolved usually relied on their strong bodies, drank polluted water, and ate uncooked meat that contained various germs. Their main mission was to find a place to rest. They would rather sleep in the smelly sewers than somewhere dry and clean where they might get attacked.

Also, their equipment had levels, but they weren't clean. They also needed to be wiped and washed. But did they have so much clean water and time? Also, how often could they bathe? When they did, what water did they use?

One often saw disheveled people with weird smells in various human bases. Those who were clean were in the minority.

You mustn't think that just because the deacons, Ye Zhongming, and those who joined Bright Water Feast all looked clean, they represented the apocalypse. They were all faction leaders and their status gave them cleaner and better lives.

These were the minority, the people who were at the top of the pyramid. They were like people who wore Hermes and Armani during peacetime.

That didn't represent the ordinary people.

So, after the three deacons saw the report, they knew it was true. The only difference was that they didn't tabulate it. After seeing the ratios, they were shocked.

The second report was more professional and described what caused the situation. Also, since they couldn't change their external environment, how should they face these changes?

This report came from Liu Zhenghong.

After the three deacons read the two reports, they looked at him with a complicated expression.

They were really stupid if they still didn't understand his point.

"I suddenly think Mr Ye is better at doing business than us."

Deacon Ouyang sighed and drank the wine in his glass.

Deacon Tong, Deacon Water, and himself were all smart. They knew what he wanted to do even if Ye Zhongming didn't say anything. They instantly saw the future and market of these medicines.

Although the evolved were all Superman, the living environment and toxins they faced were unprecedented. Many people lived in dirty environments for too long and used dirty and unfiltered water, causing their bodies to change.

For example, tumors would grow from parts of their bodies, their joints would swell, their skin would change, their bones would deform, their hair would change colors and drop, and they would often nosebleeds and bleed from other parts of their bodies.

These changes made people inhuman.

It looked terrifying even if it didn't affect their lifespan and fights. The few present had all seen it before.

But if these continued to develop, would it not affect lifespan?

Why were medicines, canned fruit, tea leaves, etc., so expensive? Everyone knew that they could compensate for the lack of nutrients and prevent bad things from happening.

People did think of changing but they were people who were affected by such situations. They didn't have the ability, and those who did weren't affected by these problems as they lived a good life. Naturally, they wouldn't think about solving it.

At least the three deacons had never thought about it.

Now that Ye Zhongming has considered it, as long as the price is suitable, even if it is slightly expensive, it is okay. It will be very popular.

Deacon Water sighed and asked, “Mr. Ye, how will you trade with us on this? I hope that we can represent you.”

Since he had done it first, representing him would be the best way to gain profits. If it were a simple sale, then Five Ring Money wouldn't have been able to benefit.

“Sure, but you won't be the sole distributor.” Ye Zhongming was firm. He didn't give them the sole distributor rights. Before the few deacons spoke, he said a very reasonable price.

The three deacons thought about it and smiled.

Ye Zhongming's price cut off their thoughts of producing their own medicine.

If they wanted to create such a factory, not to mention the equipment, talent, resources, etc, just the products produced would be sold for that price. Since that was the case, why would they bother?

This Cloud Peak boss sliced all competitors at the source.

Naturally, people will try to replicate it, but they won't be able to affect Cloud Peak's position.

The agreement was reached quickly. Ye Zhongming took several other items, which caused the three deacons to roll their eyes.

Chapter 1130: Cloud Peak delicacies

“Mr Ye, you have something else? Take them all out to save time.”

Deacon Tong rolled his eyes, looking like he was trying to flirt. That caused Ye Zhongming, Gao Yi, and Zhao Xiangxue to feel a goosebump, and they all looked away.

Ye Zhongming replied, “This is the final thing.”

The three deacons nodded and opened the boxes they held. They were filled with shock.

It wasn't that the items were too weird, but they were too ordinary. More accurately, people didn't care much about such things in the apocalypse.

They were just food that looked good.

Exquisite dessert, delicious soup, fragrant dishes, beautiful sushi...

The fragrance was enough to make one hungry when they opened the box.

“The lunch box is exquisite.”

Deacon Ouyang looked at the food and felt that the box was special. He took a close look and saw that it had been modified and dealt with. It had a grey glow, and the material was similar to jade.

“Use materials and mental energy on the box, also... Different materials to ensure that the box has different functions. It either cools or maintains heat. The special thing is that it prevents the food from going bad.”

He looked at Ye Zhongming and then asked, “It is hard to imagine what food Mr Ye wants to sell.”

Ye Zhongming smiled and signaled for them to try it.

The three deacons looked at each other and picked up the lunch box to eat a few items.

They didn’t think that it was poisonous. Ordinary poison was useless to them, and they could negate those strong ones. For example, the black witch that healed the Royal Guild chief.

Moreover, they didn’t think Ye Zhongming would do that. Both sides were tied together. Unless there were a huge change, they wouldn’t split. To poison them now wouldn’t do any good for him. He would do so only if he were crazy.

The moment it entered their mouths, they weren’t too surprised. The food was delicious. Even in peace time, it was of good quality. But their identities before were noble. They might not have eaten every good thing on Earth, but they ate at expensive restaurants that ordinary people couldn’t go to.

They praised the taste but didn’t think it was worth them sitting down and discussing.

People in the apocalypse might pay attention to nutrients. Like Ye Zhongming selling those vitamin tablets. They knew the function of such a thing and its value, so they could discuss it with Ye Zhongming.

But if these things only tasted good, then... There was no point.

But before they considered how to reject him, their expressions changed, and they felt the changes in their bodies.

This change was so obvious that the Five Ring Money soldiers rushed over and wanted to attack Ye Zhongming.

Deacon Tong was the one who waved and stopped them.

“Mr Ye, what is your price!” Deacon Water’s face was red. It wasn’t because she was embarrassed but because of the body changes.

The other two weren’t angry that Deacon Water didn’t discuss it with them and expressed interest in purchasing it. They looked at Ye Zhongming in anticipation.

Expressing interest in negotiations was a huge problem. The three deacons understood that, but they didn’t care. They placed their hands on the boxes, looking at the food like potions—like it was the first time they saw a potion.

The soldiers didn't understand why. They looked at each other and didn't know what was up with the few deacons.

Wasn't it just some food? Even if they hadn't eaten it before, they should have seen photos of it online. As for their reaction?

Ye Zhongming smiled and was delighted.

Ye Zhongming thought those vitamin tablets were the most profitable business, but before he left Cloud Peak, the appearance of these foods surprised him again.

Speaking of which, this was another benefit from the Secret Realm.

It started because of Miya, Candy, Xia Lei, etc. The logistics and support members began to understand the system. They split the few support members and recorded their jobs and skills. They collected various recipes and provided them with materials, even creating a perfect reward system.

This was Ye Zhongming's suggestion. Of course, he only brought it up and felt it would be easier to manage. It would also make things more efficient.

But those below went all out to do it. They did it very well, far exceeding his expectations.

Under such a situation, Miya and a food expert job user tested it out. The outcome shocked them.

This food expert wanted to follow a recipe to cook a dish, but he didn't expect Cloud Peak not to have an ingredient.

So he could only tell Miya the truth. She didn't blame him and even sent people to help him search for the ingredients.

A few days later, when the ingredient arrived, Miya looked and noticed that it was similar to a plant in the Secret Realm. She found some and told this person to use that ingredient as a replacement to see if it worked.

The food expert and she didn't think about anything, but after it was made with Water and Fire Pot, the people tasted it and found a huge secret.

The food that could quickly recover stamina and reduce exhaustion actually increased stamina!

It wasn't a temporary increase but a permanent increase.

Evolved were very sensitive to changes in their bodies. Did you think that they would be lazy and only attack when they had to fight?

You were wrong. Evolved were far more hardworking. Even lazy people would train and familiarise themselves with their bodies and skills. They had to get used to fighting.

As a simple example, if an evolved person jumped high and far every day and recorded the data to remember them as his current best, he would be able to have good judgment when battling mutated lifeforms.

Some people with OCD will even record what their stats were when they used a third or half of their stamina so that they are precise.

They knew that a small error could cause them to die.

Even Ye Zhongming was the same. His skills reached 100% familiarity even without him fighting. Without them having a limit, he would have reached 1000% or even more.

So, after these people saw that their stamina increased, they were shocked and excited.

Chapter 1130.5- Cloud Peak delicacies (2)

This thing was reported but Ye Zhongming wasn't there. Xia Lei and Mo Ye entered the secret realm and bumped into Liu Zhengong.

No one was more interested in new things. Although this wasn't her field, she didn't care. She led people to find resources in Cloud Peak, bringing anyone who was connected with this and starting to test things out.

Truth proved that a top scientist had a brain that no ordinary people could compare to. After wasting a huge amount of materials, she made those dishes.

Liu Zhenhong called them-- Cloud Peak delicacies.

To be honest, many people were confused when they heard that phrase.

Liu Zhenhong even named this herself, so naturally, the items weren't ordinary.

Cloud Peak delicacies. Ye Zhongming thought about something when he knew the exact information.

Substitution.

This had nothing to do with gender, but it referred to the nature of an item.

One key step was using materials from the Secret Realm with the same stats to replace the few ingredients in the recipes.

Apart from that, they added terrifying things... Liu Zhenhong's research results.

It wasn't flesh and blood but things regarding plants.

Cloud Peak had Ye Zhongming, a gardener with a lot of mental energy. There was the level eight Death King Tree, which was really close to level nine that they could study. There was also the treant and a bunch of researchers that were researching mutated plants. Their knowledge of mutated plants was no weaker than their results on mutated animals.

The Death King Tree was one of their trump cards, especially as they had to deal with the level nine Secret Realm Saint Father. Liu Zhenghong spent a lot of time on her.

The Death King Tree was dedicated and fixated on turning into a human, so she helped, and the results were extraordinary.

Liu Zhenghong added some magical things to the recipe: gene fragments and catalysts.

Ye Zhongming knew she added Roselle Cedar, Ginseng Melon, Cannibal Flower, and Life Grain.

As for the exact reactions, this wasn't something he could understand.

Together with the Water and Fire Pot and the relevant job user's skills, these things caused a whole new type of food to appear.

The food gave the person many buffs.

From what they knew, there were strength, agility, senses, hearing, vision, skill strength increase, regeneration, absorption, etc.

This was probably related to what Liu Zhenngong added, which caused the food to have relevant abilities.

The buff was related to the recipe and material level. The amount of substitute materials also directly affected this.

Ye Zhongming's birthday cake was one that they used the best materials for. This thing added three abilities: strength, healing, and battle pet damage share!

From the increase amount, it was a third of your stats when you previously evolved!

As for those new ability increases, those were hard to judge.

Ye Zhongming was shocked. He realized that this might become Cloud Peak's third unique item. It would be a unique, revolutionary item!

The reason he said that was because only Cloud Peak could do it. Secret Realm, Water and Fire Pot, gene fragments, etc., were unique to Cloud Peak.

The food's abilities had less of an effect the more you ate it, but the weakening was slow.

This meant an evolved could eat the same food for a long time to raise a certain stat. When it reached near the limit, the amount increased would be huge, far better than those potions that increased your stats.

Ye Zhongming had so much confidence here because of Cloud Peak delicacies. The temptation of this thing couldn't be stopped.

Of course, this was different from those vitamin tablets. Those were produced in bulk and were going to be commercial. Cloud Peak delicacies were luxurious goods.

"Price is... Very expensive." Ye Zhongming said it casually.

He didn't do so to raise the price. He didn't need to do so. He was just telling the truth.

Cloud Peak delicacy was a rare item that wouldn't be heavily produced.

Each delicacy represented a recipe. Cloud Peak spent a huge amount on collecting these things. They also needed luck as there weren't many recipes.

Even if you had the recipe, you might not be able to find the ingredients, which caused the number of usable recipes to drop.

Finally, whether due to Water and Fire Pot's unique nature or the need to add gene fragments, this restricted the cooking speed and amount.

After deducting what Cloud Peak's core members and Ye Zhongming needed, the amount that could flow into the market was not much.

This was unique to Cloud Peak. It was rare and had miraculous effects, which was why it was expensive.

Ye Zhongming took out some instead of leaving it all for Cloud Peak because he wanted to make it famous to create an image of a luxury good. He would then charge a high price to strengthen other areas of Cloud Peak.

As for earning money, just think about those luxury goods or ingredients like truffles. Even if they were expensive, the rich chased them and created huge wealth. Cloud Peak delicacies were the same. As long as he took it out, he could count money.

Thus, Ye Zhongming gave a high price that he didn't budge on.