

## Apocalypse 1136

Chapter 1136: Give them 10%

“Apart from that, after you pass the corridor and avoid the bugs, you will bump into some Frost Monsters.” Deacon Tong said. He was very serious as if he had come here before.

Ye Zhongming listened while thinking back to the information he received. There was indeed some about Hundred Hole Cave. But it was that person’s description, and there were too many details. Some were brief, but he wasn’t too detailed about this place. But Ye Zhongming did remember. The underground area should be connected. After opening many, you would enter a new place with very good rewards.

As for how many, that person said something, but Ye Zhongming couldn’t recall.

Although an evolved had a good memory, it wasn’t photographic. Moreover, Ye Zhongming placed importance on the stuff he wanted to know.

“There are many Frost Monsters, and they are very powerful. Moreover, they have the ice bug's unique points, and any attack can absorb heat. Evolved can defeat them, but their energy form is tough to deal with. The attacks that absorb heat will also make evolved weaker. Most evolved will be out of energy after the corridor and these Frost Monsters.”

Although they were unhappy with the two deacons and Cloud Peak for joining, they did agree with what was said. They had experienced it before and returned after leaving some corpses.

They agreed that the underground area was not a place for humans.

“Our thoughts were that since we can’t fight them head on, we need to be smart. We can find evolved that had speed or camouflage to sneak through to the core area to see what it is. But we failed.”

Ye Zhongming understood. Deacon Tong was probably referring to Mei Na and Gan Lan. Five Ring Money probably didn’t know that the Soul Burner and Rhythm Observation jobs conflicted and thought she could use the main job to fend against the cold while using the side job to hide her body.

No wonder Gan Lan and Mei Na looked so defeated. They definitely took a loss and were abandoned by this group.

Compared to the other factions that entered the dungeon, their evolution levels didn’t draw them respect.

“Is each hole the same? What is at the end?” Ye Zhongming asked, but his question made everyone feel awkward.

Deacon Tong coughed, “At least it was when we went down. Each cave is a long corridor, and then the Frost Monsters occupy an area. As for what is at the end, this... Keke, we don’t know.”

Ye Zhongming nodded and said that he understood.

This dungeon was special. The main opponent was low temperature and bugs that sucked heat. The ice fog should be endless; no matter how many people there were, they would still pay a huge price. No wonder these factions could do nothing when they bumped into the Frost Monsters.

When Ye Zhongming entered, he looked at the tag and saw that the completion rate was zero. He thought that it was not discovered and he was here to open things up. Now, it seemed like it was because this place was so difficult, so the big factions couldn't complete it.

He also understood why Resistance Zone was here. The leader was Zhang Zhongzhen, and he probably felt like he could do that. The main squad was probably completing other areas, and he was just here occupying some space.

"Deacon Tong, Deacon Water, this... Is not good, right?" Ye Zhongming squinted his eyes and said coldly.

The two deacons looked awkward.

They knew what he meant.

The reason why there was no progress was because it was tough. If they went all out regardless of losses, there was a chance. Five Ring Money wouldn't, but these factions would, right?"

But what about them? They didn't do anything besides letting Gan Lan and Mei Na be cannon fodder.

They cared about their members and weren't willing to die here.

But why did they ask Ye Zhongming to help? Although they thought highly of him and would head down with him, this was a chance—a chance to raise the stakes.

“Mr Ye, we will follow you down...”

“What use is there?” Ye Zhongming interrupted him and was not as patient as Gan Lan was. He raised his voice, “When will you help me? What would you fight? Are there huge losses? Who is at the front? You should know that although you are helping, it is just helping. My people are the main ones that are fighting.”

“So, when I need to help you, I need to go down and die? I am questioning Five Ring Money’s sincerity. Are all the things that we discussed rubbish? It doesn’t count?”

Sometimes, it wasn’t good to be too polite. You needed to use rough words to express your attitude.

Deacon Tong and Deacon Water, one was a beauty, and they were both clean people. Their appearances were close to perfect. To scold them made him feel very happy.

The two were not willing to see Ye Zhongming expose their contract terms, so they dragged him aside and insisted that they had agreed previously. Seeing that Ye Zhongming didn’t care, they promised some benefits and increased the price so that Ye Zhongming would be satisfied.

The other factions looked. Cloud Peak was so amazing that Five Ring Money had to appease them. They didn’t know that both sides were working together, and Five Ring Money was not afraid Ye Zhongming wouldn’t do this dungeon, but they were afraid it would affect their cooperation.

“I have first dip on the rewards. No matter what, it will belong to me as long as I want it. But I will give 30% of the value to the rest.”

The moment Ye Zhongming said that, not only was Five Ring Money unhappy, but the others were also unhappy and started to spit at Ye Zhongming.

Even Mei Na and Gan Lan felt that Ye Zhongming was asking for too much.

But Ye Zhongming stood there with a cold smile. When they stopped speaking, he said in disdain, Split 10% of your 30%...”

“To them...”

He pointed at Nalan Battle Squad.

Chapter 1137: Doesn't matter if you agree

10% of the 30% to them?

When they said that, those factions that stopped making noise started to disagree again, if not for no fights here, they would have threatened him.

Even Deacon Tong and Deacon Water didn't have good expressions on their faces; they felt that Ye Zhongming was too... Proud.

To them, Ye Zhongming was relying on their relationship to raise the price.

“You are overthinking. You get all the benefits, and we get nothing? Cloud Peak is only sixth in the rankings; if you were in the top five or three, you would have asked us to scram?”

Although Zhang Zhongzhen was afraid of Ye Zhongming at the time, he didn't mind dissing him. Anyway, Cloud Peak was the one offending people, not him.

It would be good if he could give everyone a bad impression of Cloud Peak.

“Boss Ye, don't you think your request is too much? The two deacons brought you here, but we didn't say anything. There isn't any completion rate yet, so we can do it together. But you ask for so many benefits; that is so arrogant.”

“Not only do you want 70%, you want 10% for these two women. Even if you like them, you don't have to do that. If you really like them, you can discuss the price outside. Only you can think about using our things to get chicks.”

“Maybe Boss Ye is so handsome the two girls won't charge.”

These people were still afraid of Ye Zhongming and were just unhappy, so they didn't dare to say too much. But they didn't care about Mei Na and Gan Lan. Moreover, their words were very disrespectful. If you listen closely, you can hear they are using the two to provoke Ye Zhongming.

Their intentions were obvious. Although they couldn't do anything to Ye Zhongming on the surface, they could anger him as a form of revenge.

"Mr Ye, how about this? Let's discuss and come up with a plan and then split the rewards based on contribution. We can come up with some money for those who get nothing. How about that?" Deacon Water tried to improve the situation and gave a fair solution. With her representing Five Ring Money, the idea would pass as long as Ye Zhongming nodded.

But Ye Zhongming shook his head.

This caused Deacon Water, who was always friendly to Cloud Peak, to shake her head.

"This fellow..."

Before Zhang Zhongzhen finished, Ye Zhongming looked at him, and killing intent covered him. This fellow, even younger than Ye Zhongming, didn't dare say a word.

"Only they and I enter, and I will give you 20% for free, how about that? Or should I not give you a cent and take over this place?"

Ah?

The moment Ye Zhongming said that, everyone was shocked.

Head down himself? He didn't need them?

This was Hundred Hole Swamp. Although it wasn't the most dangerous dungeon, it was the most complicated and problematic. These factions tried once before coming up.

All these people were experts from large factions. Not to mention heading down alone, they weren't determined to even go down together. Now that someone said he would head down alone, this shocked everyone, and they were filled with disbelief.

No matter the time, people always considered things from their point of view. Those things they felt were possible were simple, and if others couldn't do it, they were stupid. On the contrary, if others did what they couldn't, their first reaction wasn't respect but doubt. They had to confirm before they would admit the gap between each other.

People were like that. When they heard that Ye Zhongming didn't need help, after that shock, they felt like this person was bragging.

Of course, some people had negative guesses, wondering if this was Cloud Peak and Five Ring Money's plan.

"Mr Ye, you..." Deacon Tong crossed his arms, but suddenly, he didn't know what to say. Many thoughts appeared in his mind, and he thought about it, "If you find a solution, let's head down together. If you succeed, you will be the biggest contributor, and you will receive the most reward. This can also prevent accidents. If you face problems, we can all help."

The others nodded. Everyone understood what was being said.

Right. Since Ye Zhongming said that, unless he was crazy, he had a way to solve the problem. Since that was the case, they couldn't let him do it alone; if not, they wouldn't get any benefits. Follow him and do some work, and they will be able to get more rewards.

As expected, businessmen reacted quickly.

Ye Zhongming didn't give any face and shook his head, "It isn't us that is heading down but this red-haired woman and me. Two of us."

"Two of us?"

Many people shouted instinctively.

Many people exclaimed.

They knew how dangerous it was. Although Gan Lan went down several times, she crossed the corridor only a few times. She couldn't do anything about the Frost Monsters. If she headed down again, that was basically the situation. Even if there was a seven-star evolved, could they pass through the Frost Monsters into that unknown space?

There were seven-star evolved here so they didn't believe that could happen.

"Mr Ye, would you like to reconsider?" Deacon Water gave him room to negotiate.

"No need, the two of us is enough. All of you can wait. The rewards will be shown on the tag, so you don't need to be afraid of me swallowing it. I will hand 20% to all of you as payment for waiting so long."

He glanced and asked, "Why? Do you all agree? If you do, then that's decided, if not..."

He dragged his voice as if he was considering it.

"So what if we don't agree?" Zhang Zhongzhen couldn't take it and asked.

Ye Zhongming was waiting for someone to say that, and he replied, "If you don't, then I will do it myself. You won't get anything, and the 20% will go to the two deacons."

A simple sentence pulled Five Ring Money to his side and gave these people two choices.

Either they wait and get 20% of the reward or wait and get nothing.

They also understood something-- As long as Five Ring Money agreed, their opinions didn't matter.

There was nothing to say. Although they were unwilling, getting some stuff without putting in effort was worth it.

Thus, Ye Zhongming wagged his finger at Gan Lan. He picked her up and jumped into the closest hole.

Chapter 1138: Time is of the essence

There was no cold wind or snow; all there was was a chill that headed deep into your bones.

This was Ye Zhongming's first thought when he landed. With his current strength, he shivered when he faced such a cold.

He felt the struggle in his arms before he released it.

Gan Lan's head was a little giddy.

No one knew how much she had done in the past dozens of hours. Even her good sister Mei Na didn't.

Mei Na saw only that she had used her stamina and mental energy. She saw only the wounds on her body but didn't see her persistence.

People who didn't go through this cold wouldn't know.

It was as if the cold wanted to freeze your soul. It would numb your body and freeze your mind.

Even after returning to the surface, it felt like thousands of blades sliced each inch of your skin. Gan Lan's body shivered not only because of the cold but also because of the pain.

She recalled a phrase that she only saw in movies- Bone Poison.

She felt that as long as you spent time here, you would suffer from this poison. It would disappear as time went on, but before recovering, you had to suffer the pain every second.

But she held on. She wanted to tell Mei Na about it, but she knew that it would only cause her to worry. She came down time after time, not because she thought she could succeed. She just didn't want failure to come so easily.

She wanted to try her best and hoped that luck would bless her so that she could find a way to solve the problem here.

This was the same as praying. When someone had no solution, they searched for a way to console themselves and keep some hope that a miracle could happen.

But the reality was cruel and crushed her dreams.

She knew that no matter how many times she came down, even if she brought everyone from Nalan Battle Squad in, it wouldn't do anything.

It just didn't work.

Ye Zhongming's appearance gave her some hope, but this hope was as slim as before. It was as if this person didn't know her, and he didn't say anything when those people insulted her. This guy acted like he didn't hear anything.

It didn't seem like he wanted to help.

So when he carried her down, she was caught off guard.

Until the familiar cold hit her body, she finally came back 'alive'.

"Did I agree? Why did you bring me down? You bosses don't care about the thoughts of others. Should we people be your toys?"

Gan Lan exploded and pushed Ye Zhongming aside. Because she was emotional, her hair scattered, and the blanket on her fell to the ground to reveal a green armor.

But it was filled with cracks. There were a few dozen spots, and it would probably be destroyed soon.

Green armor was a really good item now. For Nalan Battle Squad, if this was not the only one, it was probably just one of a few.

Her explosion felt desperate; it was as if she was giving up. Although Gan Lan heard that Ye Zhongming would give them 10%, she wasn't a kid and believed him.

To her, he was just using that method to get more for himself. Even if others agree, he would still take their portion. Bringing her down without her permission was proof of her guess.

She could even imagine what method he would use. He would let her die here and then kill Mei Na and the others. After that, he would be able to swallow the reward.

Since she would die sooner or later, then she wanted a good one. To scold the 10th-ranked expert in the country made it worth it.

After shouting, Gan Lan thought to herself.

Ye Zhongming looked coldly at her. He opened his palm, and two potions appeared.

“Drink it, and then take off your armor.”

Gan Lan opened her mouth and pointed at Ye Zhongming. Her face flushed red, and the cold didn't chase her rage away.

"You, want to do it here?"

Ye Zhongming was stunned and burst into laughter, "Can we do it outside?"

"No!" Her expression twisted. She couldn't understand his thoughts. Her previous good feelings for him disappeared.

"You think too much." He looked past her at the snowland. He saw a corridor covered in thick ice. At least from where they were, he couldn't see the end, but it shouldn't be a straight line.

There were many holes of different sizes above and on the sides. The small ones were the size of a finger, and the large ones were the size of a washing basin. A pale blue mist told them that they would explode at any time.

At the entrance, 2 meters of land wasn't sealed in ice. It was for survivors to have a place to lay their feet.

"Drink it. Don't make me force it down your throat. My time is precious."

Ye Zhongming tossed the potion to her. She struggled to grab it. Only when she grabbed it, did she come to her senses. She saw that the two potions were a healing potion and a mental energy recovery potion.

Although they were basic grades, they were precious enough. No one would use such a thing unless they were risking their lives.

Gan Lan realised that if this person wanted to do anything, he didn't need to give her the potions unless he had a special fetish.

“What do you want to do?”

She held the potion. Although she calmed down, she was still suspicious.

Ye Zhongming finally lost patience with her. He charged at her, and she realized she had lost control. She was lying on his knee when she realized what was going on. Her armor was then removed!

Gan Lan screamed. The holes in the corridor spat because of that and scattered the mist on the corridor.

As if he wasn't the one to take off her armor, Ye Zhongming tossed her aside and walked closer to the mist. He touched it and retracted his hand after a few seconds. He looked at his finger seriously as if he was looking like a beautiful lady.

A half-naked woman was covering her chest and looking at his back in anger.

## Chapter 1139: Ice Corridor

“You got me down to do all this?”

She squatted on the ground to cover the exposed parts. She looked at the busy guy in disbelief.

Ye Zhongming was repairing her armor.

Repairing and crafting were different. It was something that a Smith had to figure out and understand.

Crafting things needed job skills and a blueprint, which was quite strict and standard.

But repairing was different. It tested the Smith's understanding of equipment and materials and job familiarity.

You couldn't add fire element materials if you repaired water element equipment. You also had to select things that could merge with it and control when you added the materials.

Anyways, repairing equipment wasn't tough for smiths familiar with the skill. The difficulty would be understanding the equipment's points. That would waste time. It would take even more effort for an ordinary Smith, and they couldn't fix it perfectly.

So no matter which Smith it was, if the conditions allowed it, they rather remake a piece of equipment than repair one.

Ye Zhongming had such a thought, but after carrying Gan Lan down, he checked the equipment and saw that it was what he needed. He changed his thoughts and decided to repair it for her.

“What do you think?”

He glanced at the shivering woman and stopped. He took a red bracelet and tossed it to her.

These were soul artifacts that he crafted to try things out. It wasn't very powerful but gave off the fire element's energy. As long as you don't activate the equipment's ability, you can use it as a heat source.

“Yi, good stuff.” Gan Lan was close to breaking down, but she felt much better. She was in a much better mood, especially after finding out what she had to do.

She wore the bracelet and felt much warmer. Most of the cold air was blocked, so there was no bone-chilling feeling near the entrance.

But she suddenly realized that Ye Zhongming was talking to her with disdain.

“I know I am not strong, but you need me, right? Don't act like I am negligible!”

Ye Zhongming told Gan Lan to do what she did previously as a guide for Ye Zhongming.

To Gan Lan, that was her value.

“You...” Ye Zhongming hesitated and said, “Although you aren’t negligible, you provided first-hand information. Even without you, it won’t affect the situation much.”

Gan Lan’s mouth was agape, and she looked at the guy, who was focusing on her armor. She had an urge to rush over and bite his face.

Compared to him doing so on purpose, it felt more depressing when someone told the truth.

“Stop bragging. You could pay 10% to me. If I was really useless, would you do that?”

Ye Zhongming was slightly impressed.

The fact that she could think that proved that she wasn’t brainless.

Speaking of which, he couldn’t help but glance at the part she was trying to hide but couldn’t fully do so. It was indeed quite big.

Apart from Xia Lei and Miya, no one else was her match.

“What you say makes sense, and I can tell you why.” He added some materials to her armor, and the Scorching Flame Technique appeared. It melted the materials and added them in. The holes in the armor that he used another material to fill up had a slight light that shone as it was repaired.

This made Gan Lan walk forward.

She saw that the area around the guy was warmer, so she took two more steps.

“Be careful.” He stared at the armor, and his hands didn’t stop, “Be more careful; 10% to exchange for more safety is better than dying here from an accident.”

Gan Lan kept silent and mumbled that he was just afraid of dying.

Ye Zhongming heard it, but he ignored her.

He never denied that he was afraid to die. People who denied it didn’t mean that they weren’t afraid of death. He had died once and knew that only when you lived would you have limitless possibilities. If you died, nothing would be left...

Moments later, the armor that was about to be destroyed shone bright. An equipment different from before appeared in Ye Zhongming’s hands.

Ye Zhongming really recreated this thing, and it was a brand-new piece of equipment.

Ye Zhongming looked at the female armor, which was now blue and pouted.

He was surprised that he could increase its level.

Ye Zhongming didn't add any country products and used stored materials with Ghost Metal as the base and other materials. He also used the method to create soul artifacts to repair it.

He didn't expect it to level up and become a blue piece of equipment.

Ye Zhongming only had one thought when repairing it. He wanted to increase flame element abilities in the equipment.

This equipment was flame element previously. Gan Lan probably paid a high price to get it, which was another reason Ye Zhongming didn't throw it away.

This aspect of the equipment became stronger after he modified it.

It was as simple as countering the low temperatures here. The low temperature wasn't the only problem here; there were also those ice bugs and those Frost Monsters, which this armor had to face.

Although Ye Zhongming said he got Gan Lan down just to be safe, it was true. With one more person he was familiar with, that person could help him and help remind him.

Since that was the case, he had to ensure her safety.

It protected her from the low temperature and had a strong defense.

Chapter 1139.5- Ice Corridor (2)

Ye Zhongming saw some marks on the previous armor that didn't come from this place. Those from here should be from the Frost Monsters. He looked at them carefully and knew the monster had a sharp attack that could easily slice green armor. Thus, he added some special materials that added defense and toughness.

To deal with the ice bugs and their heat absorption ability, this armor tried to wrap around all parts of the bodies. So it looked close to a battle skirt with a high collar and long sleeves.

Just these alone made him use materials that could craft a piece of equipment similar to the armor itself. He spent quite a huge sum.

The soul artifact method helped to give it attack abilities. One was "Flame Blowing" which consumed mental energy to release flames and burn surrounding targets.

Of course, the ability was easy to use, which made soul artifacts special, but it had a huge demand on mental energy. Be it strength or time it lasted, it was the same. To Ye Zhongming, even if Gan Lan had used it, she would not have been able to use it to its limit.

But all in all, this was a good item.

Gan Lan was dazzled on the side. She had put a lot of effort into getting green armor and spent much of her money. When she saw someone repair it and upgrade it, she was shocked beyond her understanding.

She recalled that she had obtained the five-star potion from this guy. She finally realized this guy had reached a level they couldn't understand.

“Wear it and get familiar with it. Then we will head in.”

Ye Zhongming said it and stopped caring about her.

He could bring Zhao Xiangxue down. Be it evolution level or element countering level, Zhao Xiangxue was more suitable than her.

But his subordinate wasn't as familiar as Gan Lan. This place was also really dangerous. If anything happened to Gan Lan, he wouldn't care. But if Zhao Xiangxue died here, Ye Zhongming's heart would hurt.

This was the difference between someone on your side and someone who wasn't.

While she familiarized herself with her armor, Ye Zhongming placed his bare hands into the mist. This time, he spent a longer time than before. That scared Gan Lan, and she feared the mist would freeze him.

When she saw his expression was normal, she relaxed and started caring about her new armor.

Ye Zhongming retracted his hand and saw a layer of frost on his hands.

He looked closely and saw that there were many rice grain-sized bugs.

These were the ice bugs.

He sensed the heat reducing in his body. He didn't show much of an expression but was shocked.

These small things could break his skin and absorb his heat.

He estimated that a few hundred ice bugs were on his palms, but not all could break his skin. Only a few dozen of them had such an ability. The rest were dead and frozen in the ice.

Ye Zhongming sensed for a while more, and his palms turned red. A few seconds later, the ice melted, and the bugs were all burnt.

“You are also a fire element user?” Gan Lan’s eyes opened wide.

Although she had the Soul Burner job, apart from when she used her skills, she couldn’t shift fire elemental energy out of her body. She couldn’t place her palm in the mist for many minutes and still be fine. Now, she finally understood why Ye Zhongming dared to say that he could get the reward. So, he was a strong fire element job user.

But she wanted to remind him that it didn’t mean much here. Even if he could tank the icee corridor, he still couldn’t handle the Frost Monsters. There were many of them, and their combat strength was really high, too.

But she saw him deep in thought and decided to say it after the ice corridor.

Ye Zhongming estimated his limit. He wanted to know how long he could last if the ice bugs surrounded him.

Although this estimation wouldn’t be too accurate as he didn’t know if there were any stronger ice bugs, it gave him an estimate.

The conclusion was that even if he walked slowly, he could pass the tunnel many factions feared.

The only thing would be that he would consume energy, and his mental energy would drop by an eighth.

Ye Zhongming thought about it and released the Needle Birds.

These fellows were now level five, and their evolution speed was so quick that Ye Zhongming was shocked. Their speed and strength were far above evolved on the same level. One Needle bird was enough to deal with Gan Lan, and it wouldn't take two minutes.

Ye Zhongming recalled what Liu Zhenhong said: these things had strong adaptability. Their genes weren't stable, so they needed to fight to familiarise themselves with their bodies.

This extreme environment was a special battlefield, and Ye Zhongming wanted to train them.

These few fellows increased their evolution levels quickly. If they could get a higher level, it would mean he had a few level six experts beside him. That would increase his strength.

Ye Zhongming was very careful. He released one and let it fly near the ice corridor. When it was hit with some mist, he recalled it.

This Needle Bird was slightly annoyed. It shook its body to shake the ice bugs away. Ye Zhongming looked closely, and only a few ice bugs bit it. The wings and fur rubbed against them and cleared them.

Moreover, the Needle Bird showed good temperature resistance.

Ye Zhongming recalled that these were monsters from the Secret Realm and had been true terrifying winters each year and understood.

He turned back and asked Gan Lan. She said she was ready, so he told her to lead the way. He followed behind her and left those Needle Birds at their original spots.

Gan Lan had Rhythm Observation and had skills. She wasn't slow and moved left and right to change her path. She could find the best path through the corridor, which impressed Ye Zhongming.

Ye Zhongming followed behind her, and the two reached the middle without triggering a single hole.

But before they could be happy, Gan Lan's body suddenly shook, and her landing was slightly forceful. She made a sound, and the entire corridor reacted. Numerous holes spat thick mist.

Chapter 1140: Needle Bird change

Gan Lan hated herself.

She wanted to perform in front of Ye Zhongming.

She had a cold personality but was warm inside. She was decisive and knew when to go all out. Her strength made it easy for her to become a leader. Most of Nalan Battle Squad matters were decided by her. Mei Na was more introverted and wasn't as thick-skinned as Gan Lan. She was willing to let her good friend do what she was good at, to lead and develop the squad.

But it didn't mean that she wasn't determined. She was far more persistent than Mei Na.

In front of the big factions, she wasn't willing to admit failure, much less before a guy who looked down on her but gave her many benefits.

Thus, she made a mistake.

This mistake wasn't huge outside. She was unfamiliar with the equipment and slightly unaccustomed to it.

This wouldn't affect much outside, and experienced evolved could avoid it, as long as you wore it and tried it out or found a mutated lifeform to familiarise yourself with it.

Although Gan Lan had a few minutes to familiarise, it was still too short. One could say that it was a little rushed.

Thus, she made a slight mistake and didn't control her steps and muscles to keep her balance. She made some sounds when landing.

The holes in the ice corridor were like sound-controlled lights triggered by noise. Gan Lan's mistake was enough to make the holes fire.

Ye Zhongming and Gan Lan were caught off guard.

If they had entered while the mist was active, they might not be so hurried as that was the worst situation. But to suddenly face the mist, even Ye Zhongming was not well-prepared. After all, he thought that he could exit the corridor safely.

The mist covered the ice corridor, and many bugs surged toward their favorite food- heat.

Even with Ye Zhongming's defense, such an attack forced him to use Scorching Flame Technique to defend against.

Gan Lan was in an even worse state. Apart from the first time she faced this attack when she entered, she had never been trapped in the middle portion of the corridor. During that time, numerous bugs covered places she couldn't defend herself from, and she felt her temperature dropping. In the next moment, she might get frozen.

She was only a few meters from the entrance then and ran back. Now, she was in the middle where the mist was the thickest.

Fortunately, her new armor provided enough protection. Not only did it cover her neck, but it also protected the back of her arms well. Along with the gloves and mask she prepared, not as many ice bugs could touch her.

She activated Flame Blowing instinctively, and a ball of flames fired from the armor. The red flames and the mist reacted, causing steam to evaporate. But before they could scatter, it met the outside temperature, and they froze into ice blocks. They were pushed to the side by the mist and shattered with a crisp sound after they hit the walls.

The two of them reacted. Ye Zhongming would pull Gan Lan away if they got past the initial discomfort.

But things didn't happen as Ye Zhongming expected.

He understood the strength of the mist and ice bugs but couldn't understand their unique points in such a short time.

For example, the camouflage ability.

When the mist fired, Ye Zhongming's aura was covered.

In that instance, the Needle Birds waiting at the entrance lost connection with their master.

They charged into the mist instinctively.

Needle Birds were lifeforms from the Secret Realm and were cold-resistant, but the temperature here was too low. There were numerous ice bugs while they were modified lifeforms in a lab.

No one knew if they could adapt to this place. Even Ye Zhongming just wanted them to train up; he didn't expect them to charge into the thick of things so directly.

The moment the Needle Birds entered, they were the target of the ice bugs. There were millions of these small monsters. They previously charged at Ye Zhongming but used fire element skills, which were their natural counter.

But now that there was another heat source, they were delighted and charged.

A weird scene appeared. As there were too many ice bugs, although the Needle Birds were much bigger, they weren't huge. Under such a situation, they were covered in a layer of ice bugs that got thicker and thicker and then turned into a few giant balls.

One couldn't deny that the Needle Birds were strong. Especially after Liu Zhenhong modified them, they might not have been the most successful gene experiment in Cloud Peak, but they were one of the top ones. After all, apart from their genes not being stable, they were pretty much perfect.

But the ice bugs were special. Their temperature was as cold as the coldest place in the Secret Realm during winter. After entering, they were trapped there.

The ice mist not only cut off Ye Zhongming's connection but also blocked theirs. So when Ye Zhongming brought Gan Lan through the corridor and reached the other side, the Needle Birds were completely trapped at the third of the corridor.

They were covered and formed a few ice bug balls.

The Needle Birds didn't give up and continued to struggle to try to break free. But they didn't have much space. It was as if they were in a swamp. Even if their wings, beak, and poison were strong and could kill tens of thousands of bugs, these bugs were endless.

Very quickly, the Needle Birds couldn't move, and the ice bugs suppressed them. Even if they didn't want to accept it, it was useless. These ice bugs trapped them.

There were too many of them, and they tried to break the Needle Bird's skin to get the heat. However, the surface area was limited, and only a few bugs could get the heat. Under such a situation, the other ice bugs didn't give up.

At the start, they just wanted to push other bugs aside. They didn't have strong limbs but had strong mouths. They tried to bite other bugs feasting before them. Their sharp mouths broke the bodies of allies. One or two bites were enough to kill a bug.

Such a situation happened the moment they covered the Needle Birds. When the Needle Birds stopped struggling, it exploded and became a fight for food. In a few seconds, the number of dead ice bugs from each other was more than those the Needle Birds killed.

The bugs at the front weren't willing to see that happen. They fought back. They released their mouths, and the ice bugs beside them took over their spots. The Ice bug that let go immediately attacked the person who attacked it to try to take back its spot.

Chapter 1140.5- Needle Bird change (2)

It was chaos, and ice bugs were pretty much having a war among themselves.

This would happen every time food appeared. Ice bugs lived under such cruel competition.

Each time food appeared, many ice bugs would die. Allies killed most of them.

Although these small bugs had weird attacks and humans feared their strong feasting method and huge numbers, they also had to undergo a cruel elimination battle.

This fight would last until the prey died and all its temperature was eaten. Only then would the war between ice bugs stop.

If it were any other life form, they would have been dead. Ice bugs would have bitten each inch of skin and sucked all the heat. Even if they didn't die from injuries, they would have frozen to death.

The needle birds didn't die and were still holding on. This had to do with their nature. They were split apart in the lab and skinned alive. After the gene was modified, their life force was so strong that ordinary lifeforms couldn't compare to them.

They might not be perfect, but they are moving toward perfection.

Liu Zhengong couldn't turn them into the most mature product yet, but she gave them infinite possibilities.

This was a strong life force. It was why they could last for many more seconds, which changed the situation.

The ice bugs would fight as long as the needle birds didn't die. When lifeforms faced a threat, they would find ways to stay alive.

They would choose to resist at the start and turn back to bite allies that wanted to kill them. Some, especially those who won the initial spots, decided to drill into their target's body!

The Needle Birds' skins were damaged, and some blood vessels were split open. Inside, there was warmer blood. The ice bugs couldn't take it and headed in.

Like a dam opening, the ice bugs entered. One was to chase for a delicious heat source, and the other was to avoid their allies.

But they didn't know that the Needle Birds were modified lifeforms. Their lives had infinite possibilities, and they could absorb outside genes to improve themselves.

If not, Liu Zhengong wouldn't have told him to control their evolution speed. If not, it would cause uncertain consequences.

These were naturally good and bad.

The bad thing was that they would collapse and die. If they absorbed too many different genes that exceeded their limit, their genes would be in chaos, and they would die.

The good thing is that they absorbed and merged with the genes. With the Needle Bird's own genes as the main gene, it then absorbs parts of others to get stronger and turn into a new, stronger lifeform.

It was dangerous that Ye Zhongming brought the Needle Birds and let them evolve. Fortunately, they just absorbed human evolved. If they had absorbed too many different life forms, he would have killed them.

They were now level five, and their genes weren't stable because the timing was too short, and they didn't fully absorb the genes. After all, there were some strong lifeforms that they needed some time to sieve through.

But when these ice bugs entered the bodies of the Needle Birds, the Needle Birds activated their absorption ability to fend off the invasion. But they couldn't move and naturally couldn't absorb any more.

If the ice bugs didn't fight among themselves, the needle birds wouldn't be able to do anything and could only wait for their heat to disappear and then turn into frozen corpses.

But these fellows started to fight. To survive, some ice bugs entered their bodies.

The absorption ability activated again.

The needle birds were lucky. The ice bugs not only entered their bodies, but as these small things were very weak, it was easy to absorb their genes. So when they entered, they were absorbed one after another.

The ice bugs naturally didn't know what had happened. They only realized that even after many allies entered, they could still enter their target's body. They didn't hold back and surged in.

The Needle Birds continued to absorb their genes and energy. Although they were weak and each had little energy, there were too many of them, which provided the Needle Birds with an endless energy source.

The energy could only protect them initially, but moments later, it could be used to repair their bodies and injuries.

Of course, some changes were happening inside. Things like cells and genes were changing.

These changes were shown on their bodies.

They started to turn white. Their sharp beaks became shorter but started to shine like crystals. Their poison sacs changed, and bits of white were mixed into them...

Even if Liu Zhengong was here, she couldn't tell you what happened to the Needle Birds.

These changes were with a price. The Needle Birds had to suffer from their bodies rejecting the gene fragments. Their bodies shook, and pain covered them.

Two ice balls exploded, and two Needle Birds, who were white with some black lines, appeared. The ice bugs scattered as they couldn't sense any temperature from their bodies.

The other ball didn't move. When the ice scattered, it revealed the lifeless corpse inside.