

Apocalypse 1141

Chapter 1141: This is bird

Success came with failure; that was the rule of the jungle.

Liu Zhenghong's experiments produced these Needle Birds. They underwent a similar process, but their previous level was the only difference.

In truth, apart from the Needle Bird King, the other few Needle Birds were the strongest of the group and were similar in strength.

But now, some died while some lived. The slight differences were shown, and those slightly stronger managed to survive.

The two Needle Birds pushed the corpse of the one that died as if they were saying goodbye.

When they straightened their bodies, a strong aura spread.

They had absorbed a large amount of the ice bug gene, which merged with their original genes. However, as the new gene amount was huge, it mixed with their genes and formed a new being. So, the Needle Birds were a whole new lifeform that could adapt to the environment.

This place turned from a dangerous location to their home ground.

The two needle birds didn't evolve and were still level five. But their aura exceeded that of most level six lifeforms.

Their changes naturally couldn't be hidden from Ye Zhongming.

Ye Zhongming cleared the ice bugs off his body after leaving the corridor and even helped Gan Lan.

His idea was correct. The Scorching Flame Technique was really useful against the elements here. Whether it was the low temperature or ice bugs, they couldn't stand up to the technique.

He didn't even use his other equipment and passed the long corridor.

"Thank..." He carried Gan Lan again, but she knew he was saving her this time. If not for him, even if she risked her life to use the equipment and job skills to escape, she would lose her life. There were endless amounts of Frost Monsters ahead, and the ice corridor was behind her, which meant that Ye Zhongming saved her life. Not to mention a short hug; even if he did anything more, she wouldn't say anything.

The current world was a casual one.

Of course, it was also a bloody one.

But she could only thank him a little when he saw him turn around towards the path behind. His body was tense, and he was ready to fight.

Gan Lan also looked toward the corridor. Due to the curve of the arc, she couldn't see the other end. But apart from the mist, there was nothing else.

Gan Lan knew how strong Ye Zhongming was in Linhai. He was someone who could battle a level eight lifeform and come out unscathed. Naturally, she didn't think that he was overreacting. Since he was nervous, there was definitely some danger.

Gan Lan also prepared to fight.

"What is it?" she asked nervously. She wanted to know because the battle methods against plants and animals differed.

But Ye Zhongming didn't reply and continued looking at the corridor.

Before she could continue, she heard some noises.

It was as if... A big thing was flying...

Gan Lan's mouth opened wide as she saw two giant ice bugs in the mist!

She had never seen such a big ice bug before. She held her weapon, and the fire energy around her grew. She was ready to use her job skills at any moment.

Ye Zhongming glanced at her. He didn't say anything before turning.

She was really nervous.

Although the ice bugs weren't big, there were many of them which left trauma in her heart.

If two huge ice bugs appeared, how dangerous would they be?

To her, these two fellows were ice bugs. If not, why were they able to pass the mist easily? Why didn't they activate those holes?

But the next second, she saw Ye Zhongming return to the mist.

"You..."

She said nothing and planned to stop him. The ice mist was the home ground of the ice bugs.

But she said one word before she saw the two ice bugs.

They were two ordinary puppy-sized lifeforms with translucent wings, white bodies, and white fur. Beneath their wings were four short and sharp limbs with a few black lines. Their heads weren't big but had cone-like beaks and white eyes.

Their bodies hung in mid-air, and as they flapped, her pupils constricted. They were too quick. This meant this was a fast flying lifeform, and the gap between them would be closed instantly.

What surprised her was that the two ice bugs just floated there, and the colors on their bodies changed with the mist's thickness.

This... What kind of camouflage was that? They could change with the environment such that they were hidden.

She saw Ye Zhongming reach out.

"You are crazy..." She stepped forward, and the two ice bugs threatened her before she could say a complete sentence.

When she stopped, the two ice bugs landed on his hands and acted cute to him. They would peck his arm.

“They...”

“Right, my battle beasts.” Ye Zhongming replied happily. He had reformed the connection. Of course, they weren’t Needle Birds now; their symbolic needle-like beaks were gone.

“Your...”

Everything shocked her too much today. Be it the armor that turned from green to blue or the ice bugs, they shocked her.

“Your ice bugs are beautiful.”

She should say something to praise the guy that saved her. Moreover, the feeling of finally being able to say a complete sentence helped her to relax.

But...

Ye Zhongming said solemnly, “They aren’t bugs but birds.”

“...”

Gan Lan suddenly felt like it was good to be quiet.

Chapter 1142: Frost Monster

“This is another rest point?” Due to the resource points, Ye Zhongming was willing to call the area between the dungeons a rest point.

Of course, this wasn't the Bright Water World being human. It was a more logical design. If you assigned monsters here, no one could complete the dungeon.

Gan Lan nodded, pointing ahead, “Walk a distance, and you will see some crystal mines. Frost Monsters will appear there. The deeper you go, the more of them there will be. As there is limited space here, it would be dense. I can only get 20 meters in and then wouldn't be able to hide my tracks. The moment I revealed myself, I faced two Frost Monsters before retreating.”

Although she was telling him the situation, she glanced at the two Needle Birds... No, Ice Birds. Ye Zhongming had changed their names.

She didn't understand how these miraculous lifeforms were produced.

“How are their attacks?”

Ye Zhongming paid more attention to that.

“I saw three ways.” She was very careful and uncertain, leaving some room for uncertainty. This helped to remind Ye Zhongming that he had to be on his toes.

“The first is that they are really quick, and their bodies are very agile. They don’t move often, but the moment they do, they are extremely quick and direct. They are instantly in your face and will use ice blades formed from ice mist to attack you.”

When she said that, Ye Zhongming recalled the marks on her armor. Those were probably from the ice blades.

“These Frost Monsters have no arms and legs, float in the air like ghosts can take a lot of damage. When I hit them, I can’t cause too much damage. I am referring to my fire element abilities.”

Gan Lan didn’t continue with the second attack method and continued to mention the Frost Monsters’ unique points. After Ye Zhongming acknowledged it, she continued, “Like the ice corridor, their second attack method is spitting the ice mist from the sides of its body. However, unlike the holes in the corridor, their mist is more physical. Rather than a mist, they are like ice pillars, and there are also those ice bugs.”

“Is there a length restriction?”

Based on what she said, the attacks involve spitting mist, so what if there was a distance between them? Or if the target dodged? Would the distance of the ice mist lengthen?

“No, but they would have a movement speed buff when they fire the ice mist.”

Gan Lan repeated, which meant that the Frost Monsters’ speed left a huge impression on her.

“The third is a group attack.”

“Group skill?” Ye Zhongming was shocked. He didn’t expect the monsters in Bright Water World to have such an ability.

“En.” She was afraid, “When the Frost Monsters are damaged, and they sense danger, these fellows would enter the bodies of each other. As for whether they are healing or they get absorbed, I am not sure.”

Ye Zhongming frowned and felt like something wasn’t right.

He was not talking about Gan Lan, as the Frost Monsters didn’t know any illusionary skills.

Since that was the case, then what was wrong?

Ye Zhongming regretted not asking that person in detail, which is why he was limited in what he knew here.

“Let’s go.”

Ye Zhongming stopped thinking. Since he couldn't understand the area he felt was wrong, he would continue.

"Follow me. Don't attack and hide yourself."

Gan Lan was strong outside and exceeded the average level by two levels. She also had many people under her and could be considered a ruler of an area.

But she was not strong enough when numerous Frost Monsters were around her level.

The two ice birds circled above. As Ye Zhongming didn't give an order, they could only fly above their heads. They were unhappy and continued to chirp to ask their master to allow them to move about freely.

But Ye Zhongming was afraid they hadn't adapted to their bodies, so he didn't allow them.

After walking for a period, he saw the ice mine that Gan Lan discussed. Many beautiful crystals were laid out on a path.

This was much wider than the ice corridor, like a giant plain.

Ye Zhongming quickly saw the Frost Monsters. Like what Gan Lan said, they were similar to white clothes ghouls in movies. The difference was that they didn't have black hair and only had a firm-looking faceless head.

Ye Zhongming didn't rush to attack. He took a look and saw that the Frost Monsters were scattered, but as you went deeper, you saw more of them.

"These fellows should have their own territory. If you don't enter, they won't attack you. If you step in, the Frost Monsters will target you and shift over. More and more of them will gather."

Gan Lan looked at the monsters, which floated a meter off the ground and were around two meters tall and felt numb.

She didn't think that Ye Zhongming could do much to these monsters. There were too many of them, and they weren't as weak as the ice bugs, where they could just charge past.

"Wait for me."

Ye Zhongming led the two ice birds into the ice crystal mine. Immediately, two Frost Monsters moved toward him.

Ye Zhongming didn't attack them immediately but just observed them. As they didn't enter their attack modes, their movements weren't quick but very even. As they floated in the air, they didn't make a sound.

Very quickly, they entered their attack modes. One of them paused and shifted before Ye Zhongming. It didn't have any arms, but suddenly, it formed two sharp blades that sliced toward Ye Zhongming.

The other maintained the same speed, but ice mist shot from its sides like rockets. Seconds later, it got much quicker.

Ye Zhongming raised Earth Sand Moon Blade and blocked the first Frost Monster's blades. There was a clash between the weapons, and the ice blades were easily broken.

The blade light continued forward and broke the Frost Monster's body. The first fellow didn't even make a sound before Ye Zhongming sliced it into two.

Chapter 1143: Disappearing corpses

The Frost Monster's body fell to the ground with a thud.

The other monster was nearby, and the ice mist charged at him.

He moved to the side and waved Earth Sand Moon Blade to thrust into the head of the Frost Monster. He twisted it, and that head shattered.

Similarly, its floating body fell and landed beside the other ally.

Gan Lan watched, and her eyes lit up.

This was the difference between a five and seven star evolved? When she could only flee, he could easily kill it.

She looked at the group of Frost Monsters rushing over and at Ye Zhongming, looking at his weapon. She suddenly looked forward to what they were going to do.

This guy might pass this area!

Ye Zhongming saw that nothing happened to his blade and knew the ice blades, which could slice through green armor, couldn't damage his weapon. He fully relaxed.

He was previously worried about the ice blades' armor-breaking ability.

Two Frost Monsters used two abilities, but because Ye Zhongming killed them instantly, they didn't use the third one.

He judged the monsters and was confident. He signaled to Gan Lan that the two of them would continue forward.

They took a few steps and bumped into three Frost Monsters. More monsters rushed over.

“Are you going to walk over like that?” Gan Lan looked at the monsters surrounding them and woke up from her respect for Ye Zhongming. She reminded. Although he could insta kill them, there were too many monsters, and a human’s strength was limited. What if they were surrounded?

Ye Zhongming acted as if he didn’t hear her. He whistled toward the two ice birds, and they charged down.

As the king of a group, the female ice bird was bigger than the male and was far quicker. When Ye Zhongming gave it the order, it charged before one Frost Monster and flew past its head. Pieces of ice scattered. The bird’s sharp claws left deep marks on its head.

The Frost Monster’s body moved a little, and it wanted to look in the sky, but the second ice bird charged. Its sharp mouth pecked into its chest, and the huge momentum left a 30 cm hole.

All these happened in the blink of an eye, and this Frost Monster was badly injured.

In the next second, the third attack happened. The injured Frost Monster didn’t think about fighting back. It turned around to knock into the ally closest to it. Like an ice melting, it quickly merged into its ally’s body.

Ye Zhongming looked as the Frost Monster grew bigger and was more muscular than others.

As expected from this interesting lifeform.

Ye Zhongming couldn't help but think. Whether merging or entering their body to heal, it exceeded his expectations.

The two ice birds saw that their opponent had run and were furious. They gave a loud chirp and dove like a jet. They lined up and opened their mouths to spit an iced green matter.

The ball landed on the body and face of a Frost Monster, and some smoke started to appear. As the smoke increased, the two areas started to melt. This monster quickly couldn't take it and fell to the ground. It didn't have a chance to run into an ally's body.

After falling to the ground, the poison faded. The corroded face was gone, and there was a huge hole in its chest.

"How poisonous!"

Gan Lan felt a chill down her spine. She wouldn't believe that two pure ice birds would have such poison if she hadn't seen it. Her blue armor probably couldn't block it if it landed on her.

Seeing that their poison worked, they chirped proudly before targeting another.

Ye Zhongming saw how amazing his two evolved fellows were.

Apart from the poison, sharp claws, and mouth, the wings were still sharp. Along with the momentum, they could slice the Frost Monsters into two.

But the wings were thin, and the two fellows didn't want to use it often. They used their other parts to fight.

They kept their swallowing ability. They each swallowed an ice monster whole. Not only did it shock Gan Lan, but even Ye Zhongming, who had seen it before, was slightly uncomfortable.

Fortunately, after swallowing one Frost Monster, they stopped using this attack method, so Ye Zhongming didn't have to worry about them evolving.

The two fellows were strong. Even if they relied on their bodies and poison to attack, and their attacks were very one-dimensional, each type was amazing.

With the help of the two ice birds, Ye Zhongming charged with Gan Lan. They finally faced the ocean-like Frost Monsters when they passed the ice mines.

They were far away and didn't feel much, but now that they were close, the visual impact of the dense group caused Ye Zhongming to stop.

"Are we going to charge through?"

Gan Lan was afraid. She didn't think Ye Zhongming could still take care of her. If Ye Zhongming decided to charge, she only had one choice: to retreat.

She instinctively turned back. She exclaimed when she looked.

"Why?" Ye Zhongming frowned.

Gan Lan bit her teeth, and her red hair stood up. She said with a trembling voice, "The corpses of the Frost Monsters we killed all disappeared!"

Ye Zhongming turned. As expected, the hundreds of Frost Monsters he killed were all gone!

Damn!

Although these lifeforms were special and different from those on Earth, Ye Zhongming was sure they were lifeforms. They knew how to be angry and afraid, and they knew how to flee, too, and could be killed.

Since that was the case, where did their corpses go?

Chapter 1144: Second form

Floating white Frost Monsters, disappearing corpses, cold ground...

All of this made Ye Zhongming and Gan Lan feel cold.

They didn't think ghosts existed, but the unexplainable scenes made them uneasy.

The outcome of such a feeling was often death.

They didn't fear ghosts, just death.

Ye Zhongming looked around to confirm that the corpses had really disappeared. He turned around and looked toward the numerous Frost Monsters.

It would be good if those disappearing corpses didn't affect them. If they did... He still had to kill those that were alive.

He held Staff of Nature. This time, it wasn't to defend but to attack.

On it was a fire element gem.

Ye Zhongming modified this gem after buying it.

Only Ye Zhongming would do such a thing.

Unlike strengthening, Ye Zhongming realized that gems could merge with mutated plants of the same nature.

Of course, this process had a high failure rate. Moreover, there was a high demand for the material. It had to be pure, and it would fail if it had other impurities.

With the material base of the secret realm, Ye Zhongming found many single nature plants. He had many water and ice gems, and their levels were high. So, he strengthened mostly other elements, most of which were fire elemental gems.

After all, the other element gems were too rare.

This rare intermediate fire gem was strengthened twice by Ye Zhongming, making it a B Grade 2 fire gem. B represented Intermediate, and two represented that he strengthened it twice.

The name was simple, but it represented strength. This gem was very powerful, and he kept it as his trump card.

But as there were too many monsters and the fire element countered them, he used it.

He placed it on the Staff of Nature, and a warm aura appeared in the sky. This was much more intense than Gan Lan's armor, and the closest Frost Monsters paused.

A huge streak of light fired from the staff, and a giant tree image appeared in the sky. Although it was translucent, flames wrapped around it, increasing the temperature further.

The two ice birds were ice elements; even if they knew the tree was on their side, they flew back in fear and avoided it.

Gan Lan looked in shock.

She realized her gap with Ye Zhongming when Ye Zhongming instantly killed those Frost Monsters. But when this Staff of Nature appeared, she realized that there was a huge moat between them.

After the flame tree appeared, it shook twice, and blistering flames appeared on its crown. As time went on, they burnt even brighter.

When it got bright enough, the Frost Monsters were already close.

The flame tree's attacks began.

If the flame tree only had branches when it appeared, after the burning flames appeared, it had leaves. The flames started to retract, forming small fireballs like it had bore fruit.

This magical and beautiful scene dazzled Gan Lan. Although both guys and girls were impressed by things, beautiful things more easily attracted girls.

After which, those fireballs started to shake quickly. As they shook, some of them fired.

The moment the first fireball flew, those behind it continued. A fireball rain occurred, and they targeted the Frost Monsters.

The first fireball hit the target. The fist-sized ball was nothing compared to the Frost Monster's body, but it exploded and lit up when it hit it. It melted its body in a short time.

This meant that the fireballs could instantly kill the Frost Monsters.

The fireballs killed hundreds of them instantly, which cleared a huge area before him.

The melted Frost Monsters turned into liquid and froze into the ground.

Ye Zhongming looked and saw that these places were quickly returning to normal.

He was shocked.

For example, after a lake froze because of the low temperature, if you poured water on it, it would be easy to see the difference once it froze. After the Frost Monsters melted and froze, they would differ from the original ground.

But this difference disappeared in a short time!

This made Ye Zhongming think about the corpses in the ice mines.

Were they absorbed?

Ye Zhongming thought about it, and it made sense. The ground was absorbing their bodies.

But he didn't have much time to think. There were too many Frost Monsters. Although hundreds were killed, more surged over.

The flame tree used the fireballs, but the flame light was much weaker. But it burnt once again and formed a hundred more fireballs.

The fireballs fired and gave another flame storm.

Then, a third time.

After this, the intermediate flame gem used all its energy and shattered.

Even if Ye Zhongming was rich, his heart hurt.

Nature gems were expensive. Along with the failure rate, this gem could be compared to a four-star potion, but it was consumed in one attack.

Fortunately, Ye Zhongming had some stock. He switched another, and the fireball rain continued.

Three times consumed the energy, but it also killed close to a thousand of them.

This efficiency stunned Gan Lan.

Ye Zhongming observed the remaining monsters and used the most simple area-to-number ratio to estimate the number of Frost Monsters.

Around ten thousand!

Which meant that his attacks only killed 20% of them.

But he didn't want to waste the modified flame gem. He kept the Staff of Nature and tossed two groups of crystal grenades. It ripped the Frost Monsters into pieces, but the effect was much weaker than before. Only 200 of them were killed.

Then, he brought out the Soul Shattering Bone Staff.

Chapter 1145: End

Strictly speaking, the Soul Shattering Bone Staff was Ye Zhongming's true killer weapon.

It could kill a level eight mutated lifeform instantly, which was something a seven-colored piece of equipment could barely do.

But this thing consumed a huge amount of mental energy. Even someone with such a huge amount of mental energy would be terrified when he used it.

If he were careless and injected too much mental energy, he would fall unconscious.

This thing absorbed mental energy really quickly.

Ye Zhongming wanted to solve the problem quickly this time, so he took it out.

He injected some mental energy, lighting a round of marks before he stopped.

He had to stop. If he didn't, this thing would suck him dry.

When the round of marks lit up, Ye Zhongming felt it was enough to deal with these Frost Monsters.

Truth proved that these Frost Monsters were as thin as paper in front of these strong soul weapons. A thick, light pillar fired and cleared the monsters along the way. Although it wasn't as strong as the one fired at Cloud Peak, it was enough to pierce through their formation.

Gan Lan was a little numb now. She didn't know how many more methods Ye Zhongming had, but it seemed like victory wasn't tough for him.

At the same time, someone shouted, and everyone looked. That person looked at the tag and pointed at the completion rate, "It moved. The completion rate moved. Trio, 1%!"

Everyone looked at their tags. As expected, the completion rate jumped, and the trio's name appeared at the front.

"He, how did he do it?"

Many people had gone down and killed some Frost Monsters, but they didn't cause the completion rate to change. They guessed that killing a couple wouldn't be able to change the tag's completion rate.

But now that it jumped by one percent, how many Frost Monsters did Ye Zhongming kill?

They started to think that Cloud Peak, who was called Trio, might really be able to complete the toughest dungeon in Bright Water World.

Deacon Tong and Deacon Water looked at each other and understood their gaze. They were shocked and also didn't understand. Since Ye Zhongming crushed the Royal Guild, they had already shifted his status to the top three in the country.

But to be able to kill enough monsters to reach one percent was something they couldn't accept.

If they did, it meant that they admitted the gap between them.

They were proud, so it was hard for them to accept it.

Ye Zhongming used the Soul Shattering Bone Staff four times to kill many of them, and the completion rate jumped to two percent. Only two to three hundred remained.

He pulled out his blade and called for the two ice birds. The three of them charged in the most primitive way.

Firing four shots consumed a large amount of mental energy. Along with what he used previously, his mental energy was running out. There were unknown dangers ahead, so he had to be careful.

Ye Zhongming had a large amount of mental energy and also stamina.

Stat stone and Blood Stepping Boots gave him a natural advantage. A few stat increases also made his stamina more than other evolved.

His strength, which crushed those of the same level, was accumulated gradually.

Hundreds of Frost Monsters might be problematic for ordinary people, but it wasn't anything to Ye Zhongming. He just had to wave Earth Sand Moon Blade a few hundred times.

Moreover, he also had two ice birds.

The battle ended quickly. Gan Lan looked at the disappearing corpses and didn't know what to feel. This guy changed her impression of evolved and gave her the impression that no matter what he did, she shouldn't feel surprised.

"I haven't been much further in. Are we going?"

After the Frost Monster's resting area, there was another dark path. It was silent, which terrified Gan Lan.

"Head back first; you won't be of use here. Be careful when you pass the ice corridor."

Gan Lan raised her chin. She felt insulted when he said that she wouldn't be of use—tossing her after using her?

She didn't think and continued to follow him.

“It isn't the time to be self-pitiful and proud. Being stubborn might kill you.”

Ye Zhongming didn't stop and just said calmly.

Gan Lan was stunned. After thinking about it, she said, “I am doing so just for that 10% of the reward.”

When she said it, Ye Zhongming kept silent and continued through the tunnel.

It was long, and the temperature dropped quickly. Even if Gan Lan had the blue armor and was a fire element job user, she couldn't take it. She started to cross her arms. Ye Zhongming had to use the Scorching Flame Technique to resist the cold.

The ice birds were the ones that adapted to the environment and were very active.

After a corner, they came to a giant cave. It was a few dozen meters tall and a hundred meters wide, which caused their footsteps to echo.

Ye Zhongming stopped and looked in the center.

There was one thing: a giant white egg.

This three-meter-tall egg gave one a huge shock.

It was hatching.

The white shell cracked, and a crisp sound reverberated through the air. It reminded the two of them that a danger was approaching.

Gan Lan looked at him curiously. Shouldn't he charge and kill that being before it hatched?

But she saw that he was looking at the ground instead.

Gan Lan looked curiously and saw weird patterns on the ground, like... Spiderwebs. The center was that egg!

She noticed that some things were flowing towards that giant egg!